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What Obama got right, and wrong

Yossi Klein Halevi
Special to The CJN

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu makes a point to the media last September at the White House with U.S. President Barack Obama standing alongside. The two men met last Friday at the White House to discuss reactions to the president's speech on the Mideast.
[Israel Sun photo]

It was a nation of ambivalent Israelis that listened to U.S. President Barack Obama's latest Middle East plan – an interim agreement based on ending the occupation of the Palestinians while somehow ensuring the security of the Israelis.

Israeli ambivalence is peculiar: it has nothing to do with uncertainty or confusion. Instead, to be an ambivalent Israeli is to be torn between two conflicting certainties. As an ambivalent Israeli, I know that a Palestinian state is an existential necessity for me – saving Israel from the untenable choice between being a Jewish and a democratic state, from the moral erosion of occupation, from the growing movement to again turn the Jews, via the Jewish state, into the symbol of evil.

But I also know that a Palestinian state is an existential threat to me—forcing Israel back into eight-mile-wide borders between Palestine and the Mediterranean Sea, with the centre of the country vulnerable to rocket attacks from the West Bank hills that overlook it. And, if Tel Aviv were to become the next Sderot – the Israeli town on the Gaza border that has endured thousands of missile attacks following the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza in 2005 – the international community might well try to prevent us from defending ourselves against terrorists embedded in a civilian population, with all the consequences of asymmetrical warfare.

Moreover, a generation of Palestinians has been raised to see Israelis as Nazis, thieves, inventors of a history not rooted in this land. Alone among national movements, only the Palestinian cause conditions its dream of statehood on the disappearance of another state. (And that is the dream that not only Hamas but Fatah, too, actively incites in internal Palestinian discourse.) Alone among occupiers, only Israel fears that territorial withdrawal won't merely diminish but destroy it.

And so, there were two sides of me listening to the president. The dovish side embraced his vision of an interim agreement that would leave the issues of Jerusalem and refugee return to a later stage and instead focus on ending the occupation and providing security guarantees. But the hawkish side of me wondered whether this president has learned anything about the Middle East.

I listened in disbelief as he stated that, while there are those who believe that the regional instability of recent months makes a solution impossible for now, he believes the opposite is true. On what basis, Mr. President? From where I'm sitting in Jerusalem – watching Turkey turn Islamist and pro-Iranian, Lebanon being devoured by Hezbollah, Hamas legitimized by Fatah, the Muslim Brotherhood rising in Egypt, and Iran's nuclear program proceeding apace – I would say that this is just about the worst time to try to entice an ambivalent Israeli into empowering his dovish side. At a time when Egyptian-Israeli relations – our only successful land for peace agreement – could be unravelling, Israelis are hardly likely to risk another withdrawal, this time from our most sensitive border, and without even the pretense of a peace agreement.

So, yes to the vision. But no, we can't implement it anytime soon. In other words: yes, we can't.

In fact, by the standards that Obama himself set in his speech – insistence on Hamas' recognition of Israel, rejection of Palestinian unilateralist moves toward statehood at the United Nations – we can't even get to the negotiating table, let alone negotiate a solution.

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CANADA

New CEO Named

EDMONTON — The Jewish Federation of Edmonton has named Russ Joseph as its new chief executive officer. Joseph, who had been serving as the federation's temporary CEO since the beginning of the year, officially took the helm May 1. He will also be CEO of the city's Jewish Community Charitable Foundation and executive director of the Jewish community centre. Joseph is a longtime federation board member and past president.

WORLD

Brit Ban On Ballot

SAN FRANCISCO — A measure seeking to ban male circumcision will appear on the November ballot in San Francisco. More than 7,700 signatures from city residents on a petition supporting the measure were approved by city officials May 18. The measure, which would apply only in San Francisco, would make it a misdemeanour crime to circumcise boys under 18. The maximum penalty would be a year in jail and a $1,000 fine. Circumcisions would be permitted only for medical reasons, with no religious exemptions. Even if the measure passes, it would likely be challenged as a constitutional violation of religious freedom. Jewish groups oppose the measure.

Sign Repaired

WARSAW — The "Arbeit Macht Frei" sign stolen from Auschwitz and cut into three pieces has been repaired. The iron sign was unveiled May 18 in the laboratory of the camp museum. Repairs to the 16-foot-long sign, which means "work makes you free," took several months. It was stolen from the former Nazi death camp in December 2009 and recovered elsewhere in Poland 72 hours later, cut in three pieces. A copy has been placed above the entrance gate. The repaired sign will likely become part of a new exhibit. Five Polish men were convicted of carrying out the theft for a Swedish neo-Nazi who was a middleman for another buyer.

Amnesty Urged

WARSAW — Belgium's Senate voted to accept draft legislation that would give amnesty to Nazi collaborators. The legislation, initiated by the far-right Flemish Vlaams Belang party, was approved this month. In debating it, Belgian Justice Minister Stefaan De Clerck of the ruling Christian Democrats reportedly supported the amnesty and suggested that the country should "maybe also forget because this is in the past." Belgium's Jewish community expressed dismay at De Clerck's suggestion.

Record Falafel Ball

LOS ANGELES — A falafel ball weighing nearly 53 pounds created at a Jewish food festival in California was certified as the world's largest. It was certified May 15 for submission to the Guinness Book of World Records at the Santa Clarita Valley Jewish Food and Cultural Festival. The previous Guinness record falafel ball, created by an Israeli chef in New York, was 24 pounds.

Swedish Queen Probes Father's Nazi Ties

STOCKHOLM — Sweden's Queen Silvia has ordered an investigation into her father's links to the Nazis.

The German-born queen "has taken the initiative to gather the facts concerning the activities of Walter Sommerlath in Brazil and Germany between 1930 and 1940," the royal court said in a statement.

Queen Silvia

Walter Sommerlath died in 1990. He was a Nazi party member, although the queen said he wasn't politically active and joined to save his career.

Last fall, a Swedish TV station investigating Sommerlath's Nazi past reported he took over a Jewish-owned German factory in 1939, as part of a Nazi program of Aryanization. The queen issued a denial after the broadcast.

Silvia Sommerlath met Carl XVI Gustaf, who became the King of Sweden, at the 1972 Munich Olympics, where she was an interpreter. They married in 1976.

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CEO takes leave after 27 years with Congress

Farber gets set to run in Ontario election

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

It's official.

Canadian Jewish Congress is losing its longtime CEO this month to the Liberal Party of Ontario.

Bernie Farber, the man known to most Canadians as the face and voice of Congress – he's worked for the organization for the past 27 years and has been its CEO since 2005 – announced this week he's going to run for the party as its candidate in the riding of Thornhill in the October provincial election.

He'll be up against the riding's Conservative incumbent, Peter Shurman.

Speaking to *The CJN* this month, Shurman, a former broadcaster, said he thought Farber was "a good guy" and wished him luck on his campaign, but said he wasn't concerned "in the slightest" by his rival's entry into politics.

In an interview at Congress' offices last week, Farber said he plans to run his campaign without any mudslinging and with "civility."

He said his decision to leave Congress and pursue a career in politics was something he had always contemplated, but never had the opportunity to explore before.

Farber said earlier this year that he was approached by "people" in the Liberal party to run in Thornhill. After some soul-searching and a conversation with his wife, he decided the "stars had aligned" and he made the decision to jump into politics.

Asked whether his decision was precipitated by the impending restructuring of Congress by the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA), its controlling umbrella organization, Farber replied: "People are going to make all sorts of speculations. I want it to be clear: this is something I've wanted to do for a long time. That [my decision] comes at a time when we're going through a reorganization is more happenstance than anything else."

He added that he is taking a leave of absence from Congress to run in the election, and while he intends to win, if he fails in his bid for the Thornhill seat, he's "ready, willing and able to come back in a senior professional role in a new re-org."

What exactly that role would be is still in question.

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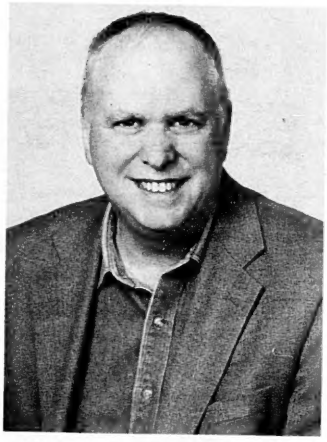

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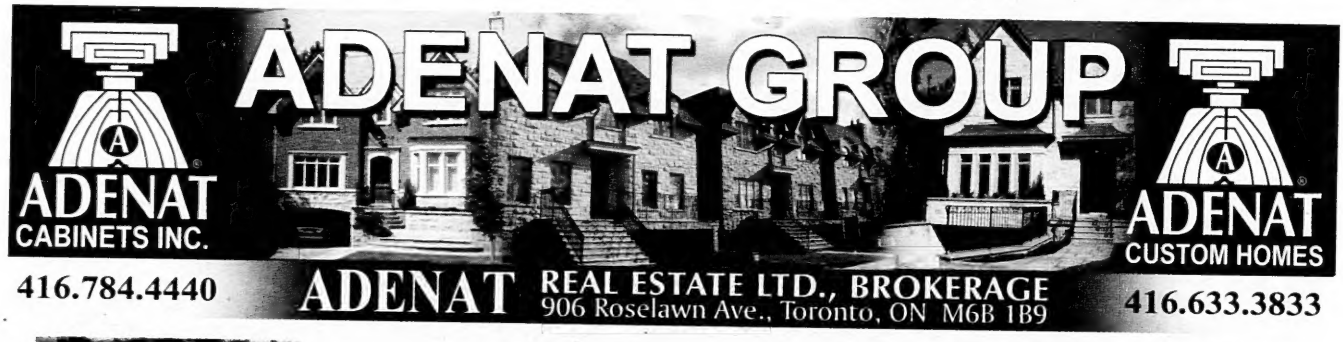

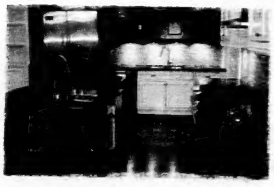

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Busy days for Israelis

From the editor's desk...

These words were written in Israel last week on May 17 before U.S. President Barack Obama delivered his major policy-address on the Middle East and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on Thursday, before he met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday and before he spoke to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) convention on Sunday.

They were also written before Netanyahu's scheduled historic address to both houses of the American Congress two days ago on Tuesday but after his peace framework speech last week on Monday to the Knesset.

But by the time these words were put to electronic paper so to speak, it had already been a very busy week for the Jewish state's security forces and diplomats.

The annual Nakba (Catastrophe) day demonstrations were conducted throughout Israel by the Palestinians.

Netanyahu spoke to the people through his speech to the Knesset.

Wise to the ways of manipulating events and the media, Iran orchestrated a "Nakba" riot on the Lebanese border with Israel in which a number of Lebanese were killed. As of this writing it was not clear whether they were killed by Israeli or Lebanese soldiers.

Wise, too, in his own way to the benefit of steering media attention away from the brutalization of his own people, Syrian dictator Bashar Assad staged a "peaceful" assault on the international border with Israel in the Golan Heights near Majdal Shams.

Wiser yet and craftier still in the ways of prevarication, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas authored an op-ed article that was published in the *New York Times* in which he "called on all friendly, peace-loving nations to join us in realizing our national aspirations by recognizing the State of Palestine on the 1967 border and by supporting its admission to the United Nations."

Finally, Obama met at the White House with King Abdullah of Jordan to brief the king – whose country is heavily subsidized by the United States, but essentially "protected" by Israel – on the president's upcoming policy speech.

Media outlets in Israel strained to keep up with the dizzying pace of unfolding events. Israelis themselves were, simply, dizzy by the sound and fury. There were very heated exchanges on television among politicians, experts and political analysts, each certain that the other was wrong.

The Nakba day demonstrations inside Israel made very little news compared to the border incursions. Israelis were stunned and quite unsettled by the relative ease with which the Syrian protesters breached the border fence.

The very large question that hovered over Israel the day after the border incident was: what happens next time? What if thousands of people rather than hundreds rush the fence?

The editor of the *Jerusalem Post* concisely framed the worrisome question. "What is the IDF [Israel Defence Forces] to do if the same tactic of attempted en masse infiltration is repeated in the weeks and months ahead, but instead of a few hundred infiltrators, the borders are overrun with thousands or tens of thousands of Palestinian 'refugees' and their supporters?"

As of this writing, most Israelis were concerned and some quite worried about the content of Obama's May 19 speech. He gave a tritely perfunctory statement to the press after his meeting with King Abdullah reminding Israelis and Palestinians of the need to return to the negotiating table. He blithely avoided the irritating fact that the Israelis have been pleading for direct negotiations for nearly two years.

Netanyahu, it seemed, by the school-yard heckling during his speech inside the Knesset and by the billowy huffing and puffing outside the Knesset, pleased no one with his remarks, either. Some of his own Likud party members were his fiercest critics, appalled by the prime minister's public suggestion before the full Knesset plenary that Israel would withdraw from areas in the West Bank that were not included in the major settlement blocs.

"We agree that we have to keep the settlement blocs. There is broad consensus that the settlement blocs must remain within the State of Israel," Netanyahu said.

One of the most important domestic objectives of Netanyahu's peace-making policies is to maintain a broad base of support for them among Israelis, or, in the words of one Israeli taxi driver, "to keep the consensus intact."

One of the most important objectives of Netanyahu's speech to Congress was to win the support of a majority of the American people for the security of the Jewish state and, in particular, his approach to ensuring it. Mainstream European support may already be lost.

These are pressing and important times for Israelis. They know it. And they show it.

– MBD

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SURVIVORS HONOURED

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty, right, and the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem last week honoured 19 Holocaust survivors at Queen's Park with scrolls recognizing their contributions to the province. Standing with McGuinty are, from left, Citizenship Minister Eric Hoskins, Liberal MPP Monte Kwinter, and Howard and Nancy Kleinberg, two of the survivors at the ceremony. The others were, Irene (Blasz) Csillag, Leon Rucker, Valentin Drobner, Pepa Livingstone, David Shentow, Philip Epstein, Manja Mapa, Yael Gisela, Spier Cohen, John Freund. Willie Moll, Jack (Szalom) Weinberger, Magda Hilf, Rose Philip, Dr. Arthur Weisz, Dr. Nadia Rosa, Helen Yermus and Sally Rosen.

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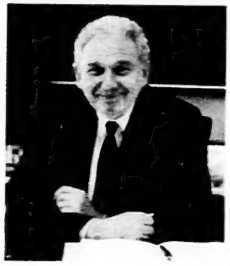
Conflict-of-interest czar dedicated to public service

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

His may not be a household name, but Sidney B. Linden, Ontario's conflict of interest commissioner, has dedicated his life to justice and the betterment of the province.

Born in Toronto to Polish-Jewish immigrants who "weren't big on officialdom," Linden was raised to fight for the underdog and for justice, he told *The CJN* in a recent interview.



Sidney B. Linden

And what a fight he's waged.

After a stellar high school basketball career – he helped his Bathurst Heights Secondary School team win the 1955 championship – he went on to study law at the University of Toronto and was called to the bar in 1966.

Now 72, Linden has been a stalwart supporter of Ontario's justice system, and his reputation as a trustworthy and fair-minded man has attracted job offers from numerous Ontario politicians and bureaucrats over the years.

"I just now have been able to put my head around all the stuff I've done," Linden marvelled during an interview in his downtown office.

As a lawyer and legal adviser, Linden has played a role in the municipal and provincial realms as the first police complaints commissioner for Toronto; as executive director of the Canadian Auto Workers prepaid legal services plan (the first of its kind in Canada), and in 1987 as Ontario's first information and privacy commissioner.

In 1990, Linden was appointed Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice. Later, in 1999, he served as the chair of Legal Aid Ontario.

And from 2003 to 2007, he was the commissioner of the Ipperwash Inquiry into the death of native protester Dudley George at the hands of the OPP.

While he's proud of all his service to the province, Linden said he never specifically sought out any one job, they just "kind of overlapped."

What draws him to every appointment is its level of difficulty, he said.

"I get excited by challenge," Linden said, noting that in almost all his roles, he's had to reform or restructure the organizations he's been asked to head.

"One of my sons is an architect and he tells me I'm like one too… [in that] I build institutions."

For instance, he said, as an outgrowth of his recommendations to the government after Ipperwash, the province set up the standalone Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs.

Linden joked that after his intense Ipperwash experience – the stress of which he likened to "walking across the 401 blindfolded" – he was ready to "find a nice place in Greece on a beach to restore my sanity."

Being the restless soul that he is, that idea didn't last very long. Instead, he said, the province called on his expertise yet again, this time to start up a new agency in 2007 – his current home at the office of the conflict of interest commissioner.

That office advises politicians and public servants on the boundaries between their public roles and their private activities.

"I love this job," he said. "I feel almost like a rabbi. Deputies and ministers ask me what's right and wrong, what they can and can't do. On occasion, I go back and talk to my own rabbi, [Beth Tzedec Congregation's] Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, to ask his advice, too."

But Linden relies mainly on his own counsel when making these decisions and dispensing advice, he said.

Asked how his Judaism plays a role in his decision-making, Linden said it "plays into everything."

He said there is a "general theological aspect" to his role as the conflict of interest commissioner.

"A lot of this is common sense. But sometimes common sense isn't so common," he quipped.

And he's quick to defend the work Ontario public servants do and readily extols their virtues.

"Public service in Ontario is revered in the rest of the world," Linden said. "I've been all over, and people can't believe how good our system is. There's a great tradition of honourable public service [in Ontario]. All the good stuff we do doesn't often get recognized. Only when someone screws up does it get noticed. But the public service in Ontario is first-rate."

When he's not working, which is rare, Linden said he enjoys travelling with his wife and playing with his grandchildren.

Not surprisingly, he's also an information junkie.

"I read six newspapers every day," he said. "I have an eclectic curiosity, and there are very few things I'm not interested in."

Linden said he feels "blessed" by the life he's led so far and has no regrets about any of his work.

"When you reach this stage in life and can look back without regrets, that's a blessing. This makes me a very happy man."

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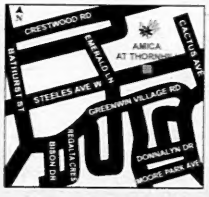

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Canadians to scale majestic Kilimanjaro

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

This summer, four Torontonians will join a group of 20 Americans, Africans and Israelis on a climb up Mount Kilimanjaro to raise $1 million for Save a Child's Heart (SACH).

SACH, an Israeli-based international humanitarian project that provides free cardiac care for children suffering from life-threatening heart disease, has organized the event called Climb Your Heart Out.

Ottawa-native Daphne Algom, a journalist and former producer for CNN and ABC News who is working to promote SACH and the Aug. 8 climb, said that the $1 million they hope to raise will save the lives of 100 African children suffering from heart disease.

"At the mountain's summit, the climbers will make a declaration of their commitment to the idea that every child deserves the best medical treatment available, regardless of the child's nationality, religion, colour, gender or financial situation," Algom said, adding that each climber is responsible for raising a minimum of $10,000 – the cost of one heart surgery.

Israeli doctors who volunteer with SACH, founded by Dr. Ami Cohen in 1995 after he made aliyah from the United States, have performed life-saving surgeries on more than 2,600 children from some of the poorest areas in the world, including Africa, West Bank, Gaza, Jordan and Iraq.

SACH has an agreement with the Wolfson Medical Center near Tel Aviv that permits volunteer surgeons to use the hospital's facilities, provided SACH covers the costs of performing the surgery.

SACH also brings in doctors from developing countries for heart-surgery training and organizes surgical missions abroad.

"Directly prior to the climb, Save a Child's Heart will hold a surgical and teaching mission at Bugando Medical Center in Mwanza, Tanzania, for eight to 10 local children desperately in need of cardiac care," Algom said.

"One of the doctors on the climb and doing the surgical mission, Dr. Godwin Godfrey, is a Tanzanian being trained by SACH in Israel."

Planning a fundraiser around an eight-day climb up Africa's highest mountain pays homage to Cohen, who died in 2001 during his own climb up Mount Kilimanjaro.

SACH volunteer Debra Silver, a Toronto native who made aliyah in 1973 but spends her summers in Toronto, said that when Cohen tragically died, she wondered if his vision would die with him.

Save a Child's Heart volunteer Debra Silver, bottom right, with Israeli doctors, Sion Houri, standing, and Alona Raucher.

"I really didn't know whether this organization would continue or could continue without his leadership," said Silver, who sits on SACH's board of directors and will be participating in the climb.

"I think it's amazing – the team that he created, the people who have kept his vision alive and who are still bringing it to a higher level every day."

Silver, who will be celebrating her 56th birthday the day before the climb, said that since 2006, she has travelled to China, Maldova, Zanzibar and Mwanza to witness the surgical missions and "get to know the real work and the real heroes."

She said she's looking forward to returning to the same hospital she visited in Mwanza in 2008, and is preparing herself physically for the ascent.

Although Silver isn't an experienced climber, she said the 49-kilometre Machame Route isn't too strenuous and her excitement is overriding her anxiety.

"I think that the name Kilimanjaro has so much magic for me. I thought about the climb, and as I understand it, physically, it's not such difficult climbing. It's not like we're climbing a rock wall. It's more like a hike," she said.

"I don't necessarily have a need to get to the summit... I will go as far as I am able. Just being on the mountain is enough for me to be able to say that I did it," she added with a laugh.

Silver, who joined the SACH team in 1996, just a year after it was founded, said the organization continues to impress her 15 years later.

"As an organization, it's amazing what has been done, what needs to be done. When I look at other major hospitals that have a similar program, but nothing near the scope of the Israeli program, I'm even more proud."

For more information about SACH, visit www.saveachildsheart.org.

Jewish MP named to cabinet

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Neophyte Conservative MP Joe Oliver's win in Toronto's Eglinton-Lawrence riding against Liberal incumbent Joe Volpe in this month's federal election has apparently won him favour with Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Joe Oliver

Last week, Harper announced his new cabinet and Oliver was appointed minister of natural resources.

As one of only three Jewish MPs in the new Parliament – Conservative MP for York Centre Mark Adler and stalwart Mount Royal Liberal MP Irwin Cotler are the others – Oliver takes over an important portfolio despite his rookie status.

Peter Kent

In related news, Peter Kent, Conservative MP for Thornhill, the riding with the country's largest proportion of Jewish voters, retained his post as environment minister.

The CJN will have interviews with both Oliver and Kent in an upcoming issue.

STUDENTS HELP FIGHT CANCER

Robbins Hebrew Academy's Beth Tikvah campus celebrated its third Annual Relay For Life to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society. Pictured are Judy Litvak, left, and Marla Kizner, right, two of the teachers who organize the event, with, from left, Ben Merkur, Joshua Kerzner and Matt Nadolny, three of the top fundraisers. The students in the school raised a total of $6,600.

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Enough to lies

The State of Israel is 63 years old. But it is still fighting a war for its independence. To the great disgrace of the United Nations, the Jewish state is the only member of that body whose right to be there, since the first moment of its birth, continues to be rejected and undermined. Indeed, a large cadre of its members, led by such humanitarian avatars as Iran and Syria, openly, actively and relentlessly attempt to destroy the only Jewish state on earth.

The constant, cynical and shameless use of brazen lies has been one of the chief instruments of the campaign to bring down the Jewish state.

Israel's enemies have been as deft as they have been sinister. Their lies have been propagated from the rostrums of the loftiest diplomatic arenas, as well as in university lecture halls, by leaders of government as well as by racists and genocidalists, by the deliberately deceiving as well as by the innocently exploited.

The latest high profile, in-your-face, unembarrassed use of the anti-Israel lie by a well-known public figure happened last week. The *New York Times* published a plea by Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas for the world's support for his planned unilateral declaration of an independent Palestinian state.

That the essay is self-serving in its content and obsequious in its tone is not surprising. The PA leader is an experienced, disingenuous manipulator of opportunity and audience. But his aversion to truth found an even more hideous embrace in the *Times* essay last week. (See According to Reports in this edition of *The CJN*.)

"It is important to note that the last time the question of Palestinian statehood took center stage at the General Assembly, the question posed to the international community was whether our homeland should be partitioned into two states. In November 1947, the General Assembly made its recommendation and answered in the affirmative. Shortly thereafter, Zionist forces expelled Palestinian Arabs to ensure a decisive Jewish majority in the future state of Israel, and *Arab armies intervened.* War and further expulsions ensued" (our emphasis).

Abbas wrote many lies in the essay, especially about the PA and its record these past 20 years in pursuing peace, but the twisting by 180 degrees of the events of 1947-1948 in the above passage is repulsive for its sneering contempt of people and truth.

We must not, we will not allow the lies to stand: lies that deny the Holocaust, lies that brand the Jewish state apartheid, and now lies about the founding of the Jewish state, lies that, over time, would infect the world of truth, like flesh-eating bacteria destroying the muscle and the sinew of the historical record on which civilization stands and its advancement relies.

It is time to say enough. We will not let lies go unanswered.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

British prime minister Margaret Thatcher made an official visit to Israel, the first by an incumbent British prime minister since Israel's founding in 1948. In statements before and during the trip, she made it clear that her visit should not be interpreted as a diplomatic chilling of London's relations with Arab states.

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Jews who are hostile to Israel

Most of the time I like what Rabbi Dow Marmur has to say in his *CJN* column, but not in "Thinking American" (May 12). Can one be an "ardent Zionist," as we are told about Rabbi Rick Jacobs, who is at the same time in a leadership position for the New Israel Fund (NIF)? The NIF supports the Coalition of Women for Peace, one of the leading organizations in the global boycotts, divestment and sanctions campaign against Israel. Is Zionism compatible with boycotts and sanctions against Israel? I don't think so.

Can one be a Zionist whose fundamental demand is for one-sided additional concessions by Israel? That's pretty much the sum total of J-Street's policies, regardless of how they are disguised and rationalized. Can one be a Zionist if one insists on policies without taking account of the risks and dangers to Israel of such previous concessions, which unfortunately J-Street ignores? I don't think so.

Can one be pro-Israel and at the same time rely on U.S. President Barack Obama to "promote his own Israeli-Palestinian peace plan" as *New Yorker* writer David Remnick would like – the same Obama who doesn't believe that Jews have a historical connection and right to the Land of Israel? And the same Obama whose Israeli approval rating is about four per cent? Can one be counted as pro-Israel if the vast majority of Israelis don't trust the engineer of the proposed policy? I don't think so.

What Rabbi Marmur sees emerging in some parts of the American Jewish community, to my mind, is a throwback to the days when many Jews were anti-Israel, especially so among Reform Judaism's leadership. But today it is too crude for Jews to openly identify themselves as hostile to Israel. Instead, they identify themselves as pro-Israel and/or Zionists, but disguise their hostility – even perhaps from themselves—in what looks like respectable organizations, although their proposals are distinctly hostile.

Sally Zerker
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Neutral leadership to partisan position

Regarding Canadian Jewish Congress CEO Bernie Farber running in the upcoming Ontario election, why did Congress and its parent organizations fail to institute rules and contractual safeguards preventing this sort of jump of their most publicly visible employee from a trusted neutral leadership position representing community interests to an openly partisan position with no alignment with community interests ("Congress CEO to run for Liberals: reports," May 12)?

In government, it's a prohibited conflict of interest for senior public servants to jump ship to outside concerns they were previously involved with, until a decent time has passed, typically at least 12 months. Such moves bring government into disrepute by raising irresolvable questions whether private or partisan considerations may actually or apparently compromise the public interest either before or after the move. The same principle applies to community "governments."

To the public, Farber is the voice of the Jewish community. His move could throw up a murky cloud of potential partisanship and raise irresolvable questions bringing the neutrality of community governance into contention. Community agencies must be responsible stewards. If they are unable to prevent the current move, they must at least institute clear measures to prevent such moves in future.

Michael Orr
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The number of days Hamas has held Gilad Schalit captive

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Jews for Jesus uses subtle means

I recently attended a bar mitzvah in Wimbledon, England. The boy's mother saw a beautiful tallit online and ordered it. At the rehearsal, the rabbi noticed something unusual in the Hebrew writing on the tallit. On closer, examination, she realized it was writing from the New Testament and contained references to Jews for Jesus. A new tallit was purchased for the bar mitzvah. In her sermon, the rabbi made a point of telling the congregation about this incident and recommended that one should be wary of such purchases. She also suggested this information should be passed on to alert anyone wishing to purchase online. It appears Jews for Jesus are using subtle means to promote their cause.

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Obama granted Netanyahu diplomatic victory

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu could feel satisfied while flying to Washington last week. U.S. President Barack Obama has granted Netanyahu a major diplomatic victory.

In return for his call for the establishment of a Palestinian state based on 1967 borders with agreed land swaps, without defining the size of these lands, Obama accepted Netanyahu's demands for strict security arrangements and a gradual, continuous withdrawal from the West Bank.

He suggested beginning negotiations on borders and security arrangements, and delaying discussions on the core issues such as Jerusalem and refugees.

More importantly, Obama scornfully rejected the Palestinian initiative to attain recognition at the United Nations and to isolate Israel, demanded the Palestinians return to negotiations, and called on Hamas to recognize Israel's right to exist. These points came straight out of the policy pages of the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem. Netanyahu could not have asked for more: Obama outright rejects Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' recognition campaign, as well as the Palestinian reconciliation agreement.

It seems that the new Fatah-Hamas unity has saved Netanyahu from a much more aggressive and binding speech on the part of Obama.

His approach to Israel was empathetic, not only with his reassurance of the U.S. commitment to Israel's security but also with his attempt "to save Israel from itself." Obama warned us that if we perpetuated the occupation, we shall crash due to our demographic inferiority, new military technology, and most importantly, due to the anger of the masses who are slowly gaining power in the surrounding countries. In order to retain the vision of a Jewish and democratic state, Israel must end the occupation and withdraw from the West Bank.

The points of the speech were surely pleasing to Netanyahu's ears. Obama promised he won't force a deal on Israel and the Palestinians and demanded both sides to return to negotiations. He did not condemn, as he did before, the Israeli settlements in the territories as "illegitimate" and did not demand a settlement freeze. He only reminded, in a critical tone, that Israel continues building settlements, as an explanation for the deadlock in peace talks.

Netanyahu will have to reply to Obama by accepting the principle of "1967 borders with agreed land swaps." He made a step toward that direction in his speech in the Knesset last week, when he talked about preserving settlement blocs, which is the same thing in Israeli wording.

Netanyahu essentially has no choice: after Obama accepted his procedural and security demands, he cannot remain apathetic to the U.S. president's suggestion regarding borders. But Netanyahu has nothing to worry about – there is no chance the Palestinian leadership will agree to return to negotiations under these principles.

Tensions were high in Israel last week as protesters from Syria last week destroyed the border fence near Majdal Shams in Israel. They were commemorating the Nakba, the disaster of Israel's creation. In his speech last week, U.S. President Barack Obama gave broad proposals for resolving the long-standing simmering issues between the Palestinians and the Israelis. ***[Israel Sun photo]***

Is president disconnected from Israel's reality?

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JERUSALEM — U.S. President Barack Obama does not understand the reality of Israel's situation, a senior Israeli official said on Friday, just as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu arrived in Washington, D.C., ahead of his meeting with the American president.

In a high-profile Middle East policy speech on Thursday, Obama supported continued Mideast peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians based on 1967 borders, a move that caught Israeli leaders by surprise and drew criticism from Netanyahu and his aides.

"There is a feeling that Washington does not understand the reality, doesn't understand what we face," the official said on board the plane taking Netanyahu to Washington for talks later in the day with Obama.

"The prime minister's tough response expresses the disappointment with the absence of central issues that Israel demanded, chiefly the refugee [issue]," he added.

Tensions between Israel and the United States, already strained by a lengthy stall in Mideast peace talks, seemed to reach fever pitch following Obama's speech, and ahead of Netanyahu's planned address to Congress this week.

Earlier Friday, the *New York Times* reported that the American president had told his close aides that he did not believe that Netanyahu would be able to make the concessions necessary to strike a peace deal that would end the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

That comment came after Netanyahu, apparently taken aback by Obama's consent to a Palestinian state within 1967 borders, said Thursday that Israel would object to any withdrawal to "indefensible" borders, adding he expected Washington to allow it to keep major settlement blocs in any peace deal.

In a statement after Obama's speech outlining Middle East strategy, Netanyahu said before heading to Washington that "the viability of a Palestinian state cannot come at the expense of Israel's existence."

"That is why Prime Minister Netanyahu expects to hear a reaffirmation from President Obama of U.S. commitments made to Israel in 2004," the statement added, alluding to a previous letter from Washington suggesting Israel could keep larger settlement blocs as part a peace deal with the Palestinians.

"Israel appreciates President's Obama commitment to peace," Netanyahu said, but stressed that he expects Obama to refrain from demanding that Israel withdraw to "indefensible" 1967 borders, "which will leave a large population of Israelis in Judea and Samaria and outside Israel's borders."

Meanwhile, Obama's backing of a key Palestinian demand on the borders of its future state will help win UN recognition of a Palestinian state, Egypt's UN ambassador said Thursday.

Maged Abdelaziz linked Obama's support for the borders that existed before the 1967 Arab-Israeli war to the Palestinian campaign to get two-thirds of the UN General Assembly — at least 128 of its 192 member states — to recognize Palestine as a state by September.

He predicted the Palestinians would get support from at least 130 nations, which would be "a milestone," and would keep pursuing additional recognitions.

But for a newly created Palestine to become a member of the United Nations, Abdelaziz said, it must get support from the Security Council, where the United States, Israel's closest ally, has veto power.

"If they put a resolution in the General Assembly requesting the Security Council to recognize the state of Palestine and this resolution passes ... with 170 or 180 votes, I'm sure that this is going to put a lot of moral pressure on the Security Council, and particularly on the United States, in order not to veto," Abdelaziz told a group of reporters.

He welcomed Obama's support for the pre-1967 borders with "mutually agreed swaps" of land because it "runs in conjunction with the efforts by the Palestinian leadership to garner the most possible number of recognitions of the state of Palestine on the borders of 1967, with those swaps."

But the Egyptian ambassador said Obama missed an opportunity to address other key issues, including Israel's continued settlement activities, water, ending the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the return of refugees "which is a critical issue," and the Palestinian demand for east Jerusalem as its capital.

The Palestinians insist they will not resume peace talks until Israel stops building settlements in the West Bank and east Jerusalem – lands it captured in the 1967 war and which the Palestinians want for their future state.

Israel maintains that the Palestinians should not be setting conditions for talks and that settlements didn't stop them negotiating in the past.

Egypt mediated talks between Fatah and Hamas that led to the agreement on a unity government, he said, and it is trying to ensure that the reconciliation is not just symbolic.

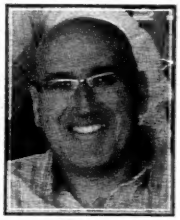
"We're putting a lot of emphasis on Hamas changing its positions in order to join the peace process and to stop all kinds of activities that it's doing against it," Abdelaziz said.

He said this means having Hamas accept the principles outlined by the Quartet of Mideast mediators – the UN, the United States, European Union and Russia – which include recognition of Israel and honouring all past agreements with the Jewish state.

It's time for Netanyahu to lead, not wait

Almost 40 years ago Abba Eban, considered by many the father of Israeli statesmanship, eloquently observed that the "Arabs never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity." Regrettably, lately, that oft-quoted citation seems also aptly attributable to Israel.

In June 2009, 2-1/2 months after becoming prime minister for the second time, Benjamin Netanyahu made a major policy speech at Bar-Ilan University. He committed his government to a two-state solution with the Palestinians. While building in West Bank settlements would continue, to provide for their natural growth, and a united Jerusalem would forever remain the country's capital, Netanyahu envisioned a Jewish Israel co-existing peacefully with a demilitarized Palestine as its neighbour.



This was an important turnaround for a man known for his hawkish views and as a traditional supporter of a "Greater Israel." Netanyahu's new vision seemed to provide a springboard for renewed peace talks with the Palestinians.

However, from the get-go, Netanyahu's speech was viewed by Palestinians (and others) as a non-starter. The many reservations he sewed into the fabric of a future demilitarized Palestinian state left very little wiggle room. And they didn't believe his leftward swing was sincere.

Soon after his election, U.S. President Barack Obama appointed George Mitchell, a former U.S. senator and acclaimed diplomat, as his special envoy for Middle East peace. Mitchell made numerous trips to the area and even brought Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas to Washington, D.C., last

Yair Lootsteen in Jerusalem

September in a failed attempt to jump-start direct negotiations.

Mitchell's resignation on May 13, just a week before Netanyahu's latest visit to Washington and Obama's planned policy address on the Mideast, signifies the hopelessness of the present situation after two years without any real progress and neither side making overtures that might advance true dialogue.

In the months preceding Netanyahu's latest jaunt to D.C., it was said he'd be making further groundbreaking policy statements while there. Instead, as other events unfolded in our region, Netanyahu used their occurrence to justify a strategy of doing nothing, of waiting.

But while Israel has been sitting idly by, the Palestinians haven't. The PA, under Abbas' leadership and, more appreciably and adroitly, the leadership of western-trained Prime Minister Sallam Fayyad, has made noteworthy economic and security inroads in the West Bank and has reinforced legitimate institutions of what they perceive as a future Palestinian state.

The PA has also been active diplomatically. Several South American countries have already recognized a Palestinian state. More significantly, the Palestinians have set the groundwork for a successful United Nations General Assembly resolution recognizing a Palestinian state this fall, the ramifications of which are still unknown, but certainly won't make Israel's position internationally any easier.

Add to this the recent reconciliation agreement forced upon the PLO and Hamas by the new interim regime in Egypt and by what appears to be the Palestinian street's desire for unity between the factions. Whether or not this understanding is doomed, given the enmity between the two sides, one cannot underestimate the power of the Palestinian masses to affect this matter, buoyed by the Arab Spring spreading throughout the region.

And on May 15, the day Palestinians commemorate the nakba, the catastrophe they claim befell them with the establishment of a Jewish state on that day in 1948, Israel got a foretaste of Facebook people power when thousands of Palestinian civilians broke down fences on the Syrian border and hundreds infiltrated the Golan Heights. On the same day, thousands more attempted to do the same from Lebanon and Gaza and demonstrations, sometimes violent, took place inside Israel and the West Bank.

With all these events and more, Netanyahu and his advisers are behaving like ostriches, burying their heads in the sand in the vain hope they'll re-emerge into a world that understands that Israel alone is in the right.

That won't happen.

It's time Israel started leading instead of being led. A bona fide initiative, not just posturing, is needed. Netanyahu must state what he's truly willing to do to advance the peace process. Say "yes, but" rather than "no."

It won't be easy and will include painful compromises. But let's grab the opportunity before it, too, disappears.

We need real leadership, now. I'm afraid we might not have it.

Wouldn't it be good to have Abba Eban around for some guidance and direction.

Nakba myth stands in the way of peace

According to the standard mythology of the Arab-Israeli conflict, found in most university campuses, on the pages of the *New York Times* and the *Globe and Mail*, and in diplomatic talk-shops, settlements are the major obstacles to peace. End the post-1967 "occupation" and create an instant Palestinian state, say these all-knowing analysts, and the conflict will be over.

In contrast, every year, on May 15, the Palestinians and numerous allies send the world exactly the opposite message. This date marks the end of the British occupation in 1948, the founding of the modern State of Israel, and the invasion by five Arab armies marking the start of the War of Independence, in which 6,000 Jews – one per cent of the entire pre-state population – were killed.

In other words, it's not the 1967 war and its consequences that are the prime causes of the conflict, but the continued Arab rejection of Israel, after 63 years. Therefore, it would appear that all of the eager peace makers and negotiators that begin (and end) with the scenario of creating a Palestinian state and forcing Israel back to the pre-1967 (actually post-1948) armistice lines are wasting their time.

The word "nakba" is Arabic for catastrophe, and in the Arab/Palestinian narrative, Jewish sovereign equality in the Land of Israel was and remains a disaster. In the nakba fabrication, 4,000 years of Jewish history in this land are erased and replaced with a Europe and western conspiracy to settle Jews in "Arab/Muslim Palestine." The Jews, aided by the West, stole the land and evicted the Arab inhabitants.

The Arab rejection of the UN Partition Plan (the 1947 version of the "two-state solution"), and the wars designed to push the Jews into the sea are also removed from the nakba tale. Instead, the artificial images of hundreds of thousands of innocent refugees being forced to leave their land, and a non-existent "right of return," remain firmly implanted among Arabs, adding fuel to the conflict. (The fact that an approximately equal number of Jews in Arab nations were forced out and absorbed successfully into Israel is also erased in the fictitious history.)

The United Nations Works and Relief Agency (UNRWA), ostensibly designed to help settle the refugees after the 1948 war, perpetuates both their miserable status and the rejectionism that sustains the violence. In addition, a number of European-government funded non-governmental organizations (NGOs), such as Badil, as well as radical church groups, such as Sabeel and Kairos, are among the main promoters of this fictitious history. The goal of these "right of return" organizations, which were also supported for many years by Liberal Canadian governments, is to force Israel to accept millions of people claiming to be descendents of the refugees, thereby replacing the Jewish majority with Arab domination.

The nakba myth provides the foundation for the recent violence that took place across Israel, and in many ways, mimicked the Arab attacks on all fronts

Gerald Steinberg in Jerusalem

63 years ago. In the north, along the Lebanese and Syrian borders, Palestinian sought violent confrontations with Israeli forces. Similarly, along the southern border with Gaza, Hamas members sought to use the cover of "demonstrations" to deploy explosive devices for use against Israeli defence forces. (The Jordanian border remained quiet, demonstrating Amman's understanding that friction with Israel would result in unacceptable instability in Jordan.)

And the recent terror attack in Tel Aviv – using a truck as a weapon – reminded Israelis, and any outsiders capable of overcoming the conventional wisdom, that this incitement results in murderous attacks.

For all of these reasons, it's clear that a realistic peace process must first tackle the nakba mythology, which has been allowed to fester and expand for so long. Instead of continuing to fund the destructive 1948 myths purveyed by UNRWA and Badil, negotiators and diplomats need to channel these resources into constructive education programs for Palestinians, Arabs and Muslims.

In particular, this means teaching of basic facts – that the Jewish people have an undisputed historic connection with this territory – with the right to an independent state – and that the violent Arab rejection of compromise and the two-state solution in 1947/8, as well as the later wars, were responsible for the "suffering of the refugees."

Israelis have shown that when these principles are accepted, they will be ready to make the difficult compromises for a real peace agreement.

St. Louis passenger recalls family's flight

The St. Louis, a black and white ship with eight decks capable of carrying about 400 first-class and 500 tourist-class passengers, normally plied the trans-Atlantic route from Hamburg to New York City. But on May 13, 1939, the St. Louis, with 937 people on board, set sail for Havana.

It was one of the last ships to leave Germany before the flames of World War II engulfed Europe.

Virtually all the passengers were German Jews fleeing persecution in Nazi Germany. They carried valid visas entitling them to land in Cuba. As the St. Louis approached the Caribbean island, the Cuban government informed them they could not debark.

The Hamburg-American Line vessel, flying a red, white and black swastika flag above its mast, steamed into Havana Harbor on May 30. Twenty-nine passengers holding visas for Latin American countries were allowed to get off. The rest were refused entry into Cuba.

The St. Louis made for the port of Miami in Florida, but returned to Europe after the United States and Canada declined to admit the hapless Jewish refugees.

By any measure, the saga of the St. Louis – commemorated by a new memorial in Halifax commissioned by the Canadian Jewish Congress, fictionalized in a novel, *Voyage of the Damned*, and enshrined in an eponymous Hollywood film starring Faye Dunaway and Oskar Werner – was symptomatic of the times.

Lisa Avedon, a resident of Toronto, was 4-1/2 years old when she boarded the St. Louis more than 70 years ago this month. She was accompanied by her mother, Therese Freund, her grandmother, Ida Laucheimer, and her bother, Phillip.

Now 76, Avedon was seasick during the course of the voyage. "I spent my time in bed," she said. "I don't remember the ocean crossing, but I have a vivid memory of standing on a deck when we docked in Havana."

Avedon and her family were among the last German Jews to leave Germany before it clamped down on Jewish emigration.

On the eve of the voyage, she lived in Munich, the scion of a wealthy family whose greeting card and catalogue company employed 900 workers.

Avedon's relatives began leaving Germany shortly after Adolf Hitler was appointed chancellor in 1933. Her father, Max Joseph, who joined the firm in 1929 after marrying her mother, committed suicide in 1937,

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

not long after the Gestapo threatened to send him to a concentration camp.

After buying Cuban visas, Avedon and her family travelled by train to Hamburg in northern Germany and stayed in a hotel until the St. Louis embarked.

"I remember the hotel very vividly," said Avedon. "The interior of the elevator had a gold finish. Only a four-year-old could appreciate that."

Having been so young when she boarded the St. Louis, she could hardly know that its captain, Gustav Schroeder, was an anti-Nazi who had instructed the crew to treat passengers civilly.

Nor did the passengers realize that the Cuban government, headed by President Fredrico Laredo Bru, had revised its visa policy after the St. Louis set out from Hamburg.

Under the new regulations, the passengers could gain admittance neither as tourists nor as political refugees, leaving them in limbo.

"We were supposed to get off in Havana and travel to the United States," said Avedon, whose uncle, Werner Gould, had expressly flown to Cuba to meet them. A physician, he had settled in New York City after fleeing Germany.

Lisa Avedon
[Sheldon Kirshner photo]

The St. Louis lay anchored in Havana as the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the U.S. government attempted to persuade Cuba to accept the refugees. Cuba held fast. By all accounts, Germany had dispatched agents to Cuba to stir up antisemitism.

For its part, the United States declined to allow the St. Louis to dock in Miami.

The last hope was Canada, but Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King believed that the St. Louis was not "a Canadian problem."

The director of Canada's immigration department, Frederick Charles Blair, was just as unsympathetic. In a reference to Jewish refugees, Blair infamously said, "None is too many."

Knowing that his passengers had no desire whatsoever to return to Germany, Schroeder – whom Yad Vashem posthumously named as a Righteous Among the Nations in 1993 – refused to go back unless they were granted sanctuary elsewhere in Europe. Working to end the crisis, the United States convinced several European nations – Britain, France, Belgium and Netherlands – to take the refugees.

Having docked in Antwerp, Belgium, on June 17, the St. Louis – which was scrapped in 1952 – disgorged its passengers. Avedon and her family were permitted into Britain. "We crossed the English Channel on a little tugboat," she said.

They lived in Britain for six months, first in London and then in Yelverton, a village set amid bucolic fields. They arrived in New York City in December. For about the next two years, they were put up by Avedon's aunt in Hackensack, N.J. Her mother found a job as a seamstress in a textile factory. "She had never touched a sewing machine in her life,"

The St. Louis, voyage of the damned

said Avedon.

After getting back on her feet, Avedon's mother rented an apartment in Washington Heights, a New York neighbourhood favoured by German Jewish refugees and jocularly known as Frankfurt-on-the-Hudson. "All the yekkes were there, even our old rabbi. My mother could speak German and could go to German chocolate shops and butchers. It was a wonderful place."

In 1951, her mother remarried. Her second husband, Wilhelm Herz, was a German-Jewish refugee who had immigrated to Chile before settling in the United States. Avedon moved into their new home in Milwaukee. Her grandmother remained behind. Avedon's brother, who lives in Milwaukee today, enlisted in the U.S. army and was posted to Germany as an interpreter.

As an undergraduate student, Avedon studied sociology, psychology and adult education. While completing an MA in adult education at Columbia University, she met Elliott Avedon, the man she would marry and with whom she would have two children.

In 1971, he accepted a position as a professor of recreation and physical education at Waterloo University in Kitchener-Waterloo. Later, she was a lecturer at the same university. She ended her academic career at Conestoga College.

She has mixed feelings about Germany. She reviles the nation that persecuted Jews but appreciates the helpful role that German neighbours played in helping her family during the Nazi era.

"I can't say all Germans behaved like Nazis," she said. "Many Germans were against the Nazis."

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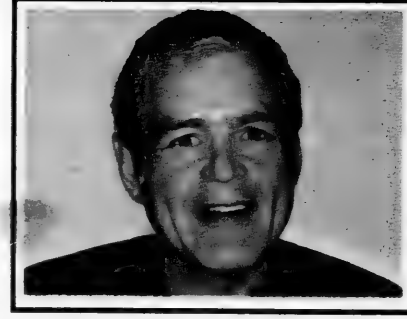

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Young professionals party for a purpose

Cara Edell
Special to The CJN

More than 300 young professionals recently attended the second annual Sinai Soiree, featuring the legendary rock band Chicago.

Hosted by Future Sinai, the soiree, held May 17 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, was a party within the larger Mount Sinai Hospital Grand Slam Gala. More than $500,000 was raised from the two events, which will go toward the Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary's $4.5-million pledge for women's health.

The funding helps ensure that state-of-the art health care is provided to Mount Sinai Hospital's centres of excellence, including the Marvelle Koffler Breast Centre, Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute and Peter A. Silverman Centre for International Health.

The pledge benefits the hospital's major pillars of patient care – research, technology and education – by maintaining funds to help eradicate women's cancers.

This year's gala was the culmination of the Strike Out Cancer Celebrity Tournament, which raised more than $700,000 for Mount Sinai Hospital. The charity baseball games took place May 15 at the Richmond Green Sports Centre, in Richmond Hill, where players teamed up with professional athletes and entertainers including actors Kurt Russell and Dean McDermott and baseball's Vince Coleman.

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"This new fundraiser, Strike out Cancer, seemed a perfect opportunity to combine the events and carry over the excitement of a new initiative to an already well-established event in the Toronto Jewish community," said Lauren Winberg, who chaired Sinai Soiree with Alex Enchin.

Sinai Soiree chairs, Lauren Winberg and Alex Enchin

The Strike Out Cancer awards ceremony was held at the gala, as the top teams and fundraisers of the tournament celebrated their achievements.

The gala, which had a host bar, appetizers, dessert tables and a night-capping DJ set, was given a fresh update in terms of style and feel. The traditional seated dinner concept was replaced by lounge areas where guests were served a tapas-style dinner by butlers. The dress code was jeans and jewels.

"The Sinai Soiree is different than any other event in the city," said Winberg. "It provides young professionals the opportunity to attend one of Toronto's most glamorous, high-profile fundraising events, while giving back to a hospital that continuously contributes to our community."

Winberg said having an affiliation with Mount Sinai at a young age "will help solidify it as a cause that is close to our hearts, and will help foster a lifelong philanthropic relationship with it among our generation."

Since many of the Soiree guests were born or treated at Mount Sinai, "the event [gives] the younger generation between the ages of 20 to 30 the opportunity to connect with and give back to the hospital in a fun and engaging atmosphere," she said.

The Sinai Soiree is the first official event hosted by Future Sinai, Winberg said. Launched in February, Future Sinai is a group of young professionals working to advance, promote and fundraise for the Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary.

Winberg said Future Sinai hopes to gain more exposure through Sinai Soiree in order to grow the group's membership.

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RIM co-founder headlines Weizmann Canada gala

Barbara Silverstein
Special to The CJN

Curiosity may have killed the cat, but in the realm of science, it's curiosity that underlies all technological breakthroughs, according to Mike Lazaridis, co-founder and chairman of Research in Motion, the company that created the ubiquitous BlackBerry.

"Curiosity, the basic instinct to understand the world around us, has produced health and wealth," said Lazaridis, keynote speaker at a Weizmann Canada gala held May 12 at the Royal Ontario Museum.

Mike Lazaridis (left) and Daniel Zajfman

Lazaridis is also founder of the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics. He donated $150 million to create the scientific institution, which he described a "kindred spirit" to the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel.

The Weizmann evening, which drew some 400 people and raised more than $3 million, included a ceremonial dedication honouring individuals for whom state-of-the-art laboratories will be named.

The evening was an opportunity for Prof. Daniel Zajfman, president of the Weizmann Institute, to pay tribute to the honorees and Lazaridis.

Zajfman also announced that the largest Canadian donation to Weizmann had just been made by the Azrieli Foundation. The foundation will be supporting a new institute in systems biology, called the Azrieli Institute of Systems Biology, a multidisciplinary approach to biology that combines physics, chemistry and math.

Zajfman also noted that the encryption software used by BlackBerry was developed by the Weizmann institute. And he stressed that Lazaridis' views on science mirror his own views on curiosity and basic research.

Lazaridis' speech, which outlined the implications of the key scientific breakthroughs throughout the ages, fit with the evening's theme of Back to Basics, Forward to the Future. As he put it: "Curiosity-driven research is important to our future, our past and our current way of life."

He made the case for supporting pure scientific research by giving a brief history of scientific discovery and its impact on society. "There is limitless value to research and making theoretical discoveries. Discoveries in theoretical physics today lead to the technologies of tomorrow."

For instance, when scientists observed that magnetic fields could induce electric currents in the mid-19th century, Lazaridis pointed out that there was no immediate practical application, but it eventually led to the discovery of electricity. "That discovery transformed the industrial age."

Similarly, he noted that no one ever thought that Einstein's theory of relativity would lead to the creation of GPS (global positioning systems) technology.

Other speakers that evening included Miles Nadal, as well as gala chair, radio personality and former provincial Conservative leader John Tory, the evening's MC. Also in attendance were Jonathan Levy, Israeli consul for economic affairs and trade commissioner to Canada, city councillor James Pasternak, and Liberal MP Bob Rae.

Rae told *The CJN* that he's been a longtime supporter of the Weizmann Institute and a close friend of H. Thomas Beck, chairman emeritus of Weizmann Canada. Beck's daughter, Catherine, is now the president, and Jay Smith is the current chair of Weizmann Canada.

The following laboratories were established for the Canadian honorees: Marianne Manoville Beck Laboratory for Research in Neurobiology in honour of Marianne Manoville's parents, Elisabeth and Miksa Manoville; the Dr. Sydney Brenner Laboratory for Research in Molecular Biology; the Miles and Kelly Nadal and Family Laboratory for Research in Molecular Genetics; the Dr. Lou Siminovitch Laboratory for Research in Neurobiology; the Jay Smith and Laura Rapp Laboratory for Research in the Physics of Complex Systems; the Marvin Tanner Laboratory for Cancer Research; the Sharon Zuckerman Laboratory for Research Systems Biology, and the Laboratory for Research in Plant Sciences, funded by an anonymous donor.

For more information about the Weizmann Institute, call 416-733-9220 or visit www.weizmann.ca.

Yeshiva celebrates its 10th anniversary

Many of the grads have gone on to a mixture of Jewish and secular careers

Laura Fixman
Intern

Toronto's Yeshiva Darchei Torah has come a long way since it opened 10 years ago, but the school's core philosophy has remained the same, rosh yeshiva Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz says.

The school was started by a group of parents who wanted an equal balance between religious and secular instruction and felt that some of the other schools in the community had become too polarized, Rabbi Breitowitz said in an interview. They recognized that many of their children would enter secular professions.

"The middle of the road isn't always the most popular place," Rabbi Breitowitz said, but the school eventually gained the community's support and grew accordingly.

Darchei Torah started with two grades and about 30 boys. Today, it has grades 9 to 12 and more than twice as many students. In addition, it opened in a rented facility but was eventually able to buy its own campus.

Now, Rabbi Breitowitz said, "when the vast majority of students here enter Grade 9, this is their first choice. Oftentimes it's their only choice."

The milestone anniversary was celebrated with a dinner at Beth Avraham Yosef of Toronto on May 15, where they honoured people who were instrumental in creating and building the school.

Honorees included Rabbi Breitowitz, who has been the head of the school from the beginning, and two founders of the yeshiva, Sheldon Salcman and Israel Weinstock, who were instrumental in getting the first teachers and the first location.

Rosh yeshiva Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz was among those honoured at Yeshiva Darchei Torah's recent 10th anniversary gala. Seen at the event are, from left, Moishe Posner, Michael Harris and Rabbi Breitowitz.

Rabbi Breitowitz said the 10th anniversary dinner was a success in more ways than just as a fundraiser.

"It was an opportunity for people who have no direct connection to the school to learn about it."

A guest speaker at the event was Darchei Torah graduate Yehuda Azoulay, who has written about Sephardi history in community magazines and in his book called *A Legacy of Leaders*.

Rabbi Breitowitz said many of the graduates have gone on to a mixture of Jewish and secular careers. After 10 years, parents are seeing that the students are prepared for that balance, which has been the focus from the beginning.

"Parents are hesitant to entrust their children to a school they don't know will last," he said.

Others honoured at the celebration included parents and grandparents of students, who have helped make the school a success, Rabbi Breitowitz said. This kind of family support will help the students remain connected to the school and fuel its growth in the future, he added.

"It might be somewhere they consider sending their children someday."

Darchei Torah offers a well-rounded education that the rabbi feels is necessary.

"We offer both an authentic yeshiva experience and an authentic high school experience," he said.

As a result, most graduates spend some time studying in Israel, and then go on to university in Canada.

Rabbi Breitowitz also looks forward to seeing where their graduates end up in years to come.

In the next 10 years, Rabbi Breitowitz hopes to see the school continue to have the balance it has now.

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Educator thinks of herself, students as 'resilient'

Earlier this month, Judit Kenyeres received an award as "Teacher of the Year" from the Council for Exceptional Children's Toronto Chapter 56, recognizing her years of service to special needs students.

As the head of the Learning Centre (special education and remediation department) at the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto's Wallenberg campus on Wilmington Avenue, Kenyeres doesn't work in a formal setting and isn't currently teaching a course.

By Frances Kraft

But the 63-year-old educator, who is also an educational psychologist, often works one-on-one with students, teaching them learning strategies, organizational methods and writing skills. "Many students are articulate, and strong orally, but cannot translate that to paper," she said.

As well, she advocates on behalf of students who have had difficulties in the classroom.

A child of Holocaust survivors who immigrated with her brother and widowed mother from Hungary to Montreal at age nine, Kenyeres recalls that she also had special needs, but hers were related in large part to being a child refugee who didn't speak English.

As a result, she thinks of herself as "resilient," and believes that her students have the capacity to be resilient, too.

A lesson from the teacher: *"Different doesn't mean 'less than.'"*

Kenyeres, who likes to wear what she calls "a lot of jingle-jangle" in the form of silver bracelets and other jewelry, also has a strong creative bent. A published poet and photographer whose exhibitions date back to the early 1980s, she recently took up filmmaking following the death of her husband 1-1/2 years ago.

It was as an undergraduate student at McGill University in the late 1960s that Kenyeres developed an interest in special education. Working with autistic children on locked wards of an institution, she found she had an affinity for the youngsters.

Her teaching career began at a school for exceptional children in London, England, where she earned her post-graduate certificate in education from the University of London.

At the time, she said, "the whole notion of special education was new... It was so experimental, but very gratifying."

Kenyeres spent most of her career in Montreal, however, before moving to Toronto 13 years ago to take the position at TanenbaumCHAT. At the time, she was working as a psychologist and teaching in Concordia University's education department.

In 1978, she received a master's of education from what is now the University of Toronto's Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, and nine years later, she earned an MA in educational psychology from McGill University.

Her work at TanenbaumCHAT, where she oversees a department that serves 187 students, is "a great contrast" to the early years of her career, both because of the time that has passed and the capability of her current students, many of whom go on to university and college.

Judit Kenyeres at her desk *(Frances Kraft photo)*

Thirteen years later, she still finds it rewarding to see her students thrive and "feel good about who they are."

Her work energizes her, she said. "It's important work... We can't give up. We can learn and change, and have an impact on our abilities throughout the years, not just in the early years. That's very encouraging."

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The WOW (Widows or Widowers) group is celebrating its 18th anniversary this year.

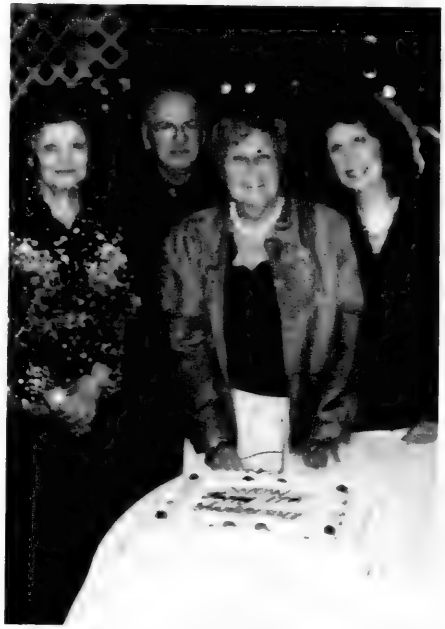
The brainchild of Beverley Bobkin-English and her two widowed friends, WOW started on a snowy day in 1993. Eleven strangers gathered for brunch at the Chimo Hotel (now the Holiday Inn) in Markham, Ont., after seeing a newspaper ad for the group.

After the loss of her husband of 27 years, Bobkin-English had immersed herself in reading and searching for consolation in grieving books. "In one of them, it mentioned a group formed specifically for widows and widowers for support and friendship," she said. "This idea remained with me for nine years, but I did not proceed with it."

Bobkin-English returned to teaching and eventually acted on her thoughts. "I phoned the *Toronto Star* and placed an ad in the personals announcing that a group for Jewish widows and widowers was being formed."

WOW was never meant to be a grieving group, she said. "It's a group for moving on. We are joined together by a common bond."

Today, 70-plus members continue to meet regularly to enjoy a wide range of planned events. "Hundreds of widows and widowers have passed through our doors. Some have stayed a short time, while others have remained for many years, building relationships, taking on major chairmanships and committing themselves to the success of WOW."



At W.O.W.'s anniversary dinner is, from left, Phyllis Fraser, Norm English, Helen Linetsky and Bev Bobkin-English.

Bobkin-English said a sense of unity has developed through shared interests in music, art, theatre and travel. "Notable speakers, museum outings, cruising, Chanukah parties, anniversary celebrations, bowling, picnics, potlucks and gallery visits are just a few of the events planned for a Saturday or Sunday, when it could possibly be a quiet or lonely time."

WOW gives members the opportunity to enjoy fun activities with others who have experienced a similar loss, she said. "Lifelong friendships have developed in WOW, among those who in most situations did not know one another prior to meeting at a WOW function. Marriages have taken place and long-term relationships have evolved."

Bobkin-English said the satisfaction of seeing her "'child' mature, reach out and grow to be productive in the Jewish community" is one of her most cherished accomplishments.

"I am ecstatic and so very proud! The small seed planted 18 years ago has blossomed to become a beautiful flower, giving joy and comfort to all who have been part of WOW. My heart is filled with pride. May we continue our network of friendship and congratulate WOW for its enthusiasm, support and commitment."

With a focus to serve the community, Bobkin-English said the group always welcomes new members ages 60-plus. "We would especially like to increase the number of widowers in our group for a more varied membership. This is not a singles group, so attending an event is pressure free."

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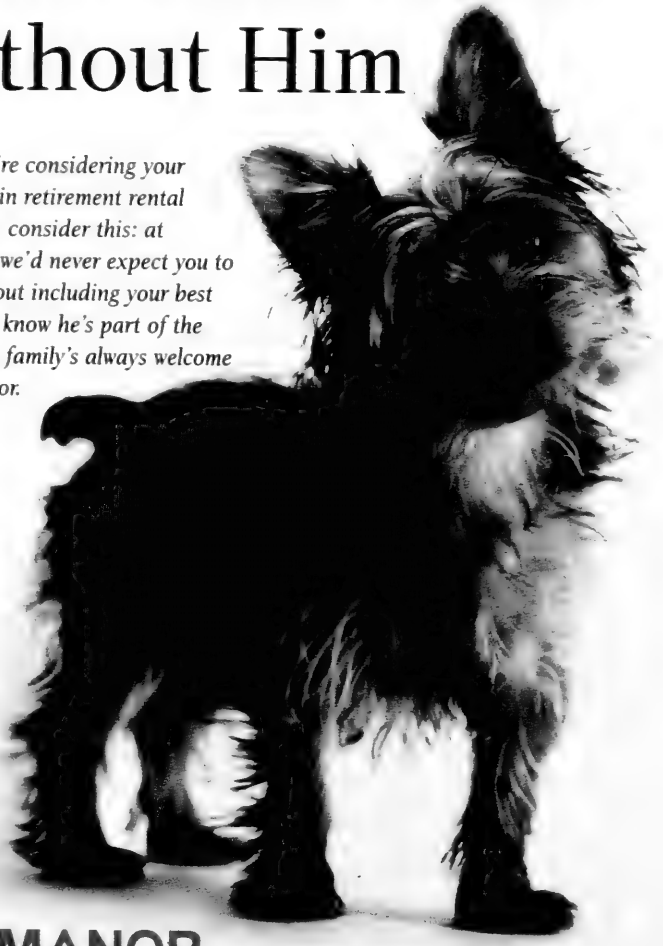

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Secular Jewish congress to hold conference

Laura Fixman
Intern

The Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (CSJO) is presenting a weekend of workshops, guest speakers and social-action events at Humber College from May 27 to 30.

The conference will begin with an Oneg Shabbat, presented by youth from the Peretz Centre for Secular Jewish Culture and Education. Friday will also feature a dramatic presentation by the Winchevsky Wits of the Winchevsky Centre in Toronto.

On Saturday, there will be two keynote speakers. The first is Ester Reiter, a professor of women's studies at York University. She is currently working on a book about the Jews in Canada in the 1920s and 1930s.

The second speaker is Kerry Dyson, a third-generation member of the Peretz Centre in Vancouver. He is helping to organize J-West, a West Coast regional conference that brings together Jews from the United States and Canada.

Conference workshops include "Jewish Genealogy," presented by Gord Meslin of the Genealogical Society of Canada. University of Toronto anthropology professor Richard Lee lectures on "Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean" and David Abramowitz offers "Why Cultural Standards Change."

The CSJO is partnering with Ve'ahavta, the Canadian Jewish Humanitarian and Relief Committee, for a social action event on Saturday evening. Attendees will stuff 500 Kinder Kits containing school supplies for Canadian children in need. Ve'ahavta's Kinder Kit Project has provided children in 10 countries with school supplies. The event is sponsored by Ed's Real Scoop ice cream.

Before the Kinder Kit event, conference participants will ask friends and family to make pledges toward this cause on an online challenge page. Funds raised will be split between CSJO and the Kinder Kit Project.

Saturday night will include a performance by the Naivelt Singers, celebrating the 85th anniversary of Camp Naivelt, a secular Jewish summer community in Brampton, Ont. They will sing songs about political activism and the struggle for peace, workers rights and social justice.

Two- or three-bedroom suites at Humber College are offered as accommodation for conference participants. For more information, go to www.csjo.org.

SANDWICH GENERATION

Grade 7 students from Bialik Hebrew Day School volunteered to make more than 200 sandwiches to be distributed by Ve'ahavta. Pictured with the boxes of food and Perry Howell from Ve'ahavta are, from left, students Carly Goodman, Marley Waltman, Jordyn Selznick, and Rebecca Allen.

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שעורות פסטיבל הסרטים היהודי שמתקיים ביום הזיכרון לחיילי צה"ל

מה שבלט בדבריהם של כל מי שהשתתף בטקסי יום הזיכרון והעצמאות, החל בקונסול גיסין וכלה בעתונאים יותי דחוח הלוי ושמעון זר אביב- הוא הנתק בין הקהילה היהודית והישראלית של טורונטו. הנתק הזה מגיע לשיאו בהשתתפותם הדלה של היהודים ביום הזכרון. אבל אולי הביטוי הכי בוטה לזלזול של הקהילה היהודית כלפי הישראלים היא קיומו של פסטיבל הסרטים היהודי ביום הזיכרון. עבור רוב הישראלים, יום הזיכרון הינו היום הקדוש האמיתי בלוח השנה, אפילו יותר מיום כיפור. מזה שנים מנסה הקונסוליה ואיתה מנהיגים אחרים לשנע את גב. הלן צוקרמן וחבר המנהלים של הפסטיבל שלא לקיימו ביום הזכרון ולמנוע את העלבון הזה לחמישים אלף הישראלים של טורונטו. אך לשוא.

ועל כן אני קורא לכולכם להחרים את הפסטיבל, ולהפיץ את הנתון המשפיל הזה בין כל חבריכם. אני מבטיח להזכיר לכם את זה לפני הפסטיבל הבא. ועכשיו גם באנגלית, כדי שגם יהדים ציוניים ידעו:

It has been several years now that the Jewish Film Festival takes place during the Israeli Memorial Day for Israeli soldiers. All attempts by the Israeli Consulate and other leaders to convince Helen Zukerman and her board that they insult 50,000 Israelis in Toronto, for whom this is the most meaningful day in the calendar, have failed. Therefore I call upon all Toronto Israelis, as well as all jews who care about Israel- to boycott the festival starting next year .

שביתת הרופאים בישראל

למי מיכם שיצא להתלוות לבן משפחה בבית חולים בישראל, או לבקר חבר או קרוב מאושפזים- קשה להתעלם מההזנחה, מהתנאים הבלתי אנושיים במקומות רבים, והלחצים האיומים שתחתם עובדים רופאים, בתנאי שכר מחפירים. משרד האוצר מגיב באטימות ובגסות לדרישות הרופאים, שרבים מהם משתברים בתעריפים של בייבי סיטר. למותר לציין שמנהלי המו"מ- כשהם צריכים טיפול רפואי- הם מקבלים אותו מחוץ לתור, כדברי הנביא ירמיהו: "בישראל אם יש לך קשרים- אתה לא צריך פרוטקציה".

השוואת של תנאי העבדה של רופאים בין המערכת הציבורית הישראלית והקנדית היא מדהימה- והטענה שישראל היא מדינה ענייה יותר, מגוחכת, כי התל"ג בישראל עבר את 30 אלף הדולאר לשנה לכל אזרח, מאוד קרוב לקנדה. סך הכל מדובר בסדר עדיפויות דפוק, כשהתנחלויות ותשלומי חסות לממסד הדתי נוגסים מתקציב הרווחה והבריאות. לא פלא שרופאים רבים וטובים עוזבים את ישראל, ורבים מרופאי בתי החולים שם עוברים לעבוד במערכת הפרטית. אבל שישאר בינינו.

דובדבן בשערי שמיים- אבי זיו-אב

באמצע מגרש החנייה של בית הכנסת שערי שמיים עומד לו עץ בודד מוקף בערוגת דשא קטנה שתופסת בדיוק שני מקומות חנייה. העץ נראה מסכן, עלוב ומוזנח. ילדים אינם משחקים סביבו, זוגות אינם נחים בצילו, סתם לבד. אפילו הגנן של בית הכנסת שכח מקיומו. וכך אני רואה אותו מחלוני יום יום. ואז הוא מפתיע אותי כל שנה מחדש בעונת הפריחה. הוא זוקף את קומתו כאילו אומר ראו אותי, אני כאן, והופך לעץ דתבן יפה מעולם אחר, גאה ושמח. ומקץ חודשיים מתחילים לבקר אותו אנשים רבים. אבות נושאים את ילדיהם על כתפיים, אנשים סוחבים סולמות, אחרים עומדים על ארגזים וקוטפים את דובדבניו האדומים והמתוקים. והוא אומר לכולם ברוך בואכם, אני כל כך שמח שהגעתם, היה לי עצוב לבד. רק מה, תהיו בבקשה קצת יותר עדינים. אני הדתבן שבקצפת, הדובדבן בשערי שמיים.

Ve'ahavta writing contest helps turn lives around

Jared Lindzon
Special to The CJN

After a fight with his family last year, Ruben Delgado left home and lived on Toronto's streets, selling drugs to get by.

"Me and my family weren't too happy with each other," said the 18-year-old.

To cope with his situation, Delgado started writing about how he felt lost and confused. One day, he came across a notice for submissions for a creative writing contest for homeless and marginalized people, posted by Ve'ahavta, the Canadian Jewish Humanitarian and Relief Committee

Theresa Schrader

"About a week later I saw it again, and I said to myself, 'maybe I should do this,' so I decided to submit one of my pieces," he said.

His submission ended up winning first prize. "I was surprised that I won. It gave me a lot of confidence, a lot of hope," Delgado said.

The winners of this year's Ve'ahavta Creative Writing Contest, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary, will receive their prizes at an awards presentation on June 12.

First prize is $2,000, second prize is a technology bundle, including a laptop, digital camera and a year's Internet service, and third prize is $1,000.

Since winning the contest last summer, Delgado has been working to get his life on track. He began his first job, coaching children's basketball, and passed all of his classes for the first time.

"I went back to my family and we spoke, and we realized that both of us did things wrong, but we can still work things out," he said.

Theresa Schrader, who organized this year's competition, said that writing can be an important tool for self-expression, especially for those experiencing hardship.

"A lot of people are silenced and a lot of people are forced into the margins of society, and they lose their voice," she said.

Like Delgado, Schrader has worked her way out of extreme circumstances through writing. Before winning the 2005 creative writing contest, Schrader was living on the streets, working as a prostitute to support a crack addiction.

"I wrote about a sexual assault that happened to me... I guess writing it out was the first part of that therapeutic journey of getting through the trauma," she said. "After winning the contest I saw that there was some inherent value inside myself, and I started working on getting clean."

Since winning the competition, Schrader has completed the social service worker program at George Brown College, and spends much of her time volunteering for Ve'ahavta. She was recently named its community poverty relief associate.

After being exclusive to Toronto, the contest was opened to submissions from Vancouver last year, and it has expanded once again, to include entries from Halifax, near Schrader's hometown.

When Schrader made the suggestion, Ve'ahavta's president Avrum Rosensweig agreed to it as he liked the idea of reaching out to the homeless communities on each coast.

"I wanted to go into Vancouver last year because I know of the homeless situation there, and it's pretty abysmal," he said. "Halifax being at the other end of the country, there's some poetry to that. Almost like bookends."

Rosensweig, who writes a column for *The CJN*, said he's "always believed that one of the ways of strengthening our world, making our planet better for the people who live in it, is by tapping into their creativity. I've always thought that in itself is a solution to homelessness."

Last summer, Rosensweig and Schrader founded the Ve'ahavta Street Academy, which aimed to teach 10 homeless people, including Delgado, the skills they needed to get off the streets. Among the academy's guest lecturers was CBC sportscaster Ron MacLean, who is one of the judges of this year's writing contest.

"Ron came in and spoke to the class, and he was just so inspiring," said Rosensweig. "He was talking about how it was important to have mentors and support, and while he was talking about that, he wrote his phone number down on the blackboard."

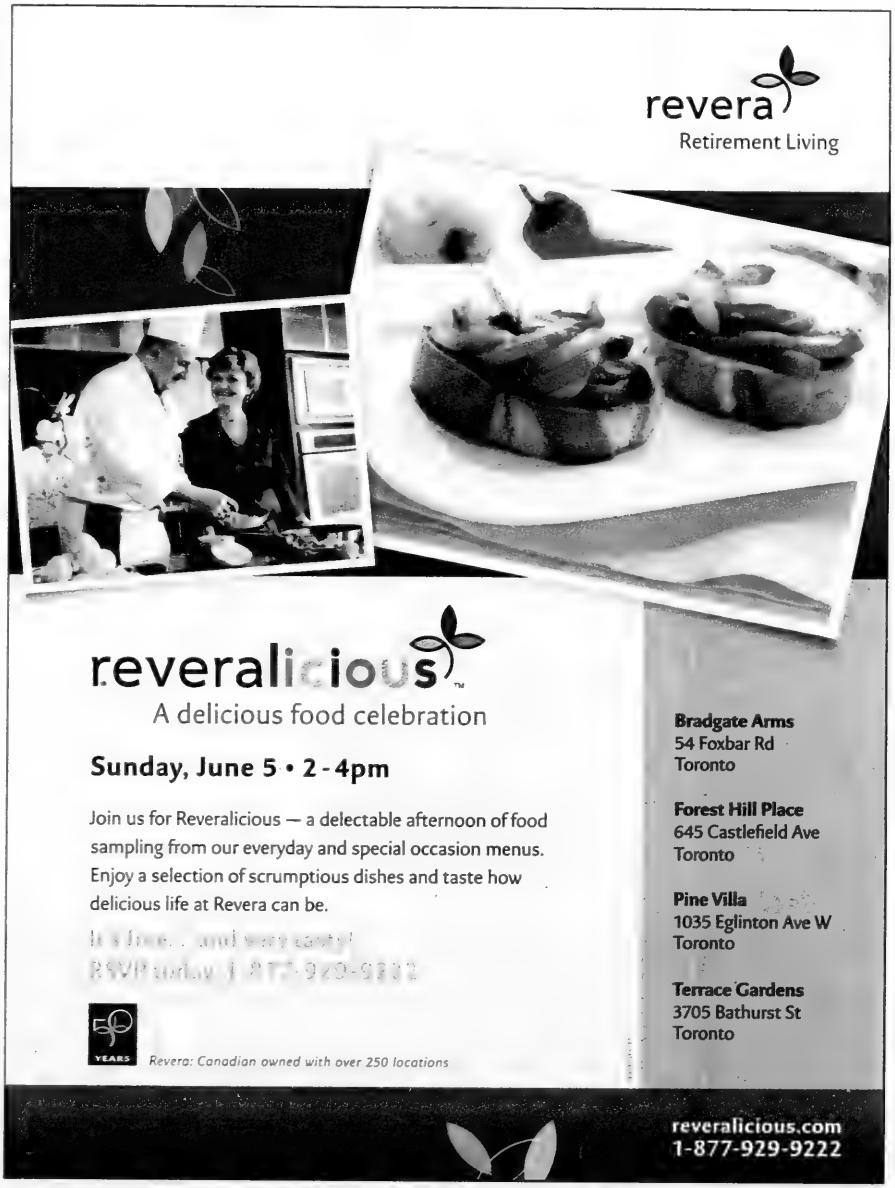
MacLean said he got the idea of giving out his phone number from the book *When All You Have Is Hope*, by Frank O'Dea.

"Frank's the co-founder of Second Cup," said MacLean. "In 1971, Frank was on the street and a social worker gave him his phone number and a handful of dimes." The social worker told Frank to call the number anytime he needed support, added MacLean.

"In my case, no one has called, but I think they felt a similar benefit without having to dial."

Delgado agrees. "At first I didn't know who he was, but when he started speaking I really liked the way he made his words sound poetic," he said. "Him being there was a big thing for me."

For more information about Ve'ahavta, visit www.veahavta.org.



Abbas inverts the truth in the N.Y. Times

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

While historical events are always open to reinterpretation upon the discovery of new evidence, some events are so well corroborated as established fact that efforts to re-write them for a political gain are nothing short of contemptible. Could anyone seriously maintain, for instance, that World War II began when Poland attacked Germany in September 1939? Of course not.

But something on that scale – the acceptance of the inversion of truth – is being asked of the reader of Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' opinion article "The Long Overdue Palestinian State", published May 17 in the *New York Times*.

This piece is such a breathtaking pastiche of distortion and omission of basic facts that it's hard to know where to begin.

What is clear is that Abbas reiterates a prevalent narrative very effectively to a naive western audience. In this account, the helpless Palestinians, who always sought peace, were victimized by aggressive, rejectionist Zionists bent on conquering and dispossessing the Palestinians.

According to Abbas, as the Palestinians "commemorate another year of our expulsion" since Israel's establishment in 1948, they now have hope that the UN General Assembly will recognize a Palestinian state this coming September. Their perennial tragedy will thus finally become triumph. Who couldn't sympathize with such a positive development?

After all, Abbas argues, the Palestinians have no recourse but to turn once again to the United Nations. Why once again? Here's Abbas' explanation: "It is important to note that the last time the question of Palestinian statehood took centre stage at the General Assembly, the question posed to the international community was whether our homeland should be partitioned into two states. In November 1947, the General Assembly made its recommendation and answered in the affirmative. Shortly thereafter, Zionist forces expelled Palestinian Arabs to ensure a decisive Jewish majority in the future State of Israel, and Arab armies intervened."

What Abbas does not admit are the following indisputable (but, for him, inconvenient) facts. In 1947, Palestinian and Arab leaders vehemently rejected the Partition Resolution that sought the creation of both an "Arab" state and a "Jewish" state. Only the Jewish leadership accepted the plan. Ironically, while Abbas refers to the creation of "two states", he cannot bring himself to utter the term "Jewish state" – a concept he refuses to accept.

By writing that the UN "answered in the affirmative," Abbas leaves the distinct impression that the two-state proposal was supported by the Palestinians (just as Abbas is hoping the UN will, once more, recognize a Palestinian state this year). Again, this is utterly false. Immediately following the 1947 vote in favour of partition, the Palestinians attacked Jews throughout the land. Jews fought back in self-defence.

Mahmoud Abbas

In Abbas' account, when the State of Israel was declared in May, 1948, Arab armies "intervened" to protect Palestinians who were being "expelled" by Zionists. In fact, the Arab armies invaded to destroy the nascent Jewish state (as explained in historian Benny Morris's scrupulously fair book, *1948*). Going almost week by week from November 1947, Morris described how thousands of Palestinians, starting with the elites, fled the conflict they had initiated. Following the Arab invasion, when fighting intensified, Jewish forces did expel Palestinians in some cases (Ramle, Lod), but urged them to stay in others (such as Haifa). Overwhelmingly, the Palestinians were victims of the rejectionist decisions of their leadership and of the Arab invasion of Israel.

Ignoring efforts by previous Israeli governments to negotiate the creation of a Palestinian state (offers rejected by former PA president Yasser Arafat and Abbas himself), Abbas pretends that the only recourse the Palestinians have is to appeal to the UN. He also maintains that once statehood is declared, he'll be willing to "negotiate" as long as Israel, in effect, accepts the "right of return" of Palestinian refugees to Israel. This is a prescription for the end of Israel as a Jewish homeland, showing (yet again) that Abbas is determined to extend the conflict, not resolve it.

Sadly, Abbas' piece reminds us that, for the Palestinians, the war of 1948 never really ended.

Paul Michaels is communications director for the Canada-Israel Committee.

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ANNA LOUSIE GINSBERG

May 12, 2011 – It is with sadness that the Partners and Staff of KRP (Kestenberg, Rabinowicz Partners LLP) mourn the passing of long-time employee Anna Louise Ginsberg who "left for the other side of the rainbow, after a brave battle with cancer. She died the way she lived her life with dignity and grace." A 35-year KRP veteran, she was loved, and will be missed by all. Memorial donations in Anna's name may be made to the charity of your choice.

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Toronto woman honours memory of parents in Kiryat Shmona

Renanim School benefits from gift made in name of A & A Records founders

By Daniel Horowitz

We've all heard the incredible stories of those who, when faced with adversity, somehow find the strength and will to not only survive, but to thrive. Alice and Mac Kenner were such people.

The youngest of seven children, Alice never knew her father who had immigrated to Toronto shortly after her birth and died of influenza. In 1922, Alice, her mother and her sister Rose, joined her siblings, Julius, Nathan, Aaron and Freda in Toronto. Her eldest sister, Chia, stayed behind and died in the Holocaust.

Brothers Julius and Nathan had opened a couple of variety stores, one on Bloor Street, and one on Yonge Street, called Rain Brothers. Alice worked in Julius' store at 353 Yonge Street. When Julius succumbed to a heart attack in 1944, Alice found herself unemployed for the first time in her life, and with few options.

Fortunately, as often happens in these stories, fate soon intervened, and Alice discovered that a man was selling his bookstore, next door to Rain Brothers, at 355 ½ Yonge Street.

Using her sharp business acumen, Alice rented the store for $60.00 a month, and, for $400.00, she purchased the assets and content.

Within a year, a neighbouring shop at 351 Yonge Street was up for sale and, with brother Aaron's help, Alice opened A&A Book Store. While her husband Mac, a telegrapher by trade, and a talented musician and raconteur, wanted to also sell records, most companies refused to supply him, so he bought $100 worth on his own and sold-out in the first week. And with that, an iconic Toronto – and Canadian – business was born. A&A Records.

(above) Alice & Mac Kenner z"l
(inset) 351 Yonge Street was home to the A & A Book Store

"My parents, Alice and Mac Kenner were voracious readers," says daughter, June. "Through A & A, they started out selling text books for what is today, Ryerson University, as well as dental and medical texts for the University of Toronto. Growing up, books were always front and centre in our home, and they always played an important role in our lives. My father was the front man, my mother, the backbone. They complemented each other in work and in life; they were a great pair. Even after they retired, their lives went full circle back to selling books at antique markets and craft shows."

When it came to honouring the memory of her bibliophile parents, the choice was clear, and, again, books would play a prominent role in her decision, as would Israel, a favourite travel destination of Mac and Alice. In fact, in 1981, June's 71-year-old father, and middle child, Daniel, shared a bar mitzvah at the Kotel in Jerusalem, while Daniel's siblings, Mark and Sara, looked on proudly. Alice had also became involved with ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation and Training) as a fundraiser, and together, she and Mac became donors to an ORT school in Israel.

Through United Jewish Appeal's recently concluded Campaign 2011, June made a generous donation to Kiryat Shmona's Renanim School for Disabled Children, creating the Alice and Mac Kenner Library.

Founded 45 years ago, Renanim serves 120 children aged 6 to 21 with physical and/or mental disabilities. Due to extensive rocket damage during the second Lebanon War in 2006, the school was closed down and moved to another location. UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, along with the Rashi Foundation, created this new, exceptional campus, an innovative model for special education suited to the unique needs of its students.

"My mom lived the immigrants' dream," says June, leafing through old black and white photographs of her parents. "She exceeded even her own expectations because she was brilliant and driven. She didn't believe in looking back, only forward. Even when the subway came to Toronto, Alice was convinced that people would no longer have to come up to street level, making business even tougher."

But, true to form, and with Mac's ever present encouragement, the couple kept their noses to the proverbial grindstone, ultimately making A&A Records a name synonymous with Canadian music.

And, it's June's hope that, along with honouring her beloved parents' memory, she'll be giving the children at Renanim School the opportunity to exceed their, and their families' expectations.

"These children have undoubtedly lived difficult lives, as have their families," says June. "I hope that this gift will provide them with the opportunity to reach, and even go beyond their expectations. My parents absolutely loved children, and I'm so thrilled that my mother was able to meet my son-in-law Kevin, and fall madly in love with her precious lone great-grandchild, Mackenzie, named after my father, in 2004. I know they would be so proud to have their names on this important school. My parents both exemplified the Canadian dream, and, together they cut a large swath in Toronto and in Canada, and, hopefully, through this gift, they will be doing the same in Israel."

Help Jewish Toronto plan for the future by completing the census

In the last month, you should have received a Census Canada package asking you to complete a short census form online. One in every 3 households will also be asked to fill out a longer voluntary questionnaire, called the National Household Survey (NHS).

If you are selected to complete the NHS, UJA Federation is asking you to do so in order to help Toronto's Jewish community plan for the future and continue to thrive.

Jewish community members who fill in the NHS, and identify themselves as Jewish (question 22), will help, according to UJA Federation, ensure a robust, Jewish population presence in Canada, a strong community voice and the provision of future needs.

"The information that we provide by completing the National Household Survey will help to accurately reflect Jewish population growth, strengthen our voice with all levels of government, allow UJA and other agencies to meet community needs, and offer the necessary data for governments to make funding decisions," explains Sheldon Goodman, Co-chair, UJA Federation Committee on Public Affairs.

Statistics Canada has repeatedly said that it will not release Census data unless it is deemed reliable, and the next census isn't for another ten years. In order to uncover vital, useful data such as Jewish populations by neighbourhood, StatsCan needs approximately 16,000 Jewish community members in the GTA to complete the NHS. Simply put, the higher the response rate, the more accurate the data.

UJA Federation is asking those selected to complete the National Household Survey

"JIAS Toronto has relied heavily on the census data and especially on the census analysis series done by Montreal demographer Charles Shahar (and UJA Federation) in 2005 in all its planning processes," said Janis Roth, Executive Director, JIAS Toronto. "The census data provided the evidence and the Shahar series provided the critical analysis necessary to draw the right conclusions to inform programs and develop relevant services for Jewish immigrants arriving to the GTA. We learned about migration patterns, income levels and employment needs, language and the rapid growth of York Region amongst other factors."

"Representing a social service agency charged with responding to complex patterns of need and to addressing the effects of poverty in our community, I am very concerned that the omission of crucial data regarding employment, income, education and home ownership will significantly interfere with our ability to allocate resources and make funding decisions with confidence," said Richard Cummings, Executive Director, Jewish Family & Child (JF&CS). "Good policy, best practices and effective intervention rely on these data."

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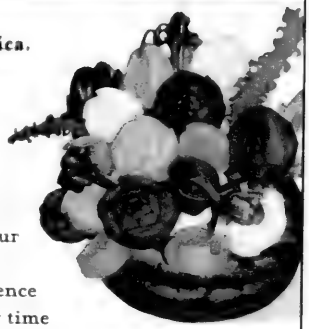

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CIJA head says door remains open

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Shimon Fogel, the new CEO of CIJA – or Newco, as the restructured Jewish community advocacy apparatus is being temporarily called – said he was "confident" that Farber's move into politics would continue to contribute to the "welfare of our community" and that Jewish Ontarians would "continue to benefit from his knowledge, expertise and commitment to amcha (the Jewish people)."

Fogel also said he would welcome Farber back to Newco if he wanted to return to Jewish communal work.

"If Bernie's political aspirations do not work, there is absolutely an honoured place for him within the organization," he said.

Fogel added: "However, CJC – like the other agencies [currently operating under CIJA, which include the Canada-Israel Committee, University Outreach Committee and the Quebec-Israel Committee] – will no longer exist as an independent entity. So his role will be defined within the context of the new advocacy agency."

Shimon Fogel

The anticipated roll-out of the new national advocacy structure is now scheduled for some time in June, Fogel said.

Asked to reflect on his time in Congress, Farber said he wanted to thank its "incredible and wonderful" staff, and he fondly recalled his time at the organization.

He said he was "immensely proud" of what Congress had accomplished under his watch.

"We have worked especially effectively with interlocutors outside of our community. That's been the real strength of Congress. For example, when the United Church of Canada was poised to vote on a boycott, divestment and sanctions resolution last year in B.C., CJC went there to work the room and turned that around. That, to me, is a huge part of our legacy."

Ironically, he said, his first job with Congress in 1984 was as an advocate at Queen's Park trying to secure government funding for Jewish day schools, a subject that will likely be a lightning rod for debate within the Jewish community regarding his candidacy.

That's because he'll be running for a party that has refused to fund Jewish day schools. Premier Dalton McGuinty has said continually that public funding for faith-based schools is not in the cards.

As Congress CEO, Farber has been outspoken on this file over the years, arguing that the issue is one of fairness and citing the fact the province funds Catholic schools to the exclusion of those of other faiths.

Farber said he's reconciled this paradox by realizing that "knocking on the door" from the outside is not a strategy that has worked. But if he wins a seat in the legislature, whether as part of the ruling party or in opposition, he believes he'll be in a better position to work on the issue from the political side.

"While the premier and I may disagree on this subject, I'll have the opportunity to speak inside the tent and try to effect change. My values... and position on funding [for Jewish day schools] have not changed," he said.

Farber said his whole professional life has centred on two issues: human rights and social justice. This is mainly due to the inspiration and influence of his Holocaust survivor father – his family hails from Bocki, Poland – who taught him to always fight for these values.

Rabbi Reuven Bulka, whom Farber calls his "rav" – Rabbi Bulka married Farber and his wife and is chair of Congress' religious and interreligious affairs committee – has watched and mentored the soon-to-be former Congress CEO from his days as a student activist in Ottawa.

Peter Shurman

The rabbi said that while he avoids publicly endorsing political candidates, he wanted to thank Farber for his work at Congress. He also joked that the term "activist" didn't do justice to Farber's time at Carleton University.

"He was a hyper-activist," Rabbi Bulka quipped. "As CEO of Congress, Bernie had a fire in his belly and did not shrink from issues or compromise his principles."

Rabbi Bulka cited Farber's "intense love" for the Jewish community as the driving force that served him well at Congress. "His father was a survivor... He understands what the community has been through."

Farber said he knows some of his staff and people in the community are frightened of the changes that are about to occur at Congress, but he said he preferred to look at the glass as "half full."

"Change can be good, and it can be renewing and energizing. We have to stay positive in our hearts that there will be room [in Newco] for those who have been dedicated to Congress."

Esther approaches King Achashverosh in Laya Crust's megillah

Toronto soferet writes a modern megillah

Jennifer M. MacLeod
Special to The CJN

An observant Toronto artist and soferet (scribe) is restoring images of women while adding contemporary meanings to a classic biblical text with her illuminated Megillat Esther.

Commissioned by Rabbi Shalom Schachter and his wife, Marcia Gilbert, Laya Crust's ornate, often whimsical full-colour megillah is on display at St. Michael's College's Kelly Library until June 18.

Beyond the megillah's brilliant illuminations, Crust – an experienced calligrapher – "spent one to 1-1/2 years practising *sofrut*," perfecting the techniques before putting quill to parchment.

Traditionally prohibited from writing Torahs, mezuzot and tfillin, women may write megillot and ketubot. Crust, a member of the Mizrachi Bayit congregation, spent one month on the text, using an extremely difficult page layout in which 11 of 16 columns begin with the word hamelech.

For the illuminations, Crust drew on her experience working with clients. "I try to use imagery that brings my client into the piece," says Crust.

Gilbert agrees. "Laya really gets to know you as a person…it was exciting to see some of the personal stuff."

Rabbi Schacter and his brother Joseph used to dress up as scheming guards Bigtan and Teresh, so Crust painted them into the megillah, with a tiny pair of glasses for Joseph. Gilbert and Schacter appear, as do their children. Crust is there, too, as a scribe, writing letters to send throughout Achashverosh's kingdom.

The personal touches add to the sumptuous Persian-inspired illustrations. "I love the foliage lines. It's opulent and wonderful – I didn't want to stop," says Crust.

Characters wear authentic 16th-century Persian dress, with a tallit for Mordechai. In one scene, he wears the rainbow tallit created by Rabbi Schachter's father, Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, founder of the Jewish Renewal movement. Crust also painted Gilbert's mother, Esther, who was buried on Purim a decade ago.

To bring the characters to life, Crust asked herself, "What were they thinking, feeling?" One scene shows a sleepless Achashverosh in bed, leaning peevishly on his pillow, bags under his eyes, worry lines across his brow, pyjamas endearingly dotted with tiny moons and stars, while Haman lurks outside the door.

Crust, an award-winning artist who has also worked in clay, fabric and glass, has created more than 500 ketubot, many of which are available as prints on her website (www.layacrust.com). As a religious soferet, she said that she's proud to "join a line of history of sofrim going back thousands of years."

For Crust, the message of the Book of Esther is to stand up against hatred. The page on which the 10 sons of Haman are listed depicts 10 figures who represent antisemitism and evil throughout history – from Pharaoh to Queen Isabella to Hitler.

Standing up includes gender rights, and Crust included women in almost every scene. In one, Vashti turns her back on male courtiers. The hem of her dress shows a neat row of tiny "female" symbols, a Renaissance astrological reference to the planet Venus.

After leaving St. Michael's College on June 18, the megillah will likely be shown in other museums, and then it will return home to be stitched together and put away to be read and enjoyed next Purim.

For more information about the exhibit, contact Marcia Gilbert at 416-636-0500 or Leslie Belzak of St. Michael's College at 416-926-7286.

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Reena in the News

Reena

This month marks the 10th anniversary of the opening of Reena's first home dedicated specifically to the needs and comfort of young men with autism. The Martin and Heather Goose Home for young men with autism and complex needs was opened in 2001 when the Goose family made a generous donation for the home to the Reena Foundation. Since then, the partnership between individuals, families, government and Reena has been strengthened by the dedication of staff, families and donors who want to create the best of care for all people with disabilities.

Lee's Story

In 1994, Lee's family began the long roller coaster ride to find the appropriate services for him, a teenager with autism and complex needs.

Lee is a handsome, verbal, and affectionate youth. However all of this is overshadowed by the severity and length of his aggressions. After a very traumatic experience in the psychiatric ward of a local hospital and temporary placement at a children's facility, Lee went to live in a residence which was supposed to have the appropriate services but did not really meet his needs. He remained there for five years. His parents drove the 100 mile round trip to bring him home on weekends, determined that he would always be part of their circle of family and friends.

Providentially Lee's older sister, a nursing student, had a practicum at the Battle Centre and was able to introduce her family to Reena. After a ten minute interview, her mother decided that this was the organization that could help them in their search for a home for Lee. She and her husband joined a Reena parent group, and with support from Reena staff, were on their way to creating the type of facility they believed that their son and others deserved. The first step was to develop a Life Plan for Lee. This took one and a half years. It took a further three years to secure funding from the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Then it was time to search for the best programming and housing for their son. Lee's mother continues, "It was essential to have qualified and well-trained staff that could monitor and administer medication while meeting the ever-changing challenges of his behaviour. We desperately wanted him in a safe and caring community where he would be valued and supported and where our family could take an active role." After looking at many service providers and considering their son's needs, they decided that Reena was the right place for him.

In his mother's words, "*We selected Reena and we have never for one moment regretted our decision. The front line staff that work with Lee are amazing! They are always looking for creative ways to engage him in activities.*"

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Counting more than time

Rabbi Zushe Silberstein

Rabbinic Reflections

On Passover, God took the Jews out of Egypt, but He didn't take Egypt out of the Jews. He liberated our people from slavery, but didn't change their slave mentality. That task, the refinement of their individual nature and the cultivation of their spiritual personalities, He left to the people themselves.

This pattern is not merely a story of the past. Every year on Passover, God takes us out of Egypt, giving us the opportunity to experience spiritual liberation. But after Passover, He asks us to internalize that experience and make our spiritual heights part of our own personal framework. And He entrusts the responsibility for this endeavour to us.

We can't expect spiritual growth and heightened consciousness to happen by itself or to be granted to us from above on a consistent basis. Instead, Judaism has always put the emphasis on personal initiative. We ourselves can change ourselves. This endeavour is a lifelong task for each of us, 365 days a year. Nevertheless, every year, a period of time is set aside when these efforts become the focus of our attention.

This reflects the spiritual significance of sfirat haOmer, counting the Omer, the period of 49 days between the holidays of Passover and Shavuot. The people of Israel departed Egypt on the 15th of Nisan (the first day of Passover). Forty-nine days later, on the sixth of Sivan, celebrated ever since as the festival of Shavuot, they assembled at the foot of Mount Sinai and received the Torah from God.

According to Kabbalah, Jewish mystical tradition, we have seven fundamental emotional qualities. These qualities interrelate, combining with each other to form the full range of human feeling. Seven multiplied by seven equals 49, the number of days mentioned above. This is not coincidental, for the cultivation of our spiritual personalities during these 49 days involves the refinement of our emotions, eliminating their coarseness and directing them to godliness.

The Hebrew word *sfirah* means "counting." But it also means "shining." During these 49 days, we should endeavour to make our personalities shine.

Each year, we retrace this inner journey with our counting of the Omer. Beginning on the second night of Passover, we count the days and weeks: "Today is one day to the Omer"; "Today is two days to the Omer"; "Today is seven days, which are one week to the Omer"; and so on, until "Today is 49 days, which are seven weeks to the Omer." Shavuot, the Festival of Weeks, is the product of this count, driven by the miracles and revelations of the Exodus, but achieved by a methodical, 49-step process of self-refinement within the human soul.

As we work to upgrade our emotional potential, we prepare ourselves to relive the experience of the giving of the Torah on the holiday of Shavuot.

By taking the Egyptian slave mentality out of us through a focus on climbing the 49 steps to personal perfection, we will all merit the revelation of godliness on this earth, the time of Mashiach when "the universe will be filled with the knowledge of God as the ocean is filled with water."

Rabbi Zushe Silberstein is spiritual leader of Chabad Chabanel of Montreal.

What about immortality?

Bookmarks

Bernard Baskin

Does Judaism accept the concept of life after death? I find that even knowledgeable and observant Jews aren't sure.

About 2,000 years ago, there was a sharp difference of opinion. The Sadducees argued they couldn't find this teaching in the Torah. As strict interpreters of scripture, they opposed the idea. But the Pharisees – sages of the Talmud who interpreted the Torah in a more liberal and open manner – maintained there were enough hints and references to life after death in the Torah to justify this belief. And so it's endured in Jewish tradition, and all branches of Judaism accept it.

Yet confusion and uncertainty remain. In the Middle Ages, some rabbis believed in physical resurrection – that at some future time, all who had died would be brought back to life in physical form. But eminent authorities, including Maimonides, thought this was gross superstition.

Jewish theologians were troubled by the problem of reward and punishment. The Torah is clear that God will act justly and fairly. If so, why do the righteous suffer? Why do the evil prosper? One solution to this dilemma was to relegate the question to another realm – the afterlife, where the righteous would win eternal reward, and the wicked would be punished.

But other sages maintained there should be no connection between righteous behaviour and material reward. They taught, "Do not be like servants who serve their master out of expectation for reward. Be rather like servants who serve their master out of love." For them, a reward for doing good robs righteousness of any moral quality. Morality isn't a commercial enterprise.

Another reason for much of the uncertainty about immortality is that Judaism is much more concerned with this life than with any other. Overwhelmingly, Judaism's concern is with this world's problems, and our obligation to bring God's kingdom closer to reality.

Rabbi Joshua Loth Liebman expressed this idea in his brilliant book *Piece of Mind*. "All men today need the healthy-mindedness of Judaism, the natural piety with which the Jew declares, 'One world at a time is enough.' It is the better part of wisdom to live fully, richly, nobly, here and now, and make possible a society where other men can so live."

It's understandable that in a scientific age, views about immortality would change radically. Albert Einstein declared, "Neither can I believe that the individual survives the death of the body, although feeble souls harbour such thoughts through fear or ridiculous egotism."

A cynic suggested that millions who long for immortality don't know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon.

The irrepressible Woody Allen said, "I don't want to achieve immortality through my work. I want to achieve immortality by not dying."

One of the oldest synagogue practices is for mourners to recite *Kaddish* in memory of loved ones. This prayer doesn't mention death. It's a declaration of praise to God.

It seems to say there's more "wonder" in life than all our philosophies can fathom. The poet sings it, the artist paints it, the prophet catches it in a vision. We may not be artists, poets or prophets, but we can sense the mystery.

Israel advocacy revamp needed?

Israel advocacy in the United States is managed by a diverse and often confusing array of organizations and interest groups. The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) is recognized as perhaps the most dominant of the various lobbies that promote Israel's welfare. Then there is the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, which has AIPAC as one of its 51 members and whose members in turn sit on AIPAC's executive committee. The mandates of these two behemoths complement each other, although their principal responsibilities are apportioned in a way that's intended to prevent duplication in the halls of government.

In addition, there are a variety of associated groups within and outside of the Conference of Presidents – and an emerging number of competitors – that have each tried to carve out their particular niche in the broad tapestry of political opinion that strives to nurture the U.S.-Israel relationship. Also included in the mix are a smaller number of independently funded, arguably more academically driven, think-tanks, such as the Middle East Forum and the Israel Project.

But despite what appears to be an impressive, though inevitably cumbersome, lobbying apparatus that represents just about every stripe of political affiliation nationally, the realities at the grassroots level may be different. That's where Jewish federations are empowered to co-ordinate community advocacy.

But there has been dissension, for example, in Indiana, where, last October, a new organization, the Jewish American Affairs Committee of Indiana (JAACI) was established as an alternative to the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), the advocacy arm of the local federation.

What prompted the breakaway, according to columnist Jonathan Rosenblum (*Jerusalem Post*, May 6), was the "perceived passivity of the traditional communal organizations on Israel." Especially galling were the JCRC's preoccupation with "social justice" issues and its penchant for sponsoring programs that "typically included 'pro-Palestinian' voices to maintain balance," presumably at the expense of a strong and unequivocal pro-Israel position.

My View

Laurence Hart

Other pockets of discontent with what has been described as local federations' "politicization and seeming indifference to Israel's image" have also been simmering in larger centres, such as New York City, Washington D.C., and Philadelphia.

In his article, Rosenblum draws attention as well to campus advocacy, or lack thereof, stating that "nowhere has the failure of the mainstream organizations been more obvious than on university campuses."

Although it remains to be seen how the JAACI initiative plays itself out, what's apparent is that there may be mounting dissatisfaction with the priorities of the federation movement in the United States.

Trends within Canada's Jewish communal agencies, notably the federations, are viewed by some as not that dissimilar from what we're seeing in Indiana and elsewhere. Key points of criticism are directed at what's perceived as the federations' nuanced positions on Israel-related advocacy when such straw men as "local needs," the much misunderstood concept of "tikkun olam," Jewish-Muslim "dialogue," and (usually campus-based) "freedom of speech" become part of the equation.

It's maybe not too much of a stretch to anticipate that, unless our local and national agencies begin to pay more careful attention to what they now tend to dismiss as merely dissident voices, it's possible that the Indiana experiment might find a foothold on their doorsteps.

Lactose intolerant and loving Shavuot

Unlike other Jewish holidays, only one festival, Shavuot, has become synonymous with dairy foods. There are people who would be happy to sit down to a table groaning under the weight of blintzes, kugel, onion soup, quiche and cheesecake. The problem is that they are lactose intolerant, and all that dairy food can leave them with an upset stomach and worse. Or perhaps they can't indulge in dairy because they are watching their cholesterol. What to do? Check out the dairy substitute advice on the web.

Jewish & Digital

Mark Mietkiewicz

How serious is lactose intolerance among Jews? Surprisingly high according to a study published in the journal *American Family Physician*. It says that 60 to 80 per cent Ashkenazi Jews are lactose intolerant. **[http://bit.ly/shav21]** A study cited by the Wikipedia entry on lactose intolerance suggests that the rate among Sephardi Jews is slightly lower. **[http://bit.ly/shav22]**

Phyllis Glazer writes in the *Jerusalem Post*, "soy milk is one alternative to regular milk... Other possibilities are coconut milk, rice milk, oatmeal milk and quinoa milk [though after tasting I personally wouldn't buy any of the last three]." Glazer continues, "For dessert, it's easy to find non-dairy ice creams in every supermarket (non-dairy, but chemical rich). Ichh. But if you're allergic to milk, it doesn't necessarily mean you have to put up with chemical additives, especially when it's so easy and good to make things like 'feta' or 'ricotta' out of wholesome ingredients like tofu." **[http://bit.ly/shav23]**

Chabad.org presents a blintz recipe with an assortment of non-dairy fillings including apple, nut, low-carb potato and parve "cheese." **[http://bit.ly/shav24]**

As for that emblematic cheesecake, I came across several recipes that call for tofu cream cheese (a.k.a. Tofutti), along with non-dairy heavy cream and soy milk. **[http://bit.ly/shav25]** Interestingly, the recipe for Parve at Sinai Cake uses "silken" tofu and advises against a cream cheese substitute product like Tofutti. This cake "can be made gluten-free, too, with tapioca flour, which is made from cassava, a tuber of the bitter variety of yucca." **[http://bit.ly/shav26]**

As Prevention.com points out, levels of lactose intolerance can vary and some people can tolerate (and enjoy) aged cheese like cheddar or Swiss. That's what they put into their Portobello Personal Pizza Pies. There are recipes for Cheesy Baked Ziti with Less Cheese (with lactose-reduced or lactose-free milk) and Greek Salad ("Feta cheese, cottage cheese, farmer cheese, sour cream, and cream cheese seem to be medium-lactose products that can often be eaten in small amounts.") **[http://bit.ly/shav27]**

Finally, a halachic reality check. If dairy makes you ill, don't feel guilty about skipping it. As the Aish HaTorah rabbi says: "Eating dairy on Shavuot is only a custom, whereas 'enjoying yom tov' has the status of Torah law. So when the two ideas conflict... it is better to preserve your enjoyment of the Shavuot holiday and not eat dairy." **[http://bit.ly/shav28]**

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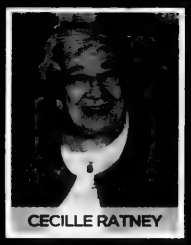
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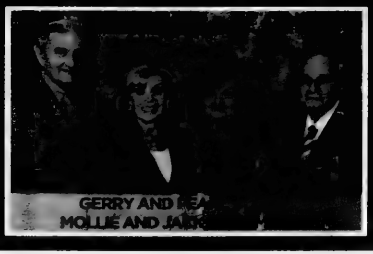
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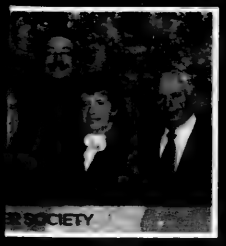

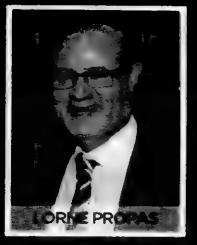

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13-year-olds dance their way to the top

Layra Fixman
Intern

The winners of the 2011 Canadian Closed Dancesport Championship, Tony Cooperman and Sabrina Flisfeder, who are both 13, have been dancing more than half their lives.

When Sabrina was in senior kindergarten, she took jazz and ballet, which she loved. When she started ballroom dancing at the age of seven, she didn't like it at first.

Tony was also a reluctant dancer when he began ballroom dancing at the age of six or seven. At the time, he played soccer, swam and took art and piano lessons. His mother, Tania, encouraged him to join a group dance lesson once a week, but at first he wanted to quit because there were more girls than boys.

"I asked him to continue for two more lessons, and if he wants to quit, he will," Cooperman said.

Tony stayed with it and hasn't looked back since. Two years ago, he set aside all his other extracurricular activities and dedicated himself to dance.

Cooperman plans to continue to support her son's dancing. "Tony is doing what he's passionate about, and as a mom, I'm doing everything to support him," she said.

The Dancesport Championship competition was held at the Doubletree by Hilton in Toronto last month. For the event Tony and Sabrina were competing in, there were seven Canadian judges and two American judges.

Sabrina Flisfeder and Tony Cooperman at their ballroom dancing competition.

"It was full of excitement," Sabrina's mother, Elena Gutkin, said. "It was filled with expectations on the part of the dancers."

Tony and Sabrina began dancing together three years ago. Sabrina said that although she doesn't know what she'll do when she grows up, she could never quit dancing because it's a part of her that could never be removed.

"She's very passionate about dancing, but she wants to keep her opportunities open," Gutkin said.

Tony's mother said that her son's goals are more specifically about dance, including becoming a professional dancer and dancing in all major world competitions.

Tony and Sabrina practise at least six days a week, for three hours at a time. Sometimes they practise every day of the week when they're working toward a difficult competition, such as the Junior World Standard competition in Chisinau, Moldova, where they will be representing Canada in October.

For the Dancesport Championship, Tony and Sabrina had to complete five dances in each of the Latin and standard categories. They won second in both those categories, but placed first over all, as they did last year. For all the hard work they did, they came away with a medal and a large trophy.

"Canadians are the milestone for the whole year of very hard work," Gutkin said.

Sabrina said she is relieved that the Dancesport Championship is over, but she is excited for the opportunity to represent Canada again at this year's world championships in Moldova.

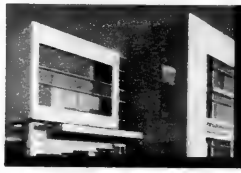
Tony and Sabrina are often among the younger dancers at competitions. There are six classes of competitors at the junior level – pre-bronze, bronze, silver, gold, pre-champ and champ. Tony and Sabrina compete at the champ level.

They take standard dance lessons, including waltz, tango, Viennese waltz, foxtrot and quickstep, at the Toronto Ballroom Dance studio in Woodbridge, Ont. They also take Latin dance lessons, including cha-cha, samba, rumba, pasodoble and jive.

Gutkin said that working together has had a positive effect on both Tony and Sabrina and has allowed them to be successful enough to place first for two years in a row in the Dancesport Championship.

"I think they learn a lot from working together," Gutkin said.

She added that they were excited to win their second championship, and they're hoping to some day win a third.



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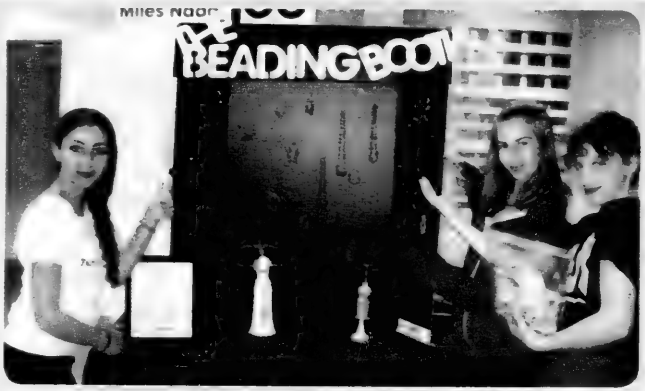

JEWEL MAKERS: After creating jewelry in their beading club all year, grade 5 and 6 students at the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School sold handmade necklaces and bracelets in the lobby of the Miles Nadal JCC and raised more than $700 for Free The Children. Pictured, from left, are Maya Freeman, Yafa Bale and Zoe Bernard.

MITZVAH DAY

Aiden Goldshmidt, a Grade 5 student at the Toronto Heschel School, packs a bag filled with birthday supplies for Yellow Brick House, a shelter and counselling centre for homeless and battered women and their children. The activity was part of Heschel's annual Mitzvah Day, which also involved packing lunches for Ve'ahavta, tie-dying shirts for children in need and opening the school's organic teaching garden.

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Thursday, May 26

CARD DAY

National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section, Thornhill study group, holds a card day, Council House, 4700 Bathurst St., noon-4 p.m. Bring cards and play bridge, kaluki or other card games (no mah-jong). Tickets $20, includes light lunch, raffle ticket, door prizes. Call 416-633-5100.

FAMILY IN ISRAEL

Emunah Women of Toronto annual Family in Israel Dinner honours the late **Hannah Schusheim-Beigel** and her family, **Evelyn** and **Murray Hoffman** and family, the late **Belle Rosenfield**, and **Bea** and **Jerry Rosenfield**. Shaarei Shomayim, 6:30 p.m. **Hillel Neuer** keynote speaker. Call aryellaweisz@rogers.com.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Temple Har Zion presents **Rabbi Cory Weiss**, speaking on Pirkei Avot, noon-1 p.m. Bring dairy or vegetarian lunch. 905-889-2252.

Friday, May 27

CARLEBACH SHABBAT

Shaar Shalom presents a Carlebach Kabbalet Shabbat, with **Cantor Ben Silverberg**. 6:50 p.m., Cayne Family Chapel.

Monday, May 30

CONTROL BLOOD SUGARS

Jewish Diabetes Chapter of the Canadian Diabetes Association presents **George Fantus**, director, Banting & Best Diabetes Centre on "Controlling Blood Sugars: The Best Methods and Many Benefits." Shaarei Shomayim, 8 p.m. $1. Wheelchair accessible. 416-363-0177, ext. 7403.

Tuesday, May 31

TEMPLE HAR ZION PROGRAMS

Daytime program committee presents **Ian Scott**, discussing "The World of Opera." Bring lunch (at noon): coffee, tea, cookies provided. Program at 12:30 p.m. Members $3, non-members $5.

Adult education committee presents **Rabbi Emeritus Michael Stroh**'s continuing lecture series "What I Believe: Thoughts from 46 years of Being a Rabbi." 7:30 p.m. Members $3, guests $5. Call 905-889-2252 for both programs.

Wednesday, June 1

JEWISH MUSIC

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue presents **Charles Heller**, asking, "What's Jewish About Jewish Music?" With music and songs by **Dmitri Shostakovich**, **Maurice Ravel** and others. Features soprano **Stacie Carmona** and pianist **Natalya Tyomkina**. 7:30 p.m. $15. Tickets at shul office, 416-633-3838.

YOM YERUSHALAYIM

Music, songs, stories, legends and art of Jerusalem. Coffee and dessert. Sephardic Kehila Centre, 7026 Bathurst, 8 p.m. Free.

Thursday, June 2

GUIDE DOGS

Canadian Friends of the Israel Guide Dog Centre for the Blind holds an "Evening of Miracles" at the Eglinton Grand. Guest is **Moti Levy**, an IDF veteran with his guide dog, **Sammy. Sophie Milman** performs. MC **Ralph Benmergui.** 7:30 p.m., tickets $125/person. 416-577-3600.

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Other News

ICE CREAM SHABBAT

Temple Har Zion holds a family-friendly musical Kabalat Shabbat service, followed by an ice-cream buffet oneg. June 3, 6:30 p.m. Call 905-889-2252.

CHORALAIRS OF NORTH YORK

End of season concert, Sunday, June 5, 1:30 p.m., Earl Bales Park Community Centre, 4169 Bathurst St. Broadway, pop and folk songs. No charge. Call **Sally**, 416-636-8247, **Martha**, 905-884-3730, e-mail sally@sympatico.ca.

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Kavanah Kids "Creatures and Critters," July 4-8, 9 a.m.-noon. Discover animals that live in Kavanah Garden, Shoresh's Jewish organic garden. Make furry, feathered, scaly and slimy animal friends.

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Both programs for children 6-10 years old. Kavanah Garden, 18 Lebovic Campus Dr. $150/child/session or $275 for both sessions. Call www.shoresh.ca or 416-805-8382.

SPRING AT SHAAREI TEFILLAH

Continuing programs: Learn to Pray, with **Gord Lindsay**

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Daf Yomi with **Rabbi Avraham Bartfeld.** Weekdays 6:30-7:30 a.m.

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BEREAVEMENT SEMINARS

Temple Har Zion holds a three-part series of bereavement seminars led by professionals, and open to temple members and community guests, regardless of when the loss. First speaker **Mary Vachon**, nurse, sociologist, psychotherapist, researcher, educator and cancer survivor. June 9, 7:30 p.m. No charge. Call 905-889-2252.

ACCOMMODATION REGISTRY

UJA Jewish Information Service of Greater Toronto will help rent your basement apartment or an extra room, or help you find a place to live. Lipa Green Centre, 416-635-5600, jinfo@ujafed.org.

HOLOCAUST DATA

Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre, UJA Federation, and Canadian Jewish Holocaust Survivors are compiling a definitive database of Holocaust survivors living in Canada, through a grant from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. If you, your parents, grandparents or someone you know is a Holocaust survivor, please complete the form available on the website: www.holocaustcentre.com/About/Canadian-Holocaust-Survivors-Database. Call **Efrat Daniel Porat**, 416-635-0925, for more information.

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD

June workshops: preregistration required. Call **Shawna Sidney**, 416-638-7800, ext. 6215, or www.jfandcs.com.

Adolescents and Divorce: Workshop for parents with adolescents going through a separation or divorce. June 2, Lipa Green Centre, 7-9 p.m.

Making brownies, Not Mud Pies: A recipe for creating empathy and preventing bullying. June 15, 7-8:30 p.m., 35 Madison Ave. Space limited.

High-conflict divorce: Workshop for parents wanting to develop strategies and techniques to deal with a high-conflict situation. Not for individuals in an abusive situation. June 15, Promenade Mall, suite 313, 6:30-9 p.m.

FOR SENIORS

Beth Sholom Synagogue, Chai Society Group, holds lunch and erev Shavuot study session with **Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich**. Tuesday, June 7, noon. $10. Call **Rivy**, 416-783-6103, ext. 228.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. (55+). **Valerie.** 416-395-7881. Half-price membership special. Casino Rama, Wednesday, June 15; Sunday dance, June 26, 7 p.m. Complimentary seniors exercise class, Monday, June 6, 10 a.m. Call to register. Ongoing activities Thursdays, social bridge 12:30 p.m. and line dancing, Thursdays 10 a.m. Seniors woodworking, skilled craftsmen, repairs, etc. Call 416-630-6787.

Bernard Betel Centre, 416-225-2112. **Myriam Shechter** lectures, Tuesday, May 31. "Mozart and DaPonte: A Match Made in Heaven." 10-11:30 a.m. Members $3, non-members $6. Wednesday, June 1, Bingo Bonanza, 1-3 p.m. Thursday, June 2, wellness lecture –"The Steps to Effective Communication." **Judy Weiss**. 1:30-2:30 p.m. No charge.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell. 416-630-9444.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday afternoon socials. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl**, 416-635-6317 or **Marcia**, 416-932-1229.

Miles Nadal JCC Active Seniors. 416-924-6211, co-ordinator **Phyllis**, ext. 155. Computer course – beyond the basics. Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m. $70. Seniors choir (55+) Tuesdays 1-2:30 p.m. $3 drop-in fee.

Wagman Centre, 416-785-2500, ext. 2275

Book club, facilitated by **Marilyn Fine**. Thursday, May 26, 1:30 p.m. Fireside Lounge.

Entertainers of the Wagman Centre looking for energetic seniors. Now working on a program dedicated to the '50s – folk tunes, crooners' songs, rock 'n' roll. Contact **Judy Ross**, 416-733-0580.

Lecture series. Part 2 of Great Jewish Canadians. **Adam Fuerstenberg** talks about the life and career of the late **David Lewis**, NDP leader. Classrooms A and B, Monday, May 30, 3-4 p.m. Light refreshments. Members $5, guests $7.

Baycrest BRAVO Study

Can volunteering help with healthy aging? Baycrest is conducting a research study to measure the effect of doing volunteer work on the cognitive, physical and emotional health of retired volunteers. Individuals aged 55 or older, not working and not in another formal volunteer position (informal volunteer roles such as family care-giving are OK) and willing to contribute three volunteer hours per week at Baycrest over a 12-month period are invited to participate. Contact the Baycrest Volunteer Office, 416-785-2500, ext. 2572, or e-mail bravo@baycrest.org.

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.

Current events, with **Peter Diamant**. Thursdays, 12:45-2:15 p.m.

International and Israeli folk dance, with **Teme** and **Sandy.** Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.

Senior social art, with **Lil Goldman.**

Next prenatal session run by a nurse from Mount Sinai, July 10 and 17. Space limited to 12 couples.

MILES NADAL JCC

750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211. www.mnjcc.org.

Support group for adult children of Holocaust survivors – joint program with Baycrest. Call **Harriet Wichin**, harrietw@mnjcc, or **Shoshana Yaakobi** (Baycrest) 416-785-2500, ext. 2271, or syaakobi@baycrest.org.

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TIKKUN OLAM IN GUATEMALA: Participants in the Kolel-Access Education "voluntour" to Guatemala finish painting a classroom in the rural district of La Union. The tour included teaching in the school and meeting with Guatemalan Jews. In the centre, back row, is Rabbi Elyse Goldstein and in the centre, front row, is Adrienne Rosen, the voluntour co-leaders. Tour participants, in the back row, from left, are Davidah Wolf, Janyce Lastman, Freda Browns, Thelma Feldman, Rabbi Goldstein, Naomi Fromm, Susan Bloom and Sylvia Bereskin

SINGLES EVENTS WILL RETURN

OBITUARIES
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Saul Laks	May 5/11	82 Buttonwood Avenue
Helen Gameroff	May 5/11	55 Ameer Avenue
Sandi Kert-Steciuk	May 6/11	1146 Fleet Street
Ruth Verbeeten	May 7/11	484 Steeles Avenue W.
Sarah Jakubowicz	May 7/11	3705 Bathurst Street
Harold Alter	May 7/11	48 Cocksfield Avenue
Ernest Perza	May 8/11	25 Shasta Drive
Rachel Gordon	May 9/11	3560 Bathurst Street
Mary Pollock	May 8/11	2121 Bathurst Street
Ethel Fox	May 8/11	7825 Bayview Avenue
Gary Groman	May 8/11	7 Carysfort Road
Muriel Silverman	May 10/11	2515 Bathurst Street
Isadore Eisen	May 11/11	115 Antibes Drive
Max Richter	May 11/11	3560 Bathurst Street
Jeanne Cahan	May 12/11	484 Steeles Ave. West
Al Ginsberg	May 12/11	569 Sheppard Ave. West
David Blankfort	May 12/11	605 Finch Avenue W.
Issac (Igor) Bajczman	May 13/11	35 Canyon Avenue
Helen Wasserman	May 12/11	3705 Bathurst Street
Howard Malach	May 14/11	6 Chaiwood Court
Karen Samuel	May 14/11	500 Avenue Road

HEBREW BASIC BURIAL

Bernard Dennis	May 7/11	70 Montclair Avenue
Albert Marks	May 14/11	65 Skymark Avenue

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Congregation B'nai Torah Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
SYDNEY GREENSTEIN ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 29th at 1:00 p.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Shaarei Shomayim Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
ANITA KATZMAN ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 5th at 12:30 p.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Dufferin St. N. of Major Mackenzie
Section N - Labour Zionist
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
MARCIA KALNITSKY ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 29th at 12:30 pm
Pardes Chaim Cemetery
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
EVELYN AVRUSKIN ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 29th at 11:00 am
Dawes Road Cemetery
Beth David Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

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UWO pressured to decline Islamic chair funding

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

A group of alumni, faculty and friends of the University of Western Ontario (UWO) hope that a letter protesting a plan to set up a $2-million endowment for a new Islamic studies chair at Huron University College from groups "implicated in violent jihad" will pressure Huron's principal to reject the funding.

The controversy began in March after an announcement by Huron, a college affiliated with UWO, that it will accept funds raised to establish a new Islamic chair in the faculty of theology. The money will be collected in part by the London, Ont.-based Muslim Association of Canada (MAC), and will come from private donors and other Muslim groups, including the Virginia-based International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT) and the Islamic Centre of Southwestern Ontario (ICSO).

In April, a letter signed by 26 alumni, faculty and friends of UWO, including associate professor of economics John Palmer and former political science lecturer Rory Leishman, appealed to Huron's interim principal, Trish Fulton, to reconsider her "ill-advised" decision to "accept funding from any organization implicated in violent jihad."

Leishman, a London-based freelance journalist and spokesperson for the signatories, said three of the organizations that are part of the fundraising effort to establish the chair – MAC, IIIT, and the ICSO – are of particular concern.

The letter states that MAC leaders insist the Muslim group is "peaceful, moderate and democratic," but its website says, "We believe that, in the 20th century, the approach of Imam Hassan Al-Banna best exemplifies [a] balanced, comprehensive understanding of Islam."

Al-Banna, the founder of the Muslim Brotherhood, "was an anti-western exponent of violent jihad who called for the eradication of the state of Israel, and as we pointed out in the letter, he is commended in the 1988 covenant of Hamas for having declared that 'Israel will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it,'" Leishman told *The CJN*.

MAC's president, Dr. Wael Haddara, a UWO medical professor, told the *National Post* his group is only interested in Al-Banna's theology and not his politics, and that MAC has no ties to the Brotherhood.

Leishman said he also takes issue with the Islamic Centre of Southwestern Ontario, because it's headed by Assem Fadel, 75, who is also president of the World Islamic Call Society's (WICS) Canadian branch, which recently had its charitable status revoked by the federal government.

According to a May 7 *Ottawa Citizen* article, government files revealed that WICS was established as a front by Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi to fund terrorist plots, including the failed 2007 plot to blow up John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York.

According to government documents, money was wired to Fadel's personal bank account from Gadhafi's "jihad fund," transferred to the WICS bank account in Canada, and then to bank accounts of known terrorists, the *Citizen* reported.

Upon hearing WICS had been linked to the JFK plot, Fadel told the *Citizen*, "The allegations are unbelievable," adding that money from Gadhafi's "jihad fund" was transferred into his bank account before being deposited into the charity's account, because the deposit was in U.S. funds.

"The charity doesn't have a U.S. bank account, so the money came to me and I distributed the money as directed by the mother organization in Libya," Fadel said.

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PIJ considered a terrorist organization

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The letter to Fulton also gave examples of the IIIT's brush with terrorism.

"In 2003, Shaykh Taha Jabir al-Alwani, a co-founder and former president of the IIIT, was cited as an unindicted, co-conspirator in the trial of Sami al-Arian, an Islamist activist who served a 57-month prison sentence in the United States for conspiring to channel funds to the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ)."

The PIJ is considered a terrorist organization by Public Safety Canada, which describes it as "one of the most violent Palestinian terrorist groups."

In a sworn affidavit filed in 2003, David Kane, a senior special agent with the U.S. Custom Service, referred to al-Alwani and IIIT's founding president AbdulHamid AbuSulayman as "ardent supporters" of PIJ and Hamas.

"They have repeatedly voiced their ideological support, and I've seen repeated instances of their financial support," Kane wrote.

Trish Fulton

Fulton, who responded to the letter on April 7, said that she was "aware of the allegations against IIIT," but said the plan to fund the endowment "was approved by our executive board after a thorough due diligence process."

She added that the process included "reviewing the outcomes of the various decisions that were before the U.S. District Courts dealing with IIIT and its members."

She added that there is no credible evidence that MAC's objective is anything other than "[To establish an Islamic presence in Canada that is balanced, constructive and integrated."

Leishman said he considers Fulton's response to his group's concerns to be a "brush off," adding that it's reckless for Huron "to accept funding from an organization that has been tainted and associated with terrorism, as has the IIIT."

In a statement, Shimon Fogel, CEO of the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy, said if the money is tied to terrorist groups, it's cause for serious concern. "Funds that are derived from organizations associated or affiliated with known extremist groups tarnish the integrity of the academic institutions concerned. Such funding also raises questions about the potential influence of such groups on a Canadian campus," he said.

Leishman said that despite Fulton's promise that the chair will be chosen by the executive board and the dean of theology, the letter signatories are "not at all reassured by that, given that... he who pays the piper calls the tune."

Fulton told *The CJN* that she takes the signatories' concerns very seriously, and when she received the letter in April, it did cause her to re-evaluate her decision, "if only to respond effectively to their concerns. Like any other university, we follow a protocol with respect to any donations that we receive... The particular allegations that were raised in the letter were not new to us. We had thoroughly investigated them in the past."

She said that the Muslim Brotherhood has "nothing to do with our chair in Islamic studies in theology, nor with MAC or IIIT... They think that the teachings of Hassan Al-Banna are appropriate to guide the context of Muslims integrating into modern society."

She added that Al-Banna was assassinated in 1949 and that the concerns that people have with the Brotherhood, "particularly the militant wing of it, are current concerns. To me they don't connect logically to Hassan Al-Banna."

But Leishman said he thinks Fulton is "being willfully blind to the truth on that. We pointed out to her the character of Al-Banna and she just ignored it. I think that is just irresponsible."

Fulton said that if the allegations that the groups had ties to terrorist organizations were true and accepted as fact, she would decline the funding.

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Jewish orgs set up Slave Lake crisis fund

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Ve'ahavta has set up a crisis fund to help the residents of Slave Lake, Alta., recover from the disastrous wildfire that devastated their town over the May 14-15 weekend.

Many of Slave Lake's approximately 7,000 residents lost their homes, and the fire wiped out many buildings and community properties. About 105,000 hectares of land have been scorched and destroyed.

The Toronto-based Jewish humanitarian non-profit organization announced late last week that it had set up the fund in co-operation with the Jewish Federation of Edmonton, under the auspices of the organization's new Canadian Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief (CJCDR).

At present, the coalition is a collection of various "local Toronto synagogues" and individuals who "wish to give quietly," said Seymour Epstein, Ve'ahavta's director of international & education department.

Epstein said his organization and the Edmonton federation want to help with "secondary and tertiary" response efforts for Slave Lake residents.

This help will include distributing gift cards to residents through the local Salvation Army for use at the local mall – one of the few buildings that survived the fires – and donating books to help restore and restock the town's library once it's rebuilt.

"This is a Jewish effort. Jews care about books and reading... we can help them in this regard," Epstein said, adding that this was still just "an idea which hasn't been settled yet."

Local authorities in Slave Lake guess it may be weeks before residents are allowed back to salvage what's left of their homes and begin rebuilding.

Epstein said Ve'ahavta will keep the crisis fund open for "a few weeks" until things normalize in Slave Lake.

"The Edmonton federation will be the main co-ordinator on the ground for our relief efforts," he said.

Russ Joseph, CEO of the Edmonton federation, told *The CJN* his community wanted to come forward and help in any it could.

Edmonton's Jewish community has approximately 5,000 people, he said. While there is no "significant presence" of Jews in Slave Lake, the relief effort "has everything to do with tikkun olam," Joseph added.

"This hits close to home and we feel the need to respond. We have an obligation to try and help... and make a difference in the lives of some of the people in Slave Lake."

Slave Lake is about 250 kilometres north of Edmonton.

At *The CJN*'s deadline, the CJCDR Slave Lake fund had only accumulated "a few hundred dollars" 24 hours after being announced, Epstein said, noting that it was still very early.

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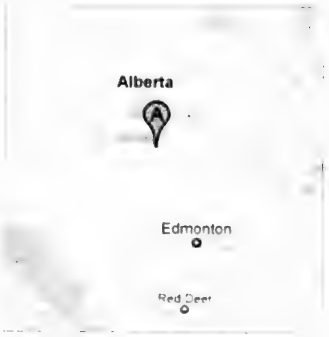

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3 eggs
2 tbsp. oil
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1-1/2 tbsp. sugar
dash of salt

Mix the eggs, oil, and milk in a large bowl. Whisk in the flour, sugar, and salt.

Heat a small amount of oil in a non-stick frying pan. When the pan is really hot, pour in about 1/4 cup batter and tilt the pan to cover the bottom with the batter. Cook briefly, until the bottom of the pancake is lightly browned. Lift the pancake out of the pan carefully and place on a paper towel. Repeat process until all the batter has been used. It probably won't be necessary to re-oil the pan after each pancake. See the note below about low-fat blintzes. Pancakes can be stacked, but keep pile covered with another paper towel.

Low fat blintzes: To cut down on the fat in this recipe, use skim milk and egg substitutes instead of whole eggs. With a non-stick frying pan, little to no oil should be necessary. I usually brush the pan once at the beginning (pastry brush dipped in canola oil) and often don't have to do it again. But it takes practice – beginners may need to oil the pan more frequently. Cooking sprays also work to help keep the pancakes from sticking to the pan.

Cheese Filling:
2 cups cottage cheese (low-fat and nonfat work fine)
1/2 cup plain yogurt (optional)
1 egg or 2 egg whites or 1/4 cup egg substitute)
3 to 4 tbsp. sugar
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
lemon rind (optional)

Blueberry Filling:
blueberries (fresh or frozen)
corn starch
granulated Sugar

The sugar gives it a little sweetness, the cornstarch makes a nice blueberry syrup. Proportions aren't enormously important. Mix the corn starch and sugar and toss the blueberries in the dry mixture. If you like kind of soupy blueberry mush, use more of the dry mixture.

Strawberry Filling:
About the same as the blueberry mix, except use strawberries. Sliced strawberries are better than whole strawberries for this use. If you are using fresh strawberries, be sure to save some to spoon over the top after cooking.

Lemon Filling:
1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1 lemon
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1/4 tsp. vanilla extract
1 can mandarin oranges, drained
1/2 cup chopped and toasted almonds, divided
2 tbsp. butter

Wash and grate lemon zest from one lemon. Squeeze lemon juice. In a small bowl, add lemon zest, lemon juice, and sugar to cream cheese. Beat mixture until light and fluffy. Gently fold in drained orange sections and half of the almonds. Note: If you know you'll be using lemon filling for your blintzes, when you make the pancakes, optionally add 1 tablespoon lemon juice to the batter.

Instructions for Assembling Blintzes

Okay, you've got your blintz pancakes, you've got some filling and now you need to put them together. Clear a nice large work space and make sure you have the following:

- The stack of blintz pancakes, covered with a paper towel.
- The filling and a spoon.
- A plate or other area to fold and stuff blintzes on.
- A large baking pan in which to place finished blintzes. Brush the bottom of the pan with melted butter or spray it with cooking spray before you begin.

Take one blintz pancake (cover your stack again) and put it on your plate or work area. Put a dollop (I just love precise cooking terms) of filling on the pancake toward the end nearest you.

Fold the edge nearest you up over the filling, fold over the sides toward the middle, then roll it up (away from you). Place the blintz in the pan with the loose edge down. That's all there is to it! Refrigerate or freeze at this point if you wish.

To bake: Brush the tops of the blintzes with melted butter or spray with cooking spray and bake at 350 for 30 minutes. Serve hot with sour cream, applesauce, and fresh fruit. (Blintz Fillings: Fills 12-16 pancakes, depending on how generous you are with the filling.)

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How can you deepen your empathy for others?

Empathy is one of those values that I was lucky enough to learn at an early age from my beloved dad. He has always been a kindly sort who really empathized with others, always giving you the feeling that he was right with you on whatever your journey might be.

This is one of those marvellous virtues, especially when it is heartfelt and genuine. Sometimes we can over-empathize, but that is still a happier problem than being unable to step into another person's shoes and feel what they are going through. Some people just don't have that capacity or the desire to develop it. However, more and and more, researchers are discovering that empathy is a necessary ability that will deeply increase not only your professional but your personal fulfilment as well. This is beautifully outlined in Daniel H. Pink's book, *A Whole New Mind: Why Right Brainers Will Rule the Future.*

Life Coach Corner

Judy Siblin-Librach

There is even evidence that empathy is reshaping medicine more directly. There's a wonderful story in Pink's book, in which two postal workers went to different health care professionals complaining of symptoms they believed were related to being exposed to anthrax. They both complained of feeling achy and ill.

The first doctor dismissed the patient's symptoms and didn't prescribe antibiotics, and sent the patient home with orders to take some Tylenol. A few days later, the patient died of anthrax.

The other doctor empathized with the patient, even though she wasn't entirely sure he had what he suspected. Nonetheless, she gave the man a prescription for Cipro, the antibiotic that is prescribed for anthrax, and instead of just sending him home, she kept him at the hospital and referred him to an infectious disease specialist. As it happened, the man did have anthrax, and the doctor's empathy, intuition and willingness to really listen to her patient saved the man's life.

As Pink writes, "To empathize, you need some degree of attachment in order to recognize that you are interacting with a person, not an object, but a person with feelings and whose feelings affect your own."

In evaluating medical students, the board that accredits its medical schools now makes communicating empathetically a factor in a student doctor's overall evaluation. According to Pink, actress Megan Cole actually travels to medical schools all across the United States teaching a course called "The Craft of Empathy." As Pink describes it, "In the class, she instructs doctors-in-training how to use nonverbal cues, such as facial expression, intonation, body language, as well as other acting techniques to better grasp what ails patients and to better convey concern for them. Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia has even developed a measure for this aptitude called the Jefferson Scale of Physician Empathy. (JSPE). That is, all other things being equal, a patient was more likely to get better with an empathic doctor than with a detached one."

This also works with parenting, teaching, coaching sports or any other kind of interaction. I am not suggesting that the hockey coach say, "There, there, you dear boy, you really tried hard to score, you poor thing," but you get the point.

As psychologist Daniel Goleman once said: "Self-absorption in all its forms kills empathy, let alone compassion. When we focus on ourselves, our world contracts as our problems and preoccupations loom large. But when we focus on others, our world expands. Our own problems drift to the periphery of the mind and so seem smaller, and we increase our capacity for connection – or compassionate action."

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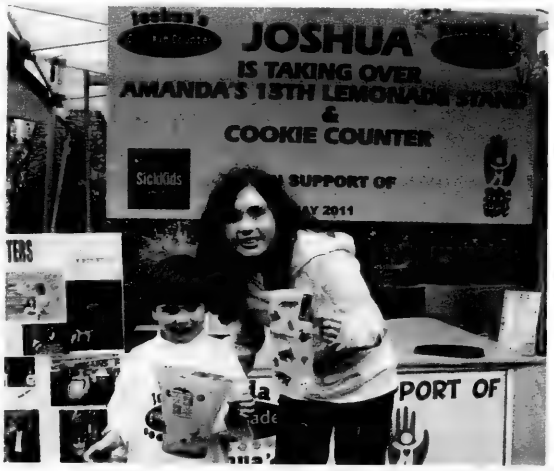

LOTS OF LEMONADE: On May 15, Joshua Belzowski, left, took over his sister Amanda's lemonade stand, which she had operated for 13 years. The annual fundraiser supports Save a Child's Heart, an Israel-based group that gives lifesaving cardiac care to children from developing countries, as well as supporting Sick Kids Labatt Heart Centre here at home. Despite rain and windy weather, Joshua raised almost $9,000, bringing the total raised by the Belzowskis to $160,000. Joshua and Amanda, right, hope to bring their total to $200,000 this year. For more information, visit www.lemonade4heart. Amanda is now focusing on her June 26 teen/young adult event Lemon-Stock, a battle of the bands and talent competition to be judged by Canadian singer Danny Fernandes.

Bereavement series planned

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Temple Har Zion is sponsoring the first of a community-oriented, three-part series on bereavement, 7:30 p.m., June 9 at the temple.

Paulette Volgyesi, chair of the temple's chesed committee and a member of Temple Har Zion for 30 years, said that most bereavement seminars focus on small groups and touch different aspects of grieving. "This time, we're striving to outreach to the community at large."

As her congregation grows, she said, "we are aging. In the past three years, we have sent out 161 letters to members who have experienced loss.

"The experience of death is difficult and can't be avoided. We're often too involved or overwhelmed by our feelings to tap into the spiritual and emotional potential of this experience."

The goal of the seminars are twofold, she said. "[We want] to offer this service to the community, and facilitate an ongoing bereavement group [that could] meet regularly at the temple."

Topics to be covered include suicide, explaining death to children, Jewish perspectives on death and dying, and understanding your emotions and rejoining the world.

The June 9 lecture features Mary Vachon, a nurse, clinical sociologist, psychotherapist, researcher, educator and cancer survivor.

She will present an overview of the grief process, said Volgyesi, "and facilitate a dialogue which we hope will be ongoing. Based on the audience's response to our feedback sheet, we will plan our next sessions. We want to tailor to the needs of the community."

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Digesting Obama's speech

By Ron Kampeas
JTA

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Within hours of President Barack Obama's Middle East policy speech, Israeli leaders and Jewish groups on the left and right were picking through his remarks on Israel, alternately praising, fretting and criticizing.

The big news was that Obama called for negotiations based on the pre-1967 lines, with land swaps.

"We believe the borders of Israel and Palestine should be based on the 1967 lines with mutually agreed swaps, so that secure and recognized borders are established for both states," he said.

That prompted a round of fretting in Israel and among some American Jewish groups: Why did he say 1967 instead of 1949, when Israel's armistice lines were established? Why did Obama bring up borders at all? Is there a difference between "lines" and "borders?"

Obama also said negotiations should start by focusing on territory and security; the status of Jerusalem and the question of Palestinian refugees would come later. That prompted another round of fretting about those two issues.

But there was also relief. Israel and Jewish groups were pleased Obama said he's not happy about Fatah's pact with Hamas. He talked about Israel as a Jewish state, and rejected "delegitimization." He talked about a demilitarized Palestine.

What was missing in all the quarterbacking was the bigger picture: Obama talked about Israeli-Palestinian peace as part of his larger speech on U.S. policy in the region because he believes consideration of the Middle East is impossible without advancing Israeli-Palestinian peace.

U.S. President Barack Obama

"At a time when the people of the Middle East and North Africa are casting off the burdens of the past, the drive for a lasting peace that ends the conflict and resolves all claims is more urgent than ever," Obama said. "That's certainly true for the two parties involved."

Obama believes U.S. interests in the region will be advanced through democratization and development, but that it won't happen unless the Israelis and the Palestinians get it together.

The rebuke to Israelis and Palestinians for failing to reach an accord was implicit but unmistakable at a time when the Palestinians and Israelis appear determined to go divergent ways. Israel's government would prefer incremental advances to an interim solution, while the Palestinians appear to be seeking unilateral statehood by September.

The rebuke is all the sharper on the eve of a visit to Washington by Benjamin Netanyahu; the Israeli prime minister had hoped the meeting would help restore the focus to the threat of Iran.

Netanyahu's statement in response to Obama's speech knocked back the president's key demands, point by point.

"The viability of a Palestinian state cannot come at the expense of the viability of the one and only Jewish state," Netanyahu said, a direct reference to Obama's call for a "viable Palestine, a secure Israel."

The Israeli leader went on to make it clear that the speech did not go far enough in extending reassurances that the Obama administration would protect Israel's interests during negotiations.

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Netanyahu expressed disappointment

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But, even if we somehow got to the table – say, the Fatah-Hamas deal collapses and the Palestinian Authority withdraws its UN initiative – Obama's own conditions could make an interim agreement impossible. Those conditions include Palestinian recognition of Israel as the homeland of the Jewish people – which the PA says it will never do. And it includes serious security arrangements for Israel – in Obama's words, allowing Israel to defend itself "by itself." Given that, under an interim agreement, Israel would be withdrawing to fragile borders while the conflict remains unresolved, those security arrangements would need to be severe. They would include an Israeli military presence along the Jordan River – which the Palestinians have likewise vetoed – and on West Bank hilltops overlooking greater Tel Aviv.

What, then, should Netanyahu say in response to the speech?

He should say yes to the vision, which includes key elements of his own position. Obama's call for Palestinian recognition of a Jewish state is a victory for Netanyahu, who was mocked by the international community and by the Israeli left for insisting on precisely that precondition. Obama's powerful endorsement of the need to preserve Israel's ability – not just abstract right – to defend itself is an opening for Netanyahu to press his case for an Israeli military presence along the Jordan River, Israel's line of first defence in the event of unforeseen regional threats.

Palestinians carry a member of Hamas security forces as they celebrate the reconciliation agreement earlier in the month between Fatah and Hamas. Yossi Klein Halevi, whose analysis appears on page one, points out that the Palestinian agreement makes negotiations for the time being between Israel and the Palestinian Authority impossible. ***[Flash90 photo]***

In a statement following Obama's speech, Netanyahu expressed disappointment in the president's failure to reiterate long-standing American policy against a Palestinian right of return to the Jewish state. Yet that should not be a reason for rejecting Obama's speech. By deferring both the fate of Jerusalem and right of return to a final negotiating phase, Obama has chosen to chastise neither PA leader Abbas for his insistence on right of return nor Netanyahu for his insistence on a united Jerusalem under Israeli rule.

A final agreement would stipulate Jerusalem as the capital of two states. And it would stipulate Palestinian right of return being fulfilled exclusively within the borders of a Palestinian state – without complicated formulas and slippery numbers games and other tricks currently being promoted by the Palestinian leadership and their supporters.

If I were Netanyahu, I wouldn't lose any sleep over the right of return or, for that matter, the status of united Jerusalem. In fact, in the unlikely event that Obama's vision of an interim agreement is ever implemented, the result might well be the permanent deferment of a permanent solution, leaving the Palestinians to dream about Haifa and Jaffa, and Israel to continue maintaining a united Jerusalem.

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Speech was a 'net gain'

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Netanyahu wanted Obama to go as far as President George W. Bush did in 2004.

"Prime Minister Netanyahu expects to hear a reaffirmation from President Obama of U.S. commitments made to Israel in 2004, which were overwhelmingly supported by both Houses of Congress," the statement said.

In his letter that year, Bush called it "unrealistic" to expect Israel to return major population centres, although he, like Obama, said the final-status negotiations should include mutually agreed land swaps. Netanyahu apparently wants to hear the same moral support for retaining some settlements that his predecessor, Ariel Sharon, extracted from Bush.

Also of concern for Netanyahu was how Obama left out Bush's rejection of a Palestinian "right of return." All Obama would say was that the issues of refugees and Jerusalem were "wrenching and emotional" and should be left for later.

Abraham Foxman, the Anti-Defamation League national director, praised the speech as a "strong outline of principles" but said Obama didn't get what the stakes of the refugee issue are for Israel.

"Jerusalem is emotional, yes," he said. "Refugees is not emotional – it's strategic."

In Canada, Jewish community reaction was swift.

Shimon Fogel, CEO of the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA), said he didn't believe Obama's comments signalled "a departure from positions articulated by previous U.S. governments."

"Obama made important references to Israel as a Jewish state, the incompatibility of a rejectionist Hamas as a partner and the non-militarized character of any future Palestinian entity," Fogel said.

He added: "Although he dismissed the legitimacy of a Palestinian unilateral declaration of independence, the one area of special concern is Obama's failure to reaffirm that Palestinian statehood cannot be treated as a discrete goal from an 'end of conflict' peace agreement with Israel."

Fogel said that overall, he believed Obama's comments were a "net gain" for Israel, elements of which Netanyahu can use "to present a credible approach towards achieving peace when he visits Washington next week."

Meanwhile, Andrew MacDougall, press secretary to Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Canada "is committed to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East, whereby two states live side by side in peace and security. We note President Obama's speech with interest and look forward to joining G-8 leaders for discussions on the current situation in the Middle East and North Africa" on May 26 and 27 in Deauville, France.

With files from Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf

Arrest of IMF head shakes France's Jews

Country's top presidential contender charged in New York

Devorah Lauter
JTA

PARIS — Shock waves continue to ripple throughout France as Dominique Strauss-Kahn, considered the likely Socialist party candidate to challenge President Nicolas Sarkozy in French presidential elections next year, remains in a New York City jail on charges of sexual assault.

Saturday's arrest of Strauss-Kahn appears to significantly change the political playing field in France, as some recent polls had showed that the 62-year-old head of the International Monetary Fund was the most popular among those considered to be possible presidential contenders.

It also represents a particularly harsh blow for many in France's Jewish community.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn

Strauss-Kahn – popularly known by his initials, DSK – has been outspoken about his Jewish identity in a country where politicians typically are mum about their religion. He also has expressed feelings of attachment to Israel in the past, all the while maintaining a measured distance from actively participating in Jewish institutions, according to Jewish leaders.

"We lost a friend," said Rabbi Michel Serfaty, president of the Jewish-Muslim Friendship of France. "It's true that the Jewish community has a friend in Sarkozy," as well as among other Socialist party leaders, "but with DSK there was no doubt he was a member of the community, interested in Israel, that we have lost."

Among the large Jewish community in Sarcelles, a suburb north of Paris where Strauss-Kahn was a former mayor, the emotion was palpable.

"It is very painful for us," said Marc Djebali, vice-president of the Sarcelles Jewish community. "I know him well. I've even seen him seduce a woman, but it was always with gentleness. He is someone who is very warm, and we never felt any problems of violence from him."

Strauss-Kahn has pleaded not guilty to felony counts including sexual assault and attempted rape. He was denied bail Monday by a Manhattan court and is in New York's Rikers Island prison complex awaiting a grand jury hearing.

The charges were filed following accusations by a 32-year-old chambermaid at a Sofitel hotel in Manhattan. The chambermaid said that when she entered to clean Strauss-Kahn's room Saturday afternoon, he came out of the bathroom naked, pushed her onto the bed, assaulted her and forced her to perform oral sex, according to Paul Browne, deputy New York City police commissioner.

In France, Strauss-Kahn reportedly has a reputation for "running after skirts," and he may face an additional sexual assault investigation here, where journalist Tristane Banon is now expected to press charges against him for an incident she claims took place in 2002, according to her lawyer.

While some Strauss-Kahn supporters are asking whether the expected front-runner for the presidency was a victim of conspiracy, Strauss-Kahn himself speculated in a recent interview with the left-wing daily Liberation that he might face three particular difficulties if he were to run for president: "Money, women and the fact I am Jewish," he said.

While some are concerned that the incident could unleash anti-Semitic sentiment in France, Marc Knobel, a researcher at the French Jewish umbrella group CRIF, said he had not found any significant reference to Strauss-Kahn's religion in connection with his arrest.

On the contrary, "everybody knew he was Jewish, and that didn't prevent him from being the most popular candidate in France," said Richard Prasquier, the president of CRIF. "And that says something about France. Today we find it completely normal that a Jew can become president."

Nevertheless, earlier this year a member of Sarkozy's UMP party was accused of alluding to Strauss-Kahn's Jewish roots and causing a political row when he said on French radio that the IMF leader "doesn't embody the image of France, the image of rural France that we like, and to which I'm attached."

With the popular IMF leader off France's political playing field, the new head of the far-right National Front Party, Marine Le Pen, is among those who are likely to profit, political analysts say. The prospect alarms many French Jews, who often consider the National Front to be antisemitic, though Le Pen has tried to project a new image for the party, which was founded by her father.

Jean Viard, senior analyst at the Paris political research centre Cevipof, said that if Strauss-Kahn is convicted, it will both help Sarkozy in the 2012 election and "it increases the chances Marine Le Pen will make it to the second round of presidential elections."

"It will very strongly shake up the political landscape," he said.

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Toronto woman to donate kidney in Israel

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

It's been seven months of medical exams, blood tests and false starts, but if all goes according to plan, some time in the next few weeks Toronto oleh Marci Rapp will be wheeled into the operating room of the Beilinson Hospital in Petach Tikvah and donate one of her kidneys to a complete stranger.

Marci Rapp

It's considered an "altruistic donation," though she's not a complete stranger with the recipient any more. Over the course of the seven month marathon, Rapp has gotten to know the 48-year-old mother of six and her family quite well.

It turns out that like herself, the recipient is an immigrant from Canada, having made the move some 30 years ago from Montreal. Although she won't release the woman's full name, she asks well-wishers to pray for the recovery of Shulamit Shoshana bat Ronia and for her (Masha bat Shoshana) as well.

In a telephone interview from Israel, where she runs a swimwear business, Rapp said a few years ago she had no idea that organ donations were even permitted in Judaism. But a confluence of incidents brought her to the brink of the momentous event.

Scanning her e-mail one day, she came across a message from Chaya Lipschutz, an American kidney donor who has taken it upon herself to solicit donations for Jews in need. Around the same time last summer, Rapp came across an article in an Aish HaTorah e-magazine in which Lori Palatnik, an American, wrote about her organ donation as a "kidney mitzvah."

Then she learned that Leah Golomb, the woman who'd been leading a weekly shiur, or Torah lesson, for the three years Rapp has been in Israel, scrambled to raise $100,000 to fly to South Africa to receive a donated kidney.

The stories inspired her. "I respect her," she said of Golomb. "I look up to her as I do to Palatnik. These are religious women and they're saying it's okay to do it."

The more she considered it, the more she became convinced it was the right thing to do. Now, she looks at the surgery "as a very spiritual thing for me. I feel God gave me a healthy body so I could do this."

Lipschutz put her in touch with Rabbi Avraham Heber in Israel, a kidney recipient who founded Matnat Chaim – Gift of Life. He helped locate a 42-year-old mother of nine who urgently needed a donation. During that time, she met the woman and her mother, who took charge of the process and would arrange early morning pickups at her home in Jerusalem to take her for tests in Petach Tikvah. It turned out the family suffered from a genetic disorder that affected the kidneys. The mother had already donated one kidney to her son, but both her daughters likewise needed kidneys. Another oleh, Judith, who asked her last name not be used, immigrated from Scotland, and was found to provide the 42-year-old with a kidney. That operation was concluded successfully right around Passover. Rapp, it turned out, was well suited to the older sister as well.

Going through the process, she and Judith became fast friends, discussing their decisions and weighing the spiritual and medical issues they faced. Rapp learned that donors statistically don't have their lives shortened nor is their health affected after recovering.

Most religious donors, Rapp said, "feel God gave us two kidneys to donate one and save a life."

"I'm 57-years-old and despite my aches and pains, I'm considered healthy to do this. I see it as a sign that that's what I've been put on this earth to do.

"To save a life. I find that awesome."

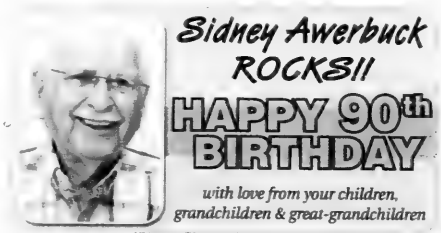
Her husband, Harold, "has been pareve (neutral) on this, as has Judith's husband. They're worried about our health and loss of income, but they didn't say no."

Making the decision easier for her was the rapport she developed with the recipient. "We feel very strongly that we're fortunate the recipient is English-speaking, religious and a former Canadian.

"That's important for me, there was a connection and we understood each other. We're in the same world."

Rapp said she and Judith have spotted weaknesses in the Israeli medical system. They would like to see the entire process speeded up from seven months to two or three and the postponements eliminated – she's been told several times to be ready to donate, only to be informed the operation had to be delayed. They'd also like to see it become easier for English speakers to donate.

For more information, contact Rapp at marci@bezeq-int.net or visit www.kidneymitzvah.com.



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Israel Briefs

Israel denies Russian spy charges

Russian government claims that Israel's military attaché to the country was spying are unfounded, the Israeli army said. "The IDF Military Attaché and Ministry of Defence representative in Russia, Col. Vadim Leiderman, was held aback by a surprise investigation by the Russian government last week on suspicion of spying," said a statement Wednesday by the Israel Defence Forces Spokesman's office. "He was taken to the headquarters and released after a short while due to diplomatic immunity because of his position." Leiderman reportedly was arrested last week at a coffee shop in Moscow, where he was meeting with a Russian military officer. He and his family were given 24 hours to leave the country. He has been in Israel since last weekend. "Defence officials in Israel did a thorough, deep check on Col. Leiderman and discovered the claims were unfounded. Col. Leiderman is currently in Israel and underwent a security investigation by defence forces over the weekend," the statement said.

Katsav prison sentence delayed

The start of former Israeli President Moshe Katsav's prison sentence on rape and sexual assault convictions will be delayed pending his appeal. The ruling last Wednesday by Israel's Supreme Court delayed Katsav's seven-year term, which had been scheduled to begin May 8. "It cannot be said that prospects for Katsav's appeal are baseless, and this is being said without concluding anything on the matter," Justice Yoram Danziger ruled, according to Ynet. The 300-page appeal suggested that it would be undignified for Katsav to show up at the Supreme Court for his appeal in handcuffs, according to reports. The appeal also asked that "weighty consideration should be given to the fact that Katsav served as the president of the state and Israel's official representative at home and abroad." Two years before the verdict was handed down, Katsav declined what was seen as a lenient plea bargain – one that dropped the rape charges for lesser charges and likely would have left him with a suspended sentence – saying that he wanted to clear his name in court.

Obama extends Syrian freeze

U.S. President Barack Obama extended a freeze on Syrian assets to the country's government and its entire leadership. The order issued last Wednesday was the most expansive yet targeting Syria, naming President Bashar Assad and including any "senior official of the government of Syria" or "any agency or instrumentality of the government of Syria, or owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the government of Syria or by an official or officials of the government of Syria." The order cites "Syria's continuing escalation of violence against the people of Syria – including through attacks on protesters, arrests and harassment of protesters and political activists, and repression of democratic change, overseen and executed by numerous elements of the Syrian government." It essentially cuts off Syria from the United States and bans any U.S. business from trading with Syria's government or its leaders. Israeli and U.S. officials have said there has been a sea of change in attitudes toward Syria since its brutal crackdown launched earlier this month against democracy protesters, and since it helped facilitate a breach by Palestinian protesters of its border with Israeli forces on the Golan Heights last Sunday.

Antiquities smuggling thwarted

A retired history professor from the United States was arrested for allegedly smuggling stolen antiquities from Israel and selling them illegally. The American man sold, among other things, bronze and silver coins from the Second Temple period and a 1,500-year-old clay oil lamp. When he was detained at Ben-Gurion Airport for questioning late Monday night, he was found to be in possession of coins, as well as more than $20,000 – considered evidence that he has sold other antiquities during his visit. He admitted to the illegal sales and attempted smuggling, according to a statement from the Customs Authority and the Israel Antiquities Authority. He was allowed to leave Israel after leaving a large bond to ensure that he returns for trial. Antiquities robbers from sites throughout the country allegedly had stolen the artifacts.

Pharmacist marks 30 years in business

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Murray Shore has run a popular pharmacy in pretty much the same spot for 30 years, but unlike real estate mavens who believe the three keys to success are location, location, location, his credo is somewhat different.

"It's not location, location, location," he intoned. "It's service, service, service."

It's a formula that appears to be working, as this week, Shore is celebrating the 30th anniversary of his opening.

Going the extra mile for his "patients" has allowed Shore to keep his pharmacy thriving even as independents fall by the wayside to be replaced by big-box stores.

There was a time when medicines were dispensed by owner-operated pharmacies that resembled corner stores, but like the once ubiquitous corner groceries, these have become nearly extinct. Even when Shore was considering opening his pharmacy on Bathurst Street – it currently sits in a small plaza across from the Baycrest Centre – he was asked if that was a good idea.

"How are you going to compete with Shopper's [Drug Mart]?" he was asked. "You know what my answer was? 'How is Shopper's going to compete with me?'"

Treating the people who walked into the store as patients was an important component of his plan to stay afloat. He believes part of that stemmed from his experience working for one year in the pharmacy at Toronto General Hospital. "I saw people as patients, not just customers," he said. "You empathize with the people quite differently."

Plus, Shore is clearly "a people person." He likes to shmooze and he enjoys playing "Jewish geography."

"I'm good at it," he acknowledges.

But is it enough to entice people away from the one-stop shops where you can get a prescription filled, and also buy shampoo, toys for the kids and even a bottle of milk?

Shore eschews the ancillary items that used to stock the shelves of independents.

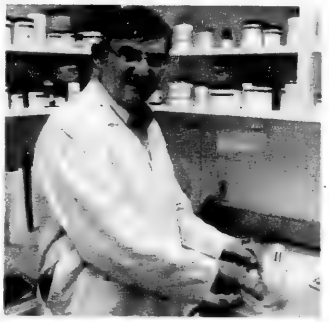
"I'm not a supermarket or a warehouse. I'm a community pharmacy who looks after the patients," he said.

His is strictly a drug store, but about 25 years ago, he added something that has made the business somewhat unique.

He'd received a phone call from a distraught parent living in Thornhill. "Our child needs a special medicine at SickKids and we need to pick it up every week. Can you make it for us?" she asked him.

"I said, 'If they can make it, I can make it.'"

He filled the prescription, saved the family the big shlep downtown, and about a year and a half later, completed a course at a school in Houston to become a "compounding pharmacist."



Murray Shore

The designation entitles him to "tailor the medication to the patient, not the patient to the medication." Fewer than five per cent of pharmacies today can lay claim to the title, he said. Compounding currently makes up 10 to 15 per cent of his business, making the initial investment in Texas well worthwhile. The skill came in handy when a parent asked him to prepare for a child a heart medication that was only 2 milligrams in strength, when prepared tablets started at 10 milligrams.

He's also developed a special cream to address nausea and vomiting in pregnant women – it's absorbed through the skin. He then "educated" doctors that he stocked the product.

He also developed his own diaper rash cream to treat his grandchild years ago. Nothing available at the time seemed to be working. Starting with the traditional zinc oxide formulation, he added a couple of ingredients recommended by a pediatric dermatologist that are not available in commercial products. Menachem's Diaper Cream, named after his grandson, proved quite popular. In fact, "it's huge," he said.

With a clientele that is perhaps 80 per cent Jewish, Shore developed kosher ibuprofen liquids to replace unkosher gel capsules. He developed an analgesic suppository to be used on fast days and a kosher maternity vitamin that has proven quite popular as well.

He offers specialty products and free delivery – he uses a courier service for about 40 per cent of prescriptions – and he does charge a premium.

He will make himself available on weekends if the need is there, and he's found that "people pay for the service and the unique products.

"My business attitude is, God created me to help patients and I try my best at it. Thank God he's allowed me to make a living at it too."

Israeli possible successor to Strauss-Kahn at IMF

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JERUSALEM — The affair involving International Monetary Fund (IMF) head Dominique Strauss-Kahn may have an unexpected effect on Israel: Israel's central bank governor Stanley Fischer was named as a potential successor to the IMF chief, forced to step down in the wake of rape charges.

Strauss-Kahn was arrested in New York for allegedly assaulting a hotel maid in the city. The arrest rattled Europe, particularly France, where he had been touted as a potential challenger to French President Nicolas Sarkozy.

Stanley Fischer
[Yossi Zamir/Flash 90 photo]

Currently, first deputy IMF director John Lipsky is filling in for Strauss-Kahn. While the IMF traditionally has been led by a European, pressure is increasing to consider a candidate from a developing country.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, however, signalled last week she preferred another European at the helm of the IMF, which has become heavily involved in bailouts of struggling euro zone countries Greece, Ireland and Portugal.

Fischer has been mentioned as a potential successor, having served as the IMF's first deputy managing director from 1994 through 2001. Also in his favour are his academic record – he headed the economics department at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was U.S. Federal Reserve chair Ben Bernanke's thesis adviser.

Factors that could damage his chances include his age – Fischer is 67 – and the fact an American already heads the World Bank. Fischer was born in Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) and became an Israeli citizen in 2005, when he took the job as governor of the central bank.

Other people mentioned as potential candidates include former Turkish economy minister Kemal Dervis; French Finance Minister Christine Lagarde; former South African finance minister Trevor Manuel; Bank of Mexico governor Agustin Carstens; Indian economic advisor Montek Singh Ahluwlia; former IMF employee Mohamed El-Erian of Egypt, and former British prime minister Gordon Brown.

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The Eichmann trial and Hannah Arendt

Schocken Books' impressive Jewish Encounters series addresses, in its published and forthcoming volumes, subjects as varied as Maimonides, Birobijan and The Dairy Restaurant. The series' modus operandi is to assign a lively subject to an accomplished author, with the goal of offering a short study, light on scholarly apparatus and open to the general reader.

The American Holocaust historian Deborah Lipstadt, who had her own share of unwanted fame when she was sued in British court by Holocaust denier David Irving, has her work cut out for her in *The Eichmann Trial*. Her challenges include: recounting the events of the trial; examining the influential writings of Hannah Arendt, which were published in *The New Yorker* in 1963; judging Eichmann's role in the making of the Holocaust; and undertaking to explore the impact of the trial on postwar Jewish identity, Israeli culture and our knowledge of the Holocaust.

Reviewed by

Norman Ravvin

Lipstadt's finest accomplishment is her description of the trial itself, of the atmosphere in which it was conducted, the behaviour of the defendant, his defence, the prosecution and the three German-born Israeli judges who oversaw the case.

Lipstadt recounts the details of Eichmann's capture and interrogation with verve and fine detail. She challenges what she judges to be an overly broad indictment, which "charged Eichmann with the 'implementation' of the Final Solution, committing acts of 'extermination' on Jews in Poland at death camps, murdering Jews in the USSR with the Einzatzgruppen, imposing sterilization and abortions on Jews" and more.

The Eichmann Trial also highlights the decision by the prosecution to include among the trial's witnesses 100 Holocaust survivors, whose accounts of wartime suffering did not necessarily touch on Eichmann's own actions, and arguably, were legally extraneous to the case. Yet this approach proved to be among the trial's key legacies, since it introduced survivors' experience to world opinion in a lasting way.

Lipstadt's approach to Arendt's report on the trial is less successful. Readers might feel that this issue, which consumes the book's long final chapter, should be the subject of a separate book. Lipstadt introduces us to the questions associated with Arendt this way: "The cover of the Feb.16, 1963 *New Yorker* featured an artist's rendering of the recently completed and much-debated Pan Am building looming over the iconic Grand Central Terminal .... Inside was the first of a series of five articles by Hannah Arendt on the trial."

Two of Lipstadt's authorial decisions raise questions: first, her willingness to discuss Arendt's contribution through the lens of accusations that characterize Arendt's work as a scandal, as "wickedness" and distortion; and, second, her decision, after commenting on the influence of the *New Yorker* on American opinion, to avoid quoting from the essays Arendt published in the magazine. Instead, she relies on the revised and enlarged book, first published in 1964, under the title *Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil*.

One gets a far richer and more immediate sense of the trial's impact through the original *New Yorker* pieces. (Readers can access the original issues, now available digitally through the magazine's archive, to appreciate not only the specific character of Arendt's writing, but the strangeness of reading about Eichmann's early visits to killing sites such as Treblinka alongside the bonhomie of early 1960s ads for men's shirts, Ford wagons and RCA electronics.)

Lipstadt's decision not to refer to the original essays contributes to an overall lack of decisiveness with regard to Arendt, and to a tendency to criticize and quibble without directly grappling with what Arendt published nearly two years after sitting in the Jerusalem court room.

The range of Arendt's reportage for *The New Yorker* is breathtaking. Her access to key sources, like the trial itself, court documents, the major early historiography of Raul Hilberg, and original German texts is deeply affecting. Her tone is measured, yet not without irony, and she has no tendency to treat her subject through overwrought language or shopworn moral claims.

Many of Lipstadt's claims regarding Arendt's views are offered without support and are too loosely linked to the *New Yorker* essays and the subsequent *Eichmann in Jerusalem*. Rather, her discussion is peppered with broad, often misleading claims drawn from the "virulent public debate" surrounding Arendt, rather than from what Arendt wrote. A good example of this is Lipstadt's unsupportable argument that Arendt "declared" Eichmann to be a "desk-level bureaucrat who showed little initiative and had few talents." This is a remarkable trivialization of the darkly complicit, self-consumed and amoral figure portrayed in Arendt's *New Yorker* articles.

It might be best to read *The Eichmann Trial*, skipping the chapter on Arendt, focusing instead on Lipstadt's careful historian's tableau of Eichmann's role in the Holocaust and his bizarre second act in a glass booth in Jerusalem.

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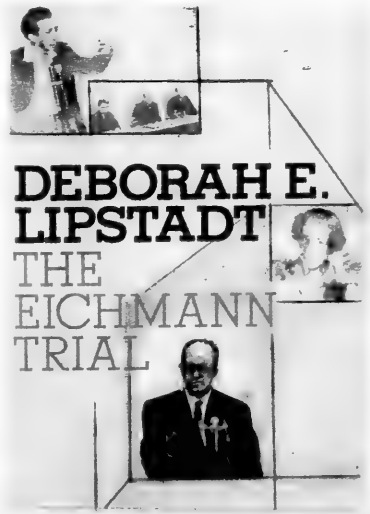


Local artist paints from the heart

Laura Fixman
Intern

Katherine Dolgy Ludwig has come a long way from her first drawings, on the cardboard from her father's laundered shirts.

A Torontonian, she's now part of the international art scene, having exhibited her paintings in shows in the United States and in London, England, as well as in Canada, over the past eight years.

Her latest Toronto show, *PaintingFlowerLanguage*, runs at the Pearl Gallery in Holy Blossom Temple until July 10.

Dolgy Ludwig has become an artist with a distinct style that she feels people will recognize.

"I have been painting so long that something's taken over that's uniquely mine," she said.

She said she decided to feature watercolour paintings of flowers at Holy Blossom because the show would then be appropriate for all viewers, from small children to older adults. She also wanted to exhibit paintings that are a part of her life, and she thought that showing watercolours of flowers fit with the temple's name.

"The flower is always beautiful," Dolgy Ludwig said. "It doesn't matter what's in the room around it."

She said that her process of painting watercolours is an uncommon one. She starts with what she feels is the most interesting part of the painting and adds whatever she's thinking about as she works. She uses thick lines and doesn't draw what she's going to do beforehand.

"I like my paintings to be really free," she said. "I don't do a lot of pre-planning."

Dolgy Ludwig waited until her four children were old enough to be self-sufficient to begin painting professionally. She travels frequently to New York and London to participate in shows. She said that travelling wouldn't have been possible when her children were younger.

"If I didn't put 110 per cent into painting, I couldn't have made it a full career," she added.

She said she has painted subjects that she feels other artist might ignore. She painted U.S. soldiers for an exhibit at the Pentagon because she felt that was how she could help them. She painted police officers in London, England, and Playboy bunnies in Las Vegas, because she felt they were misunderstood people.

Katherine Dolgy Ludwig poses with one of her paintings. *[Laura Fixman photo]*

"It was all about showing that they're real people with real lives," Dolgy Ludwig said.

She sees her paintings as a way of expressing the concept of tikkun olam, because she can give back to the community through her painting. She likes the fact that her paintings have a lasting impact on people, and she thinks that is a good way to reach out to the world.

"I like that peoples' children will grow up with my paintings and remember them," she said.

When painting portraits, she often doesn't like to have her subjects formally posed. She prefers to have them in their natural environment, to bring some life to their paintings, she said. She brings her Spiderman painting case when she does portraits because she feels that it puts her subjects at ease.

A series of paintings she did in New York featured dozens of people of various races and religions. She painted sixth-grade classes in public schools and religious groups including a convent of nuns and worshipping Hindus, Orthodox Jews and Arab Muslims. She hopes that people from the three faiths realize that they have a lot in common when they view these paintings. With every exhibit, Dolgy Ludwig hopes that she can help bring different people together, she said.

"It's all about a sense of community," Dolgy Ludwig said. "I also have to remember what I believe is important to paint."

When she attended the Ontario College of Art and Design, she was told many times that flowers and children are not "important" subjects. This was a lesson she had to ignore because she feels that these subjects put the most life into her paintings, she said.

"Whether it's flowers or children, you're always going to feel something," she said.

Dolgy Ludwig counts many people and places among her inspirations. She said that she still continues to apply what she learned from many of her teachers, including the late Canadian artists, Goodridge Roberts and Graham Coughtry. She added that Holy Blossom was a big inspiration to her while she attended. She is happy that her children are still involved in the Hebrew school there.

"I chose Holy Blossom because they have the best teachers in the city," she said. "I wanted my children to like going to Hebrew school."

Although most of her paintings are for shows and take about three weeks to complete, sometimes Dolgy Ludwig is inspired when she doesn't have a show, and finishes one faster. She finds that these often end up being among some of her best paintings.

"Sometimes you get an idea and you just want to make a painting for fun," she said.

For more information about Dolgy Ludwig, visit www.katherinedolgyludwig.com.

Philip Roth wins Booker Prize

JTA

Jewish author Philip Roth has won the Man Booker International Prize for the body of work in his more than 50-year-long career.

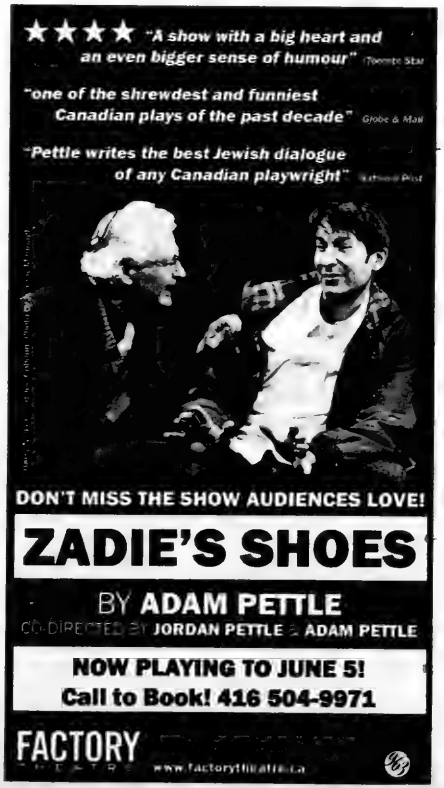
The biennial award, to be presented next month in London to Roth, 78, was announced last week. The author of the widely read and controversial *Portnoy's Complaint* has also won two U.S. National Book Awards and a Pulitzer Prize.

Roth is renowned for creating the character Nathan Zuckerman, often considered an alter-ego.

Authors on the shortlist for this year's Booker Prize included Canadian Rohinton Mistry, Philip Pullman, Anne Tyler, and Chinese novelists Wang Anyi and Su Tong. Previous winners include Canadian writer Alice Munro, Nigerian writer Chinua Achebe, and Albanian writer Ismail Kadare.

The annual Man Booker Prize for Fiction is awarded for a single book.

Following the announcement, author and publisher Carmen Callil withdrew from the prize's three-judge panel, citing her displeasure with giving the award to Roth, the *Guardian* reported, saying he didn't deserve to be on the list.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Show features Jewish-American Songbook's hits

Bill Gladstone
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To Life, the spirited and entertaining musical currently on offer from the Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company, presents a briskly paced selection of greatest hits and lesser known but no less pleasing numbers from the Jewish-American Songbook of the 20th century.

Cast members Charlotte Moore, Shawn Wright, Patrick Cook and Gabi Epstein do an admirable job of performing the music of Al Jolson, Sophie Tucker, Eddie Cantor and Fanny Brice in Act 1. Nor do they flag as they move through the distinctly different trajectory of Act 2, which presents many little-known postwar Broadway gems as well as an assortment of songs from *Fiddler on the Roof* that serve to reinforce the act's "life-cycle" theme.

Early on, show architects Avery Saltzman and Tim French introduce the notion (via a number from *Spamalot*, the show's only contemporary reference) that any musical endeavour on Broadway cannot possibly succeed without Jews. Even with only piano accompaniment, *To Life* easily demonstrates the aptness of this thesis. (The two grand pianos that are the set's main decoration are played by Mark Camilleri and Jeffrey Huard.)

Act 1 features, among other trademark numbers, Cantor's *Makin' Whoopee* and *If You Knew Susie*, Tucker's *Some of These Days*, *Red Hot Mama* and *50 Million Frenchmen Can't Be Wrong*, Jolson's *April Showers*, *Mammy* and *Sonny Boy*, and Brice's *I'd Rather Be Blue*, *Second-hand Rose* and *My Man*. While the cast do not pretend to be impersonators and Camilleri as musical arranger is not a period purist, their renditions usually satisfy.

The cast of *To Life*, from left, Gabi Epstein, Shawn Wright, Patrick Cook & Charlotte Moore.

(As if showing the production belongs to our day more than the periods from whence it sprung, the show steers clear of any politically incorrect depiction of Jolson in blackface, yet breezily delivers a funny gay allusion in *Cooking Breakfast For the One I Love* that would have closed down the house 75 years ago.)

Between the most recognizable iconic songs are a variety of more obscure tunes, many bearing the cheap brilliant sheen of Tin Pan Alley. These amusing numbers include *Josephine Please No Lean Upon the Bell*, *Who Paid the Rent for Mr. Rip Van Winkle*, *Where Did Robinson Crusoe Go With Friday on a Saturday Night*, and *Sister Susie's Sewing Shirts for Soldiers*.

Besides its somewhat overindulgent homage to *Fiddler*, Act 2 pays deserving tribute to some lovely and largely forgotten material mined from such Broadway shows as *The Rothschilds* (Bock-Harnick), *The Bar Mitzvah Boy* (Styne-Black), *Falsettos* (Finn) and *Funny Girl* (Styne-Merrill). The thematic life-cycle approach holds the material together well.

For me, the show-stopper of Act 1 is *My Yiddishe Momma*, sung in Yiddish and English by Wright and Cook. Anyone who has heard Tucker's Yiddish version knows what a punch the mamaloshen adds to the number, which already has a high emotional quotient. Epstein's lovely emotional rendition of *Miss Marmelstein*, from *I Can Get It For You Wholesale*, seemed to be an audience favourite in Act 2.

It wasn't just that the evening's musical compass changed so often and evocatively from major to minor that seemed to make this world première production a success. The draw of its iconic quartet of legendary performers – a veritable Mount Rushmore of show business – is still palpable, as is the genius of composers and lyricists like Gus Kahn, Sammy Kahn, Billy Rose, Sam M. Lewis, et al. (No matter that the show entirely sidestepped Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern and Harold Arlen, and only brought in one Gershwin tune, *Swannee*.)

To Life plays at the Jane Mallet Theatre, St. Lawrence Centre, through May 29. Tickets, 416-466-7723, www.stlc.com

Bobby Fischer is profiled in a first-rate documentary

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Genius or crackpot?

The late Bobby Fischer was both, judging by Liz Garbus' first-rate documentary, *Bobby Fischer Against the World*, which opens at the Bell Lightbox on May 27.

Perhaps the greatest champion in the history of chess, Fischer was a strange, quirky, erratic, touchy and unpredictable creature.

The cerebral board game, the object of his obsession, transformed this Jewish boy from Brooklyn into an international celebrity before he had reached the age of 30.

Having defeated the Soviet Union's Boris Spassky for the world championship in 1972, he chose not to defend his title. Fischer became a recluse, conspiracy theorist and, unbelievably enough, a raving antisemite.

The 96-minute film, a collage of news clips, photographs and interviews with people who knew him, charts the trajectory of his life from shy child prodigy to arrogant global superstar.

Fischer, invariably awkward, appears in virtually every frame, answering reporter's questions and making vague, disarming and astonishingly direct observations.

At the core of the movie is the highly anticipated showdown between Fischer and Spassky in Reykjavik, Iceland, a colossal media event that eclipsed news of the raging war in Vietnam.

Born in Chicago in 1943, he was the son of Regina Fischer, a pushy, hard working single mother with communist leanings who was the subject of a thick FBI dossier. His biological father, Paul Nemenyi, was a Hungarian Jewish scientist with whom he had little contact.

Fischer was a lonely child who learned chess when he was six. By 14, he was the U.S. champion, a title he would win seven more times. His ambition was to be world champion.

To Fischer, chess was everything that mattered. "I'm really tied up in chess," he told an interviewer in a grand understatement.

The film moves quickly to the 1972 championship, which was not merely a tournament but a compelling political symbol of the United States' Cold War rivalry with the Soviet Union.

Henry Kissinger, president Richard Nixon's national security adviser, believed that an American victory would be beneficial, not only for the United States but for democracy in general.

Fischer himself, having accused Moscow of slandering him, looked forward to taking on Spassky. Curiously enough, Fischer had to be coaxed into showing up in Iceland for the match. Kissinger had to call Fischer to ensure he would attend.

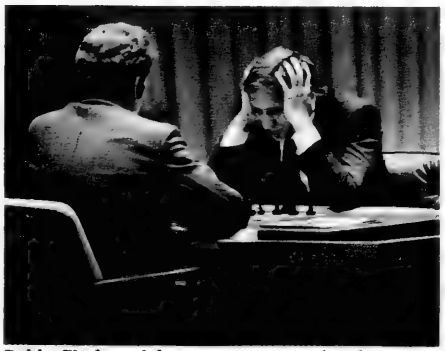
Even after agreeing to play, Fischer was late for the first of 24 games. After losing the first game due to a silly error, he chose not to show up for the second one. In game three, he regained his form and rolled over Spassky.

Spassky roared back, but Fischer triumphed in the legendary sixth game. Such was Fischer's mastery in that memorable game that Spassky stood up and applauded when it ended.

With Fischer having taken the lead by the 21st game, Spassky conceded and Fischer was crowned the world's new champion.

For Fischer, who treasured his privacy, the constant glare of publicity was a problem. Retreating into himself, he grew still more eccentric.

After declining to defend his title, Fischer turned into a nut case. Always paranoic, he feared that the Mossad was trailing him. He read *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* – an anti-Jewish tract concocted by the Russian secret police in the early 20th century – and became a full-blown racist.



Bobby Fischer, right, concentrates as he plays Boris Spassky for the world's chess championship in Iceland in 1972.

Fischer was at war with himself.

Garbus, in the rest of her fine film, charts his descent into purgatory, his status as a U.S. fugitive after brazenly flouting United Nations sanctions on Yugoslavia and his sad, final years in Iceland.

Fischer, as she suggests, was a supremely gifted but flawed individual who squandered his talents. He could beat Spassky handily, but he could not conquer the demons that haunted him.

EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

HEBREW BOOK COLLECTION WORTH $25 MILLION BACK ON MARKET AFTER FAILED DEAL

The Valmadonna Trust Library, a treasure-trove of rare Jewish books that includes a complete set of the Babylonian Talmud by 16th-century printer **Daniel Bomberg**, is back on the market after the collapse of a deal made last December through New York-based Sotheby's auction house.

The collection, which was assembled by diamond merchant **Jack Lunzer** over the course of 50 years, is valued at an estimated $25 million. It consists of more than 300 handwritten Hebrew documents, some nearly 1,000 years old, and about 13,000 printed Hebrew books. Sotheby's hosted a public viewing of the collection for three weeks last year that drew as many as 4,000 people daily.

According to *The Forward* and other Jewish news sources, the sale was cancelled after the anonymous buyer refused to keep the collection intact and to make it available to scholars, conditions that were clearly spelled out as part of the sale.

Sharon Lieberman Mintz, curator of Jewish art at the Jewish Theological Seminary Library in New York and a senior consultant for Judaica at Sotheby's, called the Valmadonna "the greatest Judaica library in private hands." She and many others are now expressing hope that some individual or institution with deep pockets will step forward and rescue the collection for the sake of Jewish scholarship.

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Israeli Film and Photography: Toronto Jewish Film Society presents *Strangers* (*Zarim*; Israel, 2007), an intimate and intensely personal portrait of two individuals. With speaker **Mark Clamen**. Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, Al Green Theatre. Sunday, June 5, 4 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets ($15, $10) available at the door 15 minutes before each screening. 416-924-6211, ext. 606. Between these screenings, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., the society is hosting an Israeli wine-and-cheese reception featuring photographer **Guy Raivitz** and the exhibit *State of Mind*. www.mnjcc.org

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JCC Choirs Perform: Feel the spirit of the Miles Nadal JCC choirs as the MNjcc Women's Chorus and the MNjcc Community Choir, conducted by **Gillian Stecyk** and **Harriet Wichin** respectively, perform in the Al Green Theatre. $10. Wednesday, June 1, and Thursday, June 2, 8 p.m. Tickets, 416-924-6211, ext. 0.

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Names in the News: The TD Toronto Jazz Festival has signed Montreal singing sensation **Nikki Yanofsky** to play the Main Stage Manulife at Metro Square on Sunday, July 3. One of the country's fastest rising young superstars, Yanofsky has been a festival favourite for several years. The festival crams some 350 concerts into 10 eventful days, June 24 to July 3. www.torontojazz.com

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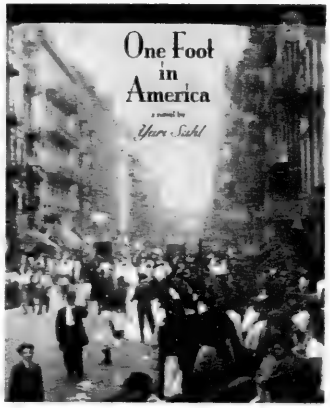

Literary Events

• Architect-writer **Ken Greenberg** reads from his new memoir, *Walking Home: The Life and Lessons of a City Builder* at Authors at Harbourfront Centre, June 8. As part of the same series, Toronto crime novelist **Robert Rotenberg** discusses his new book *The Guilty Plea*, on June 22. $10. 416-973-4000, readings.org

•Workmen's Circle of Toronto hosts the launch of *One Foot in America*, by the late author **Yuri Suhl**, a "forgotten classic of Jewish immigrant fiction" originally published in 1950. Publisher (and writer of this column) **Bill Gladstone** discusses the book and compares it with other works in the genre such as **Abraham Cahan**'s *The Rise of David Levinsky* and **Henry Roth**'s *Call It Sleep*. Free admission, everyone welcome. 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Sunday May 29, 1:30 p.m. www.toronto-workmens-circle.org/

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Contests and Competitions

• Submission deadline for the Canadian Jewish Playwriting Competition is Thursday, June 30. The prize is $1,000 for the winning playwright, sponsored by the ShaRna Foundation, plus a Between Stages play reading at the Miles Nadal JCC in 2012. For guidelines and other information, contact Esther at esthera@mnjcc.org or 416-924-6211, ext. 606.

• Israelis in Toronto are invited to share their stories in the Kolot photo-story contest. Take a photo from your personal album, new or old, and write a story about it, fiction or non-fiction. Hebrew or English. Guidelines, www.mnjcc.org/kolot. Contest closes July 29. 416-924-6211, ext. 154, sharonis@mnjcc.org

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At the Galleries

• The Miles Nadal JCC's Gallery at the J is seeking submissions ("flat" media only) for the planned art show *Personal Stories: Universal Context*. Guidelines at mnjcc.org. 416-924-6211, ext. 262.

• *Abstract Expressionist New York – Masterpieces from the Museum of Modern Art* features more than 100 works by the legendary artists (such as **Jackson Pollock**, **Mark Rothko**, **Willem de Kooning**, **Joan Mitchell** and **Franz Kline**) whose drips, splatters and fields of incredible colour catapulted New York to the centre of the international art world in the 1950s. Art Gallery of Ontario, May 28 to Sept. 4.

• Torontonian **Yuri Dojc** has spent 15 years photographing the crumbling shards that remain from a once-vibrant Jewish culture in his former homeland of Slovakia. He and **Katya Krausova** interviewed and photographed many survivors as they chronicled the remains of decaying cemeteries, former synagogues and other remnants of Jewish life. *Last Folio: A Photographic Journey with Yuri Dojc* is on display at New York City's Museum of Jewish Heritage until late summer. www.mjhnyc.org/e_nowonview_folio.html

Cannes ousts 'Nazi' director

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PARIS — The Cannes Film Festival sanctioned director Lars von Trier for expressing sympathy for Hitler and Nazis.

The festival's board of directors on May 19 declared von Trier "persona non grata" and removed him from the festival, but said his new film, *Melancholia*, remains in competition.

Von Trier described himself as a Nazi who is not against Jews and called Israel "a pain in the ass" during a May 18 festival news conference to promote his film. He later apologized.

The board "firmly condemns these comments," said a May 19 statement by the festival, and it "profoundly regrets that this forum has been used by Lars von Trier to express comments that are unacceptable, intolerable, and contrary to the ideals of humanity and generosity that preside over the very existence of the festival."

"I really wanted to be a Jew, and then I found out that I was really a Nazi because, you know, my family was German, which also gave me some pleasure," the director said in the May 18 news conference.

"What can I say? I understand Hitler, but I think he did some wrong things, yes, absolutely. But I can see him sitting in his bunker in the end. He's not what you would call a good guy, but I understand much about him, and I sympathize with him a little bit. But come on, I'm not for the Second World War, and I'm not against Jews. I am very much for Jews. No, not too much, because Israel is a pain in the ass."

The French Jewish umbrella group, CRIF, said it was "horrified" by the comments, which exemplify "current tendencies to trivialize Nazism."

The sanction "is a welcome action which declares to the world that the suffering of victims is not a fit subject for mockery or casual self-promotion," Elan Steinberg, vice president of the American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors and their Descendants, said in a statement.

"The organizers of the Cannes film festival have eloquently taken a determined moral stand against cavalier expressions of hate and insensitivity to those brutalized by the Nazis - Jew and non-Jew."

Critics have called Von Trier's new film a triumph and it's in the running for the Palme d'Or prize in Cannes for best picture, but his comments could harm his film's chances.

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As winters warm up, Golan ski resort doubles as bike park

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JERUSALEM — For mountain biker Shai Lahat, it took three downhill trips to take the edge off the thrill of hurtling down the slopes of Mount Hermon.

"It's super-fun, there are good trails and some sweet jumps. There's no other place like it in Israel," Lahat said after riding at Bike Park, a biking site at the Hermon Ski Resort on the Golan Heights mountain, which opened recently.

Lahat, the technical coach for Teamisgav, a riding group with 200 members, envisions an expansion of the offerings, with additional trails for different types of bicycling that would attract riders coming from abroad.

The site already has three bicycle trails: a relatively easy one, for learning how to mountain bike and practising technique; and two 4.5-kilometre downhill trails that go from the top to the bottom of the ski site and include jumps and other features.

"The main idea is to take advantage of the infrastructure, the unique topography, the weather and the accessibility of Hermon Ski Resort for bicycling," said Guy Zisser of PeakBike, the company that operates the park.

Bikers use the ski chairlifts to take them, and their wheels, to the top of the trail. An all-day lift ticket costs NIS 135 ($37).

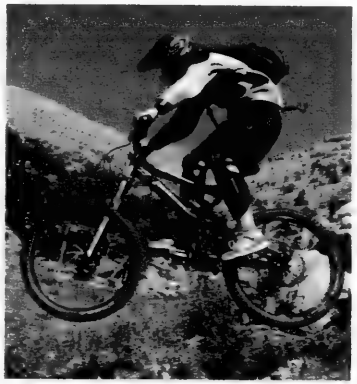
"Several conditions are needed for a bike park, and in addition to suitable topography and accessibility, the chairlift is an important component," Zisser said.

According to PeakBike, there are an estimated 200,000 active mountain bikers in Israel.

But Zisser said it was "impossible to guess how many will come." For now, he's settling for the 10 biking "addicts" who showed up yesterday after hearing about the site's opening.

The general manager of the ski resort, Menachem Baruch, said he had been searching for a partner with a suitable background for years before joining forces with PeakBike.

"We realized a long time ago that we needed to bring mountain biking into the site as a complementary product, and we found the people who could do it," he said.



Bike rider enjoys a jump on Mount Hermon in Northern Israel.
[Hamad Almakt/FLASh90 photo]

But though Baruch called the biking "complementary," it could well turn into the ski resort's main activity if the winters continue to be as mild as in the last two years. The resort was open to skiers for only seven days this winter and 15 days the previous one.

"It's sad," said Baruch, though he insisted "the winter activity is still central to Hermon."

The warmer winters may be bad for skiing at Hermon, but Zisser sees the silver lining in the disappearing clouds.

"Considering that Israel's weather allows for mountain biking for seven months out of the year, compared to just a few months abroad, our project is expected to form a complementary activity to the winter and in this way will contribute to increasing tourism in the area in the spring, summer and fall," said Zisser. "The Hermon will operate for a longer period of time as a bike park than as a ski area."

Zisser said there are similar bike parks in Europe, the United States and Canada.

"Soon the site will be associated not only with skiing but also with biking," said Lahat. "The word is already out on the opening, and riders are excited."

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Soccer-thon raised funds for Israeli charity

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

The summer fundraising season is upon us – at least the one that combines sports with raising money for worthy charities.

A couple of Sundays ago, Beit Issie Shapiro was the beneficiary of a "Soccer-thon," which saw about 60 adults play a five-on-five soccer marathon. Held at the Astra Sports-Plex on Rutherford Road, the event saw players in the 20-40 age range compete in a friendly environment punctuated by the sound of the "vuvuzuela," the South African horn made famous at the 2010 World Cup of Soccer.

The three-hour tournament was played on two side-by-side indoor "fields." The format permitted all teams to play everyone else in a quick-paced game that was capped at 10 minutes, or which ended when one team scored two goals.

Teams consisted of up to 10 players each and each squad was asked to contribute $300 towards the charity.

Team Green were tournament winners, with each player receiving a copy of *Start Up Nation*, a book by Dan Senor and Saul Singer about Israel's economic innovations.

Proceeds from the tournament were earmarked to Beit Issie Shapiro's home community inclusion program. Beit Issie Shapiro is an agency based in Ra'anana, Israel that provides therapeutic and educational services for children and adults with developmental disabilities. It is also an advocacy organization, promoting the rights of people with special needs as well as their integration in all areas of society.

Players stretch before game.

Some 30,000 Israelis benefit from Beit Issie's efforts.

Last year, the Canadian Friends of Beit Issie Shapiro founded a young professional division, known as BISYP, chaired by Gilad Epstein. Tasked with raising awareness of the Israeli agency and raising funds, it organized the weekend soccer-thon. Last September it sponsored a sushi and wine evening attended by 40 people, and in August it held a Zumba dance event attended by 20 people.

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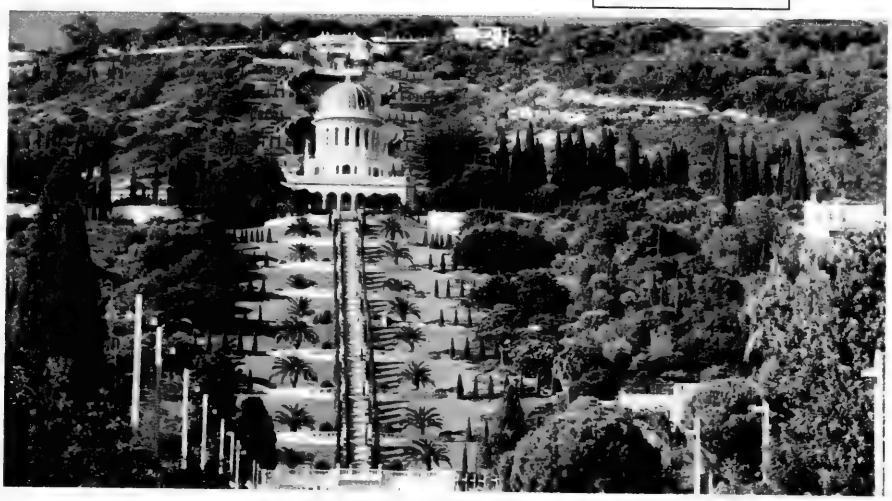

The terraced gardens of the Shrine of the Bab in Haifa.

A thing of spiritual and physical beauty in Haifa

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

The Shrine of the Bab, the world centre of the Baha'i faith, is probably the single most impressive landmark in the picturesque Israeli port city of Haifa.

But for Iranian Canadian architect Fariborz Sahba, the shrine is more than just a thing of beauty.

"It is at the heart of our spiritual universe," he said in an interview.

Sahba, a resident of Victoria, B.C., was here last week to talk about the shrine, a topic dear to his heart, at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

His lecture was sponsored by the Canadian Committee for the Haifa Foundation.

Sahba, 62, spent almost 14 years in Haifa, from 1988 onward, as architect/manager of a major renovation project that enhanced the beauty of the shrine, a substantial complex of ethereal gardens and exquisite buildings stretching about one kilometre from the base of Mt. Carmel to its summit.

He designed the 18 terraced gardens above and below the golden-domed shrine, a Baha'i pilgrimage destination and tourist attraction all rolled into one.

"We changed the heart of the city into something beautiful," said Sahba, who immigrated to Canada from Iran in 1982.

A graduate of Tehran University's School of Fine Arts, he was commissioned to design "a monumental approach" to the shrine, which itself was designed by a Canadian Baha'i, William Sutherland Maxwell, and was completed in 1953.

The shrine, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2008, contains the remains of Bahaullah, the founder of the Baha'i faith, a monotheistic religion with some six million followers whose members in Iran and Arab states have been marginalized and persecuted.

The Baha'is purchased the land, facing the German Colony, in the early 20th century. Over the years, a garden and an ensemble of buildings were added to the scenic site, which offers panoramic views of Haifa's harbour and the foothills of the Galilee.

Sahba – the designer of a lotus-shaped Baha'i house of worship in New Delhi, India, and the associate architect of Iran's embassy in Beijing, China – worked closely with Israeli horticulturalists, soil and structural engineers and gardeners to create the 18 terraced gardens, consisting of a melange of flower beds, hedges, trees, ornaments, fountains and gravelled paths.

The Israeli national and municipal governments were very supportive of his plans. "They were friends," he said, referring to the officials who extended assistance. "It was a collaborative effort."

The project, which cost around $250 million, was financed by the global Baha'i community.

Fariborz Sahba
(Sheldon Kirshner photo)

Finished in May 2001, and the subject of an Israeli postage stamp, the gardens are divided into three zones of seasonal flowers, drought-resistant plants and hardy trees such as eucalyptus and olive.

Sahba travelled all around Israel to learn about native flowers, plants and trees.

In some cases, he bought mature olive trees that farmers intended to uproot, sending special teams of experts to relocate them properly.

"For me, it was a wonderful time and opportunity," he observed, saying that the project was an antidote to the usual dose of bad news coming out of the Middle East in those years.

"Haifa, for the Baha'is, is very important. For us, this is a spiritual garden. We didn't do it for show."

While working on the gardens, Sahba contributed his expertise to the restoration of the crumbling but atmospheric German Colony, which was founded by German evangelical Christians in the last half of the 19th century and abandoned after World War II.

"This project is an ongoing one," he explained. "It will take many years to be fully complete."

Restoration work is also proceeding at the Baha'i gardens in Acre, which is also a UNESCO heritage site, but Sahba is not involved in this project.

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A Jew walks into a bar... mitzvah

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

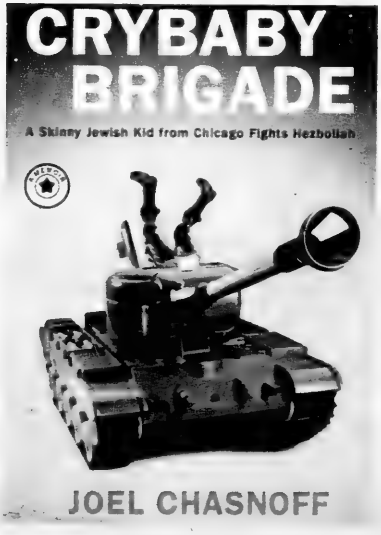
Joel Chasnoff is not your typical standup comedian.

Scratch that. He is your typical comedian, if by "typical" you mean a Chicago-born, Conservative Jewish father of four who recently wrote an autobiographical comedic novel about his time serving in the Israel Defence Forces and has opened for Jon Stewart and Lewis Black.

Titled *The 188th Crybaby Brigade: A Skinny Jewish Kid From Chicago Fights Hezbollah* (Simon & Schuster), Chasnoff writes about his service as the lone American soldier, then 24, in an IDF tank unit populated by 18-year-old Israeli "mama's boys who feign injuries to get out of guard duty and claim diarrhea to avoid kitchen work" among other ignoble events.

In Toronto last week to perform at a UJA Federation of Greater Toronto "young professionals" night and as the entertainment at a fundraising gala for Robbins Hebrew Academy, Chasnoff has pretty much locked up the Jewish comedy gig as his niche market.

Not that he's intending to pigeonhole himself as a one-trick comedian, mind you. But his keen observational and anecdotal Jewish humour and clever take on the surrealities of growing up Jewish are second to none. Oh, and he works absolutely clean. There's no "blue" in his routine.



Take for instance this joke about holiday foods:

"Jews pervert our holidays with the most disgusting foods ever invented. Take Chanukah. We celebrate the oil lasting for eight days. We commemorate that by eating latkes. A food that has eight *times* the amount of oil recommended by the Food and Drug Administration. It's a miracle! Here, have a heart attack."

Speaking to *Heebonics* at his North York hotel last week, Chasnoff said he believes what makes him successful as a comedian is that he never uses his humour to "degrade" the Jewish experience, using it instead to reveal his true Jewish experiences.

"I learned to be funny starting way back in Jewish day school and Jewish summer camp. A big part of comedy is feeling like you don't fit in, but I've always been able to fit in well. My [Jewish] upbringing has helped ground me."

He's been doing standup professionally now for 11 years and said he feels one of his mandates as a Jewish comedian is to "make Judaism cool" for his Jewish audiences, especially younger Jews who may not think of their culture as a place where "cool" resides.

Chasnoff, 37, is fluent in Hebrew and said he tries to visit Israel at least once a year – his wife is Israeli and her family is all there – and while there he sometimes performs for Israeli crowds from time to time.

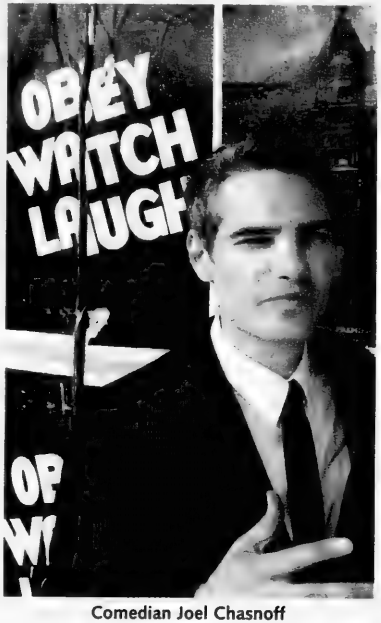
He once did a bit on an Israeli late-night talk show, though admits it was "tough" as Israeli crowds are "judgmental" if they hear a foreign accent in Hebrew.

Asked why he decided to voluntarily join the IDF at 24, Chasnoff explained that he was disillusioned after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania and initially failing in his comedy career.

"I always had this image of the Israeli soldier as this kick-ass Jew. That came from the movie *Raid on Entebbe*, which I saw when I was nine," he said. "I loved that there were Jews just like me, yet who were nothing like me. They had guns, wearing army uniforms... they were nothing like the Jews I grew up with [in America]. I fell in love with the idea of Jews who could stand up for themselves."

While he said he'd never experienced blatant antisemitism himself growing up, "I was very conscious of being different" because of being Jewish in America.

He said despite some of the foibles and hardships he experienced in the IDF, he still considers it his home army, over-and-above the U.S. Army.



Comedian Joel Chasnoff

"What I've always loved about Israel is that, as much as there's conflict, you can just be a Jew and breathe a little easier. I just feel comfortable there," he said.

Chasnoff is in the process of adapting his novel into a screenplay, though at the moment he's "not sure how that will work."

His advice to aspiring comedians: "It's simple. Your career will take care of itself if you can write a solid act. If you can get five to 10 minutes [of material] down efficiently, with original and surprising punch lines... and do it consistently for two or three years at open mikes in your city, everything else will follow. Agents and bookings will follow."

For more information about Chasnoff, visit www.joelchasnoff.com.

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Leave the boys alone

Dear Ella,

It happened again last night. Jack and I have three couples we're close with. We all try to get together at least once a month, rotating turns and having dinner at each other's homes. This has been going on for years, ever since we finished university, which is where many of us met. Then we all got married and had busy lives, so we developed this ritual. It's a nice evening when we get away from our regular routines and enjoy each other's company.

We used to laugh over wine and dinner and discuss old times, but I've noticed over the last couple of years that after dinner, the men and women seem to separate into their own rooms and have their own conversations.

Ask Ella

Ella Burakowski

I went into the kitchen last night to get some water, and it was then that I realized that the women were all sitting around the dining room table discussing kids, recipes and *American Idol* while the men were on the deck in the backyard.

They go out with the intention of smoking cigars, which they're not allowed to do in any of our houses.

I went over to the patio door and listened in on their conversation.

The words "insulation," "contractor," "soffit" and "flat roof" sent me scurrying back to the ladies, but when I went home, it bothered me that we no longer have anything to say to each other in a group.

Is this a sign of the times, or are we just boring old folk?

Nothing in Common

Dear Nothing in Common

It's nice to get together with old friends, and I'm sure you enjoy catching up with your gal pals too. Don't read too much into this separation of the sexes. The group stays together throughout dinner, right? It's not until after dinner that you separate into your two groups.

Men and women are wired differently. This is a fact. The problem begins when you try to change that. Don't expect your husbands to care about any television show that does not have a score or heavy-duty action. As for the kids, they see and hear about them all week. Usually, the last thing they want to discuss is their kids when they're out with friends. It's their time to unwind, and if that means talking about construction, sports or the stock market, so be it. It's not for you to understand. It's for you to accept. Don't take these differences as personal attempts to frustrate you. It doesn't mean you have nothing in common.

The idea that one gender should think and feel like the other is absurd. You should look at them and smile, knowing that they're enjoying themselves as much as you ladies are. The fact they do it differently is exactly what attracts us to the opposite sex. How boring would life be if we all thought and functioned the same way?

Go back to the table and enjoy the conversation with the girls. Feel confident and happy knowing your man is having a good a time, even if it's without you.

Don't look for problems where they don't exist.

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN, *e-mail: ellacjn@gmail.com. But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

TUNA PIE (DAIRY) FOR SHAVU'OT

2 tbls. oil
2 onions, chopped
400-500 grams fresh mushrooms, chopped
1 pkg. puff pastry dough, defrosted
2 6-oz. tuna, drained
10 oz. cheese grated
4 tbls. mayonnaise
6 tbls.yogurt
1-2 tsps. paprika, 1 tsp. salt

Preheat oven to 400°F. Spray a 9"x13 baking dish with non-stick spray. Layer with half of the puff pastry. In a skillet, heat oil. Saute onions until translucent. Add mushrooms & cook until tender. Cool. Combine onions and mushrooms with the rest of the ingredients. Pour tuna mixture on top of puff pastry, then top with other half of puff pastry. Brush egg yolk on top of pastry dough. Slightly cut serving size squares into the top of pastry dough. Bake 35-40 min., or until golden brown on top. Let pie cool slightly before cutting.

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The CJN's French-language reporter in Montreal, Elias Levy, writes about:

Israeli politician Carmi Gillon, left, vice-president for external relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, who spoke about the possible results of the recent accord between the Palestinian groups, Fatah and Hamas during his recent visit to Montreal.

Ariel Sabbah, who was recently named the new president of the Congrégation Or Hahayim of Côte Saint-Luc, succeeding outgoing president Mome Bouzaglou.

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Elias Levy writes about French author and musician Gilbert Sinoué who was a guest at the recent Blue Metropolis Literary Festival in Montreal.

CJN web columnist Lauren Aginsky writes about the real competition in her marriage - the iPod, in this month's Married With Children column.

Also on the web

The psychological and social needs of Canadian cancer patients who have completed treatment are not being adequately addressed by the public health-care system, according to one of this country's highest profile survivors of the disease, Dr. Marla Shapiro, left.

A matter of speaking

It's the kind of discussion I try to avoid when I am doing my clinic – the patient or family starts complaining about their family doctor or another specialist.

I avoid such discussions as I am not in a position to judge what transpires between a patient and another doctor, and it does not generally achieve the goal of getting the best care possible. Of interest, though, is that when there is a complaint, it most often revolves around communication and the rapidity of the interaction and lack of time to "explain" things.

Senior Side of Life

Michael Gordon

I recently saw a patient who was accompanied by a daughter. The latter seemed very reasonable and well informed. As I reviewed the records that were sent to me, I noted that another geriatric assessment had been done and the conclusion was congruent with mine. When I enquired why my second "opinion" was being requested, the daughter said that like the arrangement in my office, her mother was first seen by a resident, as it, too, was a teaching centre, but when the consultant came in he spent five minutes and left without some very important questions and issues being addressed. The daughter was concerned and was left dissatisfied since the diagnosis was one of dementia, which has some very important implications for treatment as well as prognosis and future planning.

Many of the complaints made to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, the regulatory body of physicians, are about communication or lack thereof rather than the competency in medical decision-making. When such issues are brought to the attention of the physician about whom a complaint is being made, it is very common for the physician to be unaware that there was a problem in communication. When it is brought to the physicians' attention, most are sorry that the patient interpreted what transpired as a lack of caring and dedication, rather than a fault in the communication process or perhaps communication style or skill of the physician.

It was therefore of special interest that the opinion piece in the Feb. 27 edition of the *New York Times* featured an article by the renowned physician Abraham Verghese titled *Treat the Patient, Not the CT Scan.* In it, the special focus is on the pre-eminence that modern medicine has given to computer technologies that assist physicians in making proper diagnoses, something that is paramount in good medical practice. But Verghese argues that sometimes what we are losing with this technology is the human touch, the important component of medicine, which is reflected in the "laying on of hands."

Patients, especially older ones, and their families expect a lot from us as physicians. What they expect is in essence what we promised to deliver when we took on that special privilege of being a doctor. Even with the most sophisticated aspects of contemporary medicine, it is important to remember to examine our patients with our hands, eyes, ears, stethoscopes and tendon hammers and then to speak in a way that is readily understood, always leaving time for those necessary, clarifying questions.

It may take a number of visits to achieve all of these goals. This is part of the important ritual and art of medicine that is no less important than its science. When both aspects are addressed and combined, physicians can best achieve the goals of comprehensive and humane care-giving.

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Canada protects Israel's interests at G8

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Canada ensured that the G8 summit statement on renewed peace negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians did not mention the region's 1967 borders as a pre-condition to peace talks.

Reports out of the G8 summit in Deauville, France, last Friday said Prime Minister Stephen Harper had, despite their objections, forced his counterparts to soften the language of the statement because of his strong support of the Jewish state.

The G8 summit brings together the leaders of Canada, the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Russia.

In order for any statement to be issued, all eight must reach consensus on its language.

The final statement expressed "strong support for the vision of the Israeli-Palestinian peace outlined by [U.S.] President [Barack] Obama," without referring to the 1967 borders.

"The Canadians were really very adamant, even though Obama expressly referred to 1967 borders in his speech last week," a European diplomat told Reuters last Friday.

In a May 19 Middle East policy speech, Obama called for the 1967 lines with mutually agreed land swaps to be the basis for a future border between Israel and a Palestinian state. This formulation drew objections from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who called the 1967 lines "indefensible" for Israel.

Speaking to reporters at the closing of the summit last week, Harper said he wanted any G8 statement on peace negotiations to be balanced. He added he wanted both Israelis and the Palestinians held accountable for concessions each side must make, and that the statement not just focus on what Israelis must do for peace.

Citing Obama's May address, Harper cautioned that other G8 leaders shouldn't "cherry-pick" parts of the president's speech, which itself was balanced.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper, right, and U.S. President Barack Obama speak during the G8 Summit in Deauville, France, last Thursday. [*Jason Ransom PMO photo*]

Thousands walk for Israel

Some 12,000 people marched on Sunday in the annual Walk With Israel through downtown Toronto, organized by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto. Please see related story on page 6. [*Riva Gold photos*]

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CANADA

Portus Head Jailed

TORONTO — Boaz Manor, head of a defunct $800-million Toronto hedge fund that defrauded thousands of investors, got four years in jail last week in a deal worked out by the Crown and his lawyers. Manor, 37, founded Portus Asset Management Inc. in 2003. It was shut down by regulators in 2005 amid allegations assets were invested improperly. Manor fled to Israel, but returned in 2007 to face charges. He pleaded guilty last fall to one count of laundering funds obtained through breach of trust and one count of disobeying a court order. Investors got back most of their money, but he hasn't returned $9 million in diamonds he says he doesn't have. In 2007, fund co-founder Michael Mendelson was jailed two years for fraud after a guilty plea.

Archives Wins Prize

TORONTO — The Ontario Historical Society will honour the Ontario Jewish Archives at its June 4 annual general meeting with an award for the online exhibit *Ontario's Small Jewish Communities*. The archives, a department of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, will get the Scadding Award of Excellence, given to organizations that make an outstanding contribution to the history field. The archives is one of 11 winners this year.

CJC Gets New CEO

TORONTO — Benjamin Shinewald was named acting CEO of Canadian Jewish Congress last week, replacing Bernie Farber, who is running for the Liberals in the riding of Thornhill in the Oct. 6 Ontario election. Shinewald had been Congress' national executive director and general counsel.

Agencies Help Jewish Tornado Victims

JOPLIN, Mo. — Two Jewish brothers who were reported missing in the wake of the deadly May 22 tornado in Joplin, Mo., are safe.

All the members of the small Jewish community in Joplin were accounted for last week, but many lost their homes and possessions in the tornado and were in need of basic supplies.

The Jewish Federation of St. Louis said at least four families lost everything and are living in shelters. The federation is collecting donations to help the victims, and the city's Jewish Community Relations Council was gathering supplies such as blankets, T-shirts, water, baby supplies and toiletries to drive into Joplin.

Some 50 Jews live in Joplin, according to the federation, amid a population of some 50,000.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City's board of directors voted May 24 to allocate $5,000 in emergency funds to the relief efforts in Joplin.

Rabbi Yehuda Weg, the Tulsa-based director of Chabad-Lubavitch of Oklahoma, told Chabad.org that several Jewish-owned homes were "totally flattened." He had driven to Joplin May 23 with a list of Jews in need and a car full of supplies. Rabbi Weg travels to Joplin twice a month to supervise kosher production at several food manufacturers and to meet with 15 to 20 Jews affiliated with Chabad living there.

The United Hebrew Congregation of Joplin, a Reform synagogue, reportedly wasn't damaged. It has existed in the city since at least 1919.

WORLD

Another Brit Ban?

LOS ANGELES — An anti-circumcision group will circulate a petition in Santa Monica, Calif., to put a measure banning male circumcision on an upcoming ballot. A notice proposing a ballot initiative banning "genital cutting of male minors" for the November ballot in Santa Monica, was filed with the city. The filing comes on the heels of an identical one approved for the November ballot in San Francisco. It makes it a misdemeanour crime to circumcise a boy under 18. Maximum penalty is a year in jail and a $1,000 fine. Circumcisions would only be legal for medical reasons, with no religious exemptions.

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Center facilitates medical aid for Palestinian kids

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Arie Raif is a Shimon Peres man – he's known and admired the Israeli president through much of Raif's diplomatic and business careers – so as the public face of the Peres Center for Peace in Canada, he's proud to quote the Nobel Prize winner.

When Peres was asked how he'd like to be remembered, the president replied, "'as someone who saved the life of one child, whether Israeli or Palestinian.'" Raif recounted.

"We will carry on in Canada a campaign to raise funds for the Save the Children program, where we... take across the border babies who are suffering and need treatment for cardiac surgeries, bone marrow transplants and cochlear [ear] implants," Raif said.

Currently, the Peres Center has the means to fund medical treatments for 350 Palestinian children annually, even though it has received requests from close to 3,000.

The Canadian Peres Center for Peace Foundation recently was granted charitable status, entitling it to issue tax-deductible receipts, Raif, the organization's vice-chair, said. He expects it to begin to ramp up its activities.

Founded in 1996 by Shimon Peres, the Peres Center's mission "is to build an infrastructure of peace and reconciliation by and for the people of the Middle East that promotes socio-economic development, while advancing cooperation and mutual understanding," according to its website.

The centre is also designed to implement Peres' vision of a Middle East in which people work peacefully in a spirit of co-operation.

In a statement from Israel recognizing the Canadian branch of the centre, Peres said: "Given the way of possible democratization in the Middle East, mutual peace will be between the people of the region and not only between the governments. The challenge of the people, especially the young, is to co-operate in favour of peaceful coexistence. This is the mission of the Peres Center for Peace."

Israeli President Shimon Peres speaks to some of the families who have benefited from medical services in Israel through the Peres Center for Peace.

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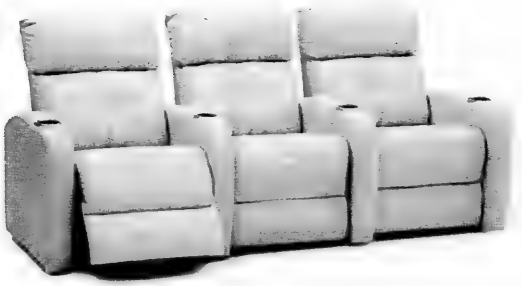

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Of course, what Shimon Peres believed in was not – indeed, is not even today – necessarily shared by the proverbial man-on-the-street, whether that man or that street is in Tel Aviv, Ramallah or Damascus.

From the editor's desk...

And yet, throughout his life, against all odds, he has tirelessly persevered to the very end of the way for the sake of his beliefs. In this, he adopted the risk-laden, though self-assured approach of David Ben-Gurion, his mentor.

Today, in the twilight of a storied public career, the octogenarian probably enjoys wider acceptance among the diverse Israeli population, than at any prior moment in his embattled life in politics.

As president of the state, he is finally above the fractious, partisan fray of Israel's nasty, cut-to-the-bone, domestic politics – at least theoretically. He is one of the western world's acknowledged elder statesmen, experienced in war and peace, defence and diplomacy and highly respected in the palaces, parliaments and peoples' congresses in many parts of the globe.

Some 15 years ago, when he saw up-close, the weak points of the Oslo accords peace structure, he decided to found a centre for peace that would attempt over time, to repair those weaknesses.

Thus, in 1996, he founded the Center for Peace that bears his name. *(Please see the related story in this edition of The CJN on page 3.)* Its overall aim is to try to build a foundation for peace between Palestinians and Israelis from the ground up, to foster trust and mutual understanding between the two contending peoples by myriad programs requiring co-operation, collaboration and joint action among individuals. The idea is to weave so many lines of interconnections, relationships and goodwill over time between "ordinary" human beings, that the resulting social fabric between the two peoples and the two neighbouring states will be civil if not friendly, but always resilient.

Those interconnecting individual lines of personal contact will intertwine across a range of six specific categories of human activity: medical, agricultural, business, high technology, cultural and sports.

The busy, creative hub of all these activities – its headquarters, so to speak – is the Peres Peace House in Jaffa. *The CJN* visited the Peace House last month at the invitation of the newly established Canadian branch of the peace centre.

The architecture and location of the Peace House are intrinsic to the purposes of the centre. Every detail of the building is intended to reflect the centre's mission. Situating it in the mixed Arab-Jewish community of Jaffa was a very deliberate, public demonstration of bridge-building between the two communities.

The house sits on the southernmost edge of Jaffa in the relatively poor neighbourhood of Ajami, adjacent to a Muslim cemetery. Beyond the cemetery is the town of Bat Yam. The residents of Jaffa and, of course, of the Ajami neighbourhood, use the building for recreational, cultural and educational activities.

It is the stunningly stark design of renowned Italian architect Massimilia Fuksas. It looks like a large, four-storey, rectangular layer cake of grey-beige cement and glass.

The ubiquitous glass walls wrapping all four sides of the building between the concrete layering provides a view to the outside that is calming and inspiring for the staff of the centre – 80 per cent of whom are women. More importantly, however, as explained to me, the glass provides a view from the outside into the building, symbolizing the social, political and financial transparency by which the centre operates.

Peres Peace House

The grey-beige concrete layers blend with the sand of the shoreline and the hilly incline leading to the sea on which the Peace House sits. Its western wall is merely metres from the edge of the waters of the Mediterranean whose vast horizon casts the perfect backdrop for the limitless hope that Shimon Peres carries for the centre in the ceaseless, unyielding pulling of the sea to the shore and back again.

Next week, I will write about some of the centre's programs. – *MBD*

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SCHALIT ACTIVISTS STALL FUNDS TRANSFER

Dozens of protesters near the Erez crossing recently blocked an armoured vehicle carrying $13 million (US) in funds from entering Gaza. They demanded that the Israeli government halt the transfer until IDF soldier Gilad Schalit is freed from his five-year captivity in Gaza. The funds are tax transfers that Israel collects for the Palestinian Authority and government in Gaza. *[Israel Sun]*

City executive committee accepts Pride report

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

The City of Toronto's executive committee has accepted the city manager's report that the words "Israeli apartheid" do not contravene the city's anti-discrimination policy.

At a heated debate last Tuesday, councillors and community members discussed the report – issued in April by city manager Joe Pennachetti – before the committee finally reached its unanimous decision to adopt the report's recommendations. It will now go before the full city council on June 14.

Len Rudner

Pennachetti was asked by council last year to review whether Pride Toronto was in contravention of the city's non-discrimination policy because it allowed the group Queers Against Israeli Apartheid (QuAIA) to participate in the annual Pride parade for the past three years.

In his April recommendation to council, Pennachetti concluded that the term "Israeli apartheid" is not a hateful phrase. He based his decision on the fact the term has never been found in violation of the Ontario Human Rights Code or the Criminal Code of Canada.

Len Rudner, Ontario regional director of Canadian Jewish Congress, spoke to the executive committee about the Jewish community's position on the report.

Speaking on behalf of Congress , UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and the Canadian Council of Israel and Jewish Advocacy, Rudner said Pennachetti's report was based on flawed logic and was "too narrow" in its scope of interpretation.

He said while Congress "respects the research" the city manager and his team put into the report, there was ample room for more analysis.

"There is, for example, no law in Canada that says a person can't be an antisemite or a homophobe," Rudner said. "The city manager should have also considered the values which animate the City of Toronto."

Additionally, Rudner outlined how the term "Israeli apartheid" is "both hateful in its expression and antisemitic in its implications." He explained how QuAIA and similar groups use the juxtaposition of the two words to brand Israel as a racist state, and by extension accuse its supporters – which includes most Jews – of being racist and of perpetrating "alleged crimes against humanity."

"This characterization may not find traction in the Ontario Human Rights Code or the Criminal Code of Canada, but it should give pause to the city executive committee."

While the committee's agenda item was ostensibly to decide on whether to adopt the report, debate also strayed to the still-contentious issue of city funding for Pride.

On that matter, the city has adopted a resolution, put forward last year by Ward 7 Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti, to withhold funding from Pride until after this year's parade to ensure the event organizers prevent QuAIA from participating again.

Earlier this year, the controversial group announced it would not participate in this year's parade and would host its own event outside of Pride 2011.

Both the city and Pride Toronto are taking QuAIA at its word that it won't register for or try to crash the parade.

Toronto funds Pride with a cultural grant worth nearly $128,000 and provides more than $250,000 worth of in-kind services, such as security and garbage removal, for the festival.

Mammoliti had initially called for Pride to give a written guarantee that QuAIA would not be allowed in the parade. Pride would not commit to that, insisting instead that its newly instituted dispute resolution process would receive complaints about QuAIA if it applied to take part this year.

After last week's committee meeting, Mammoliti told the gay and lesbian newspaper *Xtra!* that he and others on council are still wary of QuAIA's activities at Pride this year.

"QuAIA better stay away," he said. "If they think they can do what they want at the expense of the taxpayer, they're wrong. The City of Toronto isn't going to fund an organization that wants to cause trouble. This councillor will defend the Jewish community, and I'll do it in an aggressive way."

In an effort to further placate council, Pride representatives assured the committee that the organization would throw out any members of QuAIA who tried to participate in this year's parade.

Martin Gladstone, the lawyer and gay rights activist who helped shed light on QuAIA's activities in the parade, said that overall he was "OK" with council's decisions last week.

"I am glad Pride got the funding. I am glad QuAIA is out. I am glad [QuAIA members] will be removed if they crash and that the money gets paid after the event to keep it honest," he said, adding however, that he was "not pleased" by the adoption of Pennachetti's report.

Justine Apple, executive director of Kulanu Toronto, the city's main Jewish gay and lesbian advocacy organization, said her organization supported the city's decision not to fund Pride until after the parade.

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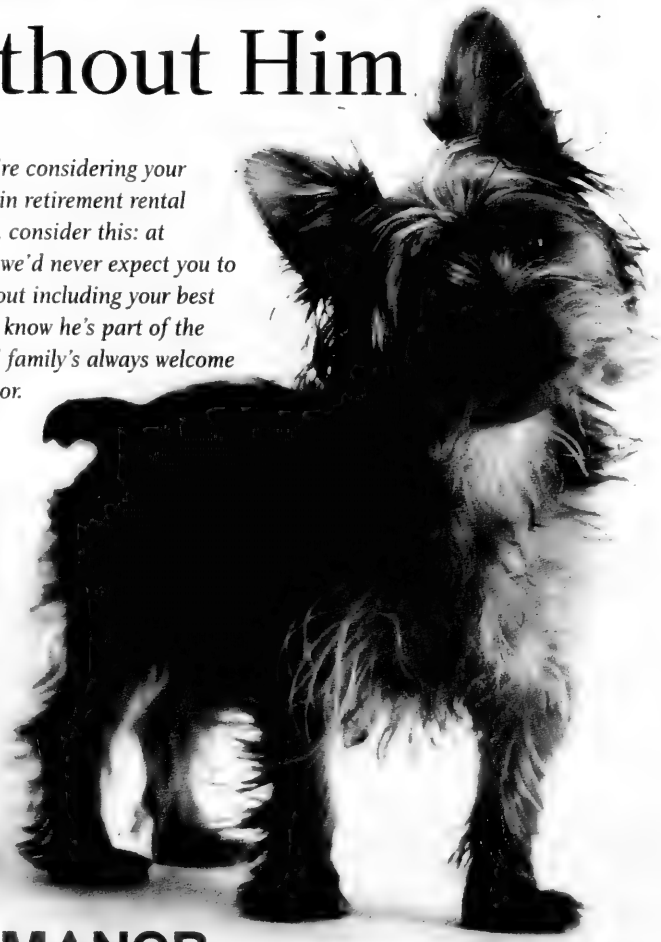

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UJA Federation of Greater Toronto knows what it takes to bring out thousands of Torontonians for a long walk on a rainy afternoon: the chance to show support for Israel, and camel rides at Ontario Place.

On Sunday, May 29, more than 12,000 men, women, and children braved the weather and headed to Coronation Park for United Jewish Appeal's annual Walk With Israel. The walk, culminating in a festival at Ontario Place, raised nearly $500,000 for UJA's charitable projects in Israel.

UJA's Walk With Israel is Toronto's largest single Jewish community event and one of the biggest Israeli solidarity events in the world.

The 44th annual Walk With Israel kicked off at Coronation Park with an inflatable playground and a performance by Juno Award-winner Shawn Desman. After the concert, participants walked eight kilometres along the downtown core and waterfront.

"Every year, more people join the walk to celebrate Israel's achievements and to raise funds for Israeli communities," said Howard English, vice-president of corporate communications at federation. "It really shows the remarkable affinity for Israel among members of the Jewish community and friends."

UJA officials also attributed the walk's fundraising success to the new "Family Challenge" program, which encouraged families to compete together as fundraising units. The winning family raised a staggering $34,113.

The walk featured five venues, each named after Israeli communities that would benefit from the event's proceeds. Maple Leaf Square became "Bat Yam," where UJA will help integrate Ethiopian Israelis through educational initiatives; HTO Park was dubbed "Sderot." Other funds went to support communities in Eilat, Acco, Hatzor Haglilit, Metulla and Jerusalem.

This year's walk drew over 12,000 people. *[Riva Gold photo]*

After the walk, participants were invited to the Renee and Irwin Nadal Festival at Ontario Place, where participants enjoyed a kosher barbecue, live entertainment and the camel rides. Young adults were invited to an alternative after-party in nearby Liberty Village, hosted by UJA and Jewish youth groups such as Hillel Toronto and Alpha Epsilon Pi. "We wanted to attract our demographic to the walk, so that we could get together and reconnect with our cultural values," said co-organizer Jordan Minuk.

"Just seeing so many people come out with pride to show support for Israel made me feel really proud," said participant Oren Weinstock.

Denise Alexander of Kulanu Toronto stressed that "as a female, gay Jewish woman, there are many reasons to come on the walk and celebrate Israel: Because I'm Jewish. Because Israel had a female prime minister. Because Israel supports the LGBT [lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender] community and we support them, too."

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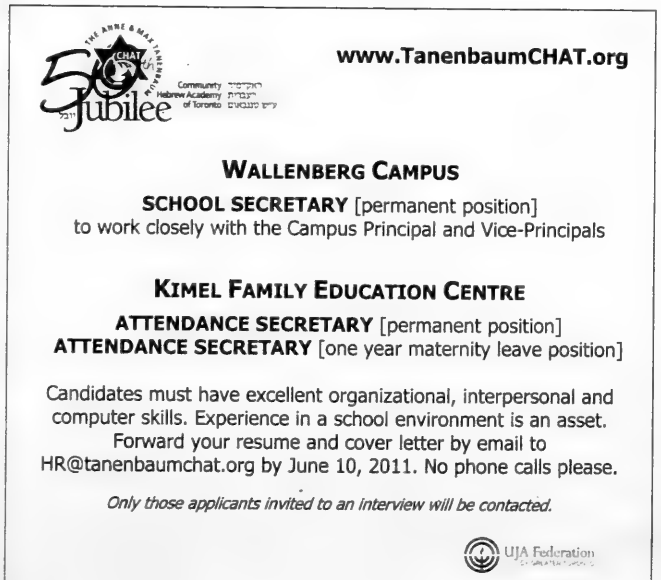
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Toronto teen co-chairs human rights summit

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Laurel Cohen, left, and Jesse Freedman, the 2011 Human Rights and Genocide Summit Teen co-ordinators, flank Phyliss Heideman, international chair of the March of the Living advisory committee.
[Eli Rubenstein photo]

Jesse Freedman says he and fellow Jewish teens have a responsibility to prevent atrocities from happening again.

A Grade 11 student at Crestwood College in Toronto, Freedman, 16, recently participated in the March of the Living, the annual Holocaust educational program that takes place in Poland and Israel.

"The trip was powerful, but we can't let the trip just end," he told *The CJN*.

Freedman, who is finishing a one-year term as regional president of B'nai Brith Youth Organization's (BBYO) Lake Ontario region, wants more students to know about the upcoming Human Rights and Genocide Summit, a pilot project of the PANIM Institute of BBYO, which he is co-chairing with Laurel Cohen, who lives in Orlando, Fla.

The summit will be held at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Silver Spring, Md., just outside Washington, D.C., from June 26 to 28. It's geared toward March of the Living participants, but open to all Jewish teens in grades 10, 11 or 12.

Applications are being accepted until June 3, and about half of those registered so far are March alumni. The cost of the summit is $250 (US), or $150 (US) for alumni. Bus transportation for Toronto alumni is $210.

The summit will include sessions on how to lobby, and speakers from organizations including Free the Slaves, the Genocide Intervention Network, and the Committee on Conscience, which is part of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Summit participants will visit the museum, which has an exhibit on preventing genocide.

As well, students will see the movie, *The Wrong Side of the Bus*, about the difference between being a bystander and being an "upstander." The documentary traces the journey of a South African-born child of Holocaust survivors and his son back to Cape Town, and the father's coming to terms with apartheid and his lack of action as a young man.

American teens will have meetings at U.S. congressional offices, while their Canadian counterparts will head to the Canadian Embassy.

Mikah Goldman, program manager of PANIM, expects between 50 and 70 students to participate in the pilot project. "I'm hoping that teens will really feel empowered," she said.

Freedman said the trip made him feel that taking action to prevent injustices is "necessary," not just important.

"I feel I've been blessed by being born in a free country. I have the ability to give back to the community that's given me so much.

"I feel like, as Canadians and Jews, we represent the two largest peacekeeping forces in the entire world," he said. "Canadians are known worldwide for peacekeeping, and attempts to stop genocides and protect human rights. And as Jews, the commandment of tikkun olam, repairing the world, is written into our holy texts."

Judith Finer-Freedman, Jesse's mother and vice-chair of BBYO's international board of directors, said she hopes the Canadian March of the Living has "a presence" at the summit.

Alana Getzler, Toronto March director, said that although there is post-March programming here, the summit offers a different model and is "a great opportunity for kids to put the lessons of the March into action."

Toronto March of the Living alumni who wish to register for the summit should contact Getzler at agetzler@ujafed.org to register and arrange bus transportation from Toronto.

In Montreal, March alumni who wish to register should contact Mandy Gillman at mandy.gillman@bjec.org.

For more information about the summit, or for non-alumni of Canadian March of the Living who want to register, go to http://panim.bbyo.org/genocidesummit2011.

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For Jerusalem

In the more than 3,000 years of its long, storied history, Jerusalem was a politically divided place for only the briefest period of time – 19 years, from 1948-1967. When the British ruling authority left Mandatory Palestine in mid-May, 1948, the Jordanian Legion seized the eastern sector of Jerusalem, including of course, the Old City, dividing the historic city for the very first time ever.

Why is it not, therefore, viewed by most people as an affront to history let alone to truth and fairness that the Palestinians wish to politically divide the city once again?

After the armistice went into effect, bringing to a halt the war launched by five armies of the Arab League against the nascent Jewish state, the Jews were expelled from the Old City. To that point, Jews had always lived in the walled Old City of Jerusalem. We might also add that the Jews' homes were destroyed, as were all the synagogues and other distinctively Jewish markers in the Old City.

By destroying the sheer physical Jewish presence in the Old City, the Jordanians thought they would thereby also destroy what to that point had been known for millennia by humankind throughout the world: the eternal Jewish connection to Jerusalem. But the Jordanians – and the entire Arab world along with them – were wrong.

Nineteen years after the start of Israel's War of Independence, and 18 years after the armistice, the army of the Jewish state recaptured what it had lost in 1948 and reunified what the Jordanians had divided: beloved Jerusalem. Indeed it was this week, 44 years ago, on the 28th day of Iyar, (June 1 this year) that Motta Gur, the commander of the paratroop forces that recaptured east Jerusalem, famously said: "*Har Habayit b'yadeinu.*" ("The Temple Mount is in our hands.")

By what standard of fairness or propriety do peoples and states demand of Israel now that it must redivide the city and relinquish from those very same hands the city's eastern part?

The subject of Jerusalem came up in Washington last week. In plain, bold language, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told the joint houses of the U.S. Congress that "Jerusalem must never again be divided. Jerusalem must remain the united capital of Israel."

A single political sovereignty for the city of Jerusalem does not preclude meaningful, full, open, rewarding, civic involvement and participation by its Arab residents. Netanyahu himself said as much to the American lawmakers: "I know this is a difficult issue for Palestinians. But I believe that, with creativity and with goodwill, a solution can be found."

A divided Jerusalem was never the historic or municipal norm. The 19 years of division under the Jordanians was an aberration. For the sake of the city and the people who live there, we must not make that aberration the norm.

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Israel's Health Ministry said it had given permission to Hadassah Medical Center to perform heart transplants and expected the hospital to perform about 12 a year. The procedure had been banned previously because of unresolved halachic issues raised by the chief rabbinate on the question of time of death. Hadassah officials said the issue would be discussed further with the two chief rabbis.

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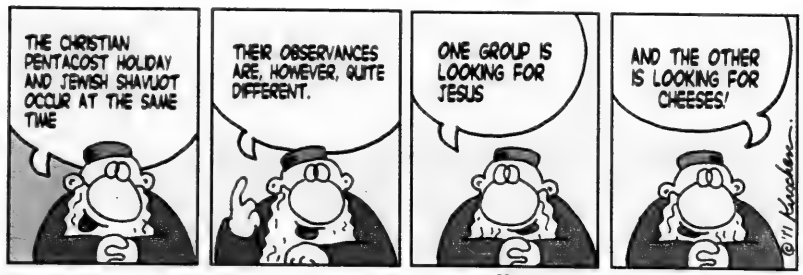
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Obama's speech (1)

U.S. President Barack Obama is not going back far enough calling for a Palestinian state based on 1967 borders ("Digesting Obama's speech," May 26). Why not borders based on the San Remo Conference of 1920, where the geographic region known as "Palestine" acquired a legal identity? Later, in 1922, the League of Nations determined the area between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea be Jewish Palestine and the area east of the Jordan River be Arab Palestine

Thus the problem of bringing another Palestinian state into existence would not be necessary, as it already exists in the name of Jordan. For those who are not happy to live in areas west of the Jordan River in Jewish Palestine (i.e. Israel), they could be financially compensated for the inconvenience of moving to Arab Palestine, which would be more than the Arab states did when they forced out their Jewish citizens with nothing after attacking the State of Israel in 1948.

Allan Edwards
Toronto

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Obama's speech (2)

On the Arab-Israeli conflict, the "pre-1967 borders" are not the basis for a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians. The basis must be the Palestinian acceptance of Israel as a Jewish state and an end to terrorism as a negotiating tool. Then, peace talks hold the prospect of a speedy resolution, and the Palestinians will have the state denied them by the Egyptian and Jordanian occupation of 1948 to 1967.

Len Bennett
Montreal

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Obama's speech (3)

JSpaceCanada, the voice of progressive Zionism in Canada, applauds U.S. President Barack Obama's statement that talks between Israel and the Palestinians should begin with the pre-1967 borders and adjusted through negotiated land swaps. This is one of the crucial foundational building blocks for long-term peace and security. We are disappointed that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu did not appear to offer anything new by way of substance for his vision of peace with the Palestinians. Instead, the prime minister in his Washington speeches appeared to show no flexibility or movement on any of the major obstacles to a peace agreement, including the issue of borders and the future of east Jerusalem. It is urgent that both Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas demonstrate leadership by coming forward with constructive suggestions and returning to negotiations that will lead to a peaceful and lasting solution.

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Israel has seven national newspapers, four of which – *Jerusalem Post, Maariv, Yediot Achronot* and *Ha'aretz*– publish English editions. *Ha'aretz* has been variously described as "far left," "hard left," "vehemently anti-settlement" and "anti-Zionist." I wonder why *The CJN* uses *Ha'aretz* almost exclusively for its reporting from Israel.

Martin Lipson
Toronto

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Misleading headline

I wish to clarify the headline on the article "UWO pressured to decline Islamic chair funding" (May 26), which dealt with a donation to Huron University College. While Huron University College is affiliated with the University of Western Ontario, the college is an autonomous organization with its own governance structure and administration. It has the authority to create its own program chairs and raise the funding to support those chairs, including deciding which donations it will accept. Western has no jurisdiction or influence over Huron University College in this matter.

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Netanyahu speaks to U.S. Congress

Uriel Heilman
JTA

Any peace deal with the Palestinians must grant Israel a military presence along the Jordan River, exclude repatriation of Palestinian refugees to Israel and leave Jerusalem as Israel's united capital, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said last week.

However,he said Tuesday in his address to a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress, some Jewish settlements in the West Bank would fall outside Israel's borders in a final peace deal.

Netanyahu did not appear to offer anything new by way of substance for his vision of peace with the Palestinians. He said Israel "would be very generous" about the size of the Palestinian state, but he provided few details.

"Israel needs unique security arrangements because of its unique size," Netanyahu said.

On the dispute over Jerusalem, which he vowed would remain Israel's undivided capital city, he said that "with creativity and with good will, a solution can be found."

On the issue of Palestinian refugees, Netanyahu said Palestinians could not be allowed to immigrate to Israel.

"Palestinians from around the world should have the right to immigrate, if they so choose, to the Palestinian state," he said. "The Palestinian refugee problem will be resolved outside the borders of Israel."

On borders and security, Netanyahu reiterated his call for a presence on the western shore of the Jordan River, which demarcates the boundary between the West Bank and Jordan.

"It's absolutely vital that a Palestinian state be demilitarized," Netanyahu said, "and it's absolutely vital that Israel maintain a long-term military presence along the Jordan River."

In speeches late last month, U.S. President Barack Obama also called for a "non-militarized" Palestinian state. But Obama said the issue of Palestinian refugees and Jerusalem's status should be left for future negotiations, and that the Palestinian state should have a border with Jordan – a stance that appears to contradict Netanyahu's.

Netanyahu received a warm reception from Congress, including more than two dozen standing ovations, and made a forceful case highlighting the commonalities between Israel and America and explaining Israel's security challenges. He talked about the threat of Iran's nuclear program and said the Palestinian Authority must end its agreement with Hamas, which he called "the Palestinian version of Al Qaeda."

The Israeli prime minister had an informal delivery, cracking several jokes and twice turning around to address U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden. When a heckler interrupted Netanyahu at one point, Congress tried to drown her out with a standing ovation, much as the pro-Israel crowd at the annual banquet of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) did the previous evening.

"This is real democracy," Netanyahu said after the heckler had been removed from the chamber of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Netanyahu repeated some lines from the night before, when most of Congress joined the crowd at the AIPAC gala.

"Israel is not what is wrong about the Middle East," he said both days. "Israel is what is right about the Middle East."

On the Palestinian issue, Netanyahu said, "I'm willing to make painful compromises to achieve this historic peace." He called the West Bank the Palestinians' homeland, but rejected the notion that it belongs to them alone.

"In Judea and Samaria, the Jewish people are not foreign occupiers," Netanyahu said, referring to the West Bank. "This is the land of our forefathers, the land of Israel to which Abraham brought the idea of one God."

He laid the blame for the failure of the peace process on the Palestinians' refusal to accept a Jewish state.

"Our conflict has never been about the establishment of a Palestinian state," Netanyahu said. "It's always been about the existence of a Jewish state. That's what this conflict is about."

He said the Palestinians continue to incite against Israelis.

"I stood before my people and said I will accept a Palestinian state," Netanyahu said. "It's time for [Palestinian] President [Mahmoud] Abbas to stand before his people and say, 'I will accept a Jewish state.'"

As for the contours of a future Palestinian state, Netanyahu indicated that large settlement blocs would become part of Israel, along with "other areas of critical strategic and national importance," but that "in any real peace agreement, in any peace agreement that ends the conflict, some settlements will end up beyond Israel's borders."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addresses the joint houses of the American Congress last week. *[IGPO photo]*

He said, "We recognize that a Palestinian state must be big enough to be viable, to be independent, to be prosperous."

The Israeli prime minister cited Obama's declaration that the borders will not return to those of June 4, 1967, repeating his own reaction to Obama's May 19 speech: "Israel will not return to the indefensible boundaries of 1967."

Much of the speech was devoted to trying to shift the focus back onto Iran's march toward a nuclear weapon.

"They could put a bomb anywhere. They could put it in a missile," Netanyahu said. "They could eventually put it in a suitcase or on a subway."

Netanyahu praised Obama for shepherding sanctions against Iran through the U.N. Security Council and saluted America for not staying silent in the face of calls from Tehran for Israel's destruction.

"The more Iran believes all options are on the table, the less the chance of confrontation," Netanyahu added.

Obama urges Palestinians to reject unilateralism

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LONDON — U.S. President Barack Obama said last Wednesday that the Palestinians should negotiate with the Israelis and not appeal to the United Nations for statehood.

"I strongly believe that for Palestinians to take the United Nations route rather than the path of sitting down and talking with the Israelis is a mistake," Obama said in a joint press conference with British Prime Minister David Cameron in London.

"The United Nations can achieve a lot of important work. What it is not going to be able to do is deliver a Palestinian state," he said. "The only way to see a Palestinian state is if Palestinians and Israelis agree on a just peace."

Obama also reassured that he was confident a two-state solution for Israel and the Palestinians was achievable.

"My goal, as I set out in a speech I gave..., is a Jewish State of Israel that is safe and secure and recognized by its neighbours, and a sovereign state of Palestine in which the Palestinian people are able to determine their own fate and their own future," Obama said. "I am confident that can be achieved."

In related developments, French President Nicolas Sarkozy said at a news conference at the G8 meeting in northern France last Thursday that France believes a Palestinian unity deal "is good news" for the Middle East peace process and that France will do everything it can to revive Palestinian-Israeli negotiations. The Fatah movement of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and its Islamist rival, Hamas, have agreed to set up a new government.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said on Wednesday that Israel was offering "nothing we can build on" for peace, and that without progress, he would seek UN recognition of Palestinian statehood in September.

Sarkozy said the peace process had to be revived, as the status quo could not continue.

French Foreign Minister Alain Juppé was to travel to the Middle East this week for talks, in the hope of convincing both sides to come back to the negotiating table and push for a peace and donors conference in France this summer.

"[Alain Juppé] will deliver a message from me to tell the Palestinians and Israelis that peace has waited too long and that it is at hand," Sarkozy said.

Meanwhile, in London, Middle East envoy Tony Blair told an audience of business leaders that Obama launched his peace initiative because he's concerned about what might happen to Israel if Palestinians unilaterally declare statehood.

Blair said Obama is "frankly worried about the position that Israel is in."

The former prime minister said Obama's initiative, which he outlined last week in a Middle East policy speech, is an "an attempt to fill a vacuum which he sees as dangerous, particularly dangerous for Israel in the run-up to September."

Mideast watchers have speculated that Washington launched its peace initiative to head off a potentially damaging vote on Palestinian statehood at the United Nations General Assembly in September.

Palestinians have been open in declaring their intention to take the issue to the UN, and the effects of their diplomatic campaign have led to several countries announcing that they will recognize an independent Palestinian state.

In his speech, Obama said a future Palestinian state must be based in territories captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war, with minor adjustments reached through negotiations.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rejected the idea of 1967 borders, calling them "indefensible."

The wholeness that follows the brokenness

Shavuot marks the end of an era: the end of the era of Israelite slavery and the culmination of the first phase of their liberty. The period of the Omer takes them from Passover – liberation – to covenant in the event at Sinai.

Rabbi Irving Greenberg describes Shavuot as "Sinai: the Reenactment" and remarks: "Earlier rabbinic midrash interprets the weeks between Passover and Shavuot as a passage period from slavery to freedom. The Israelites came out of Egypt saturated with Egyptian values; the 49 days enabled them to 'remove' the impurities of Egypt and to uncover some primordial Jewish identity and memory."

Yet the actual biblical story is more ironic: as Moses is up on the mountain receiving the 10 luminous words plus a long list of dos and don'ts, the Israelites are down on the ground whooping it up around a golden calf, with Aaron standing by, no doubt wringing his hands.

Yes, even the terror and awe of the mountain with its thunder and mysterious blasts of trumpets doesn't seem to have been enough to bolster the Israelites' nerve. They still needed a tangible representation of their God, just as the Egyptians and every other people around them did. So the Golden Calf, modelled on the bulls set up in temples across the ancient Near East, was what they needed. It should have come as no surprise. Slavery as a mindset is not so easily overcome.

Moses, coming down from the mountain after his 40-day absence, in anger breaks the tablets he is bringing to the people.

Jean M. Gerber

in Vancouver

Broken seem to be the operative word.

Let me digress a moment.

The short novel *Broken For You*, by Stephanie Kallos, is a story of people whose lives have been broken: a survivor whose new life in America is still fractured by her experiences in the Holocaust; a daughter and father mending the brokenness of their lengthy separation; another woman whose father's priceless china collection hides a secret. Each one, over the course of the novel, tries not to mend the broken parts to recreate the past but to reuse the pieces of broken hearts and china to create new realities.

The generation of slaves, coming into the desert and facing the exploding mountain, were also broken people. They tried first to mend that broken state by forging a visible god of gold who would help them mend. It didn't work.

Moses, meanwhile, was receiving the fragile pieces of a law that would eventually blossom into a sturdy way of life for a new generation, but the first attempt failed when he shattered the tablets on the rocky hillside.

It seems that brokenness must precede a new wholeness.

In many ways Shavuot, rather than Yom Kippur, gives us a solemn way of moving past what has shattered in our lives, about achieving a new level of consciousness. By re-enacting the events at Sinai during Shavuot, we also have to confront the fact that the first attempts ended in failure.

On the other hand, a Sephardi custom described by Rabbi Greenberg has a kabbalistic origin: the wedding between Israel and God, portraying the holiday as wholly joyous. A simulated wedding contract is read (Rabbi Greenberg quotes one written in 1688), and sometimes rose petals and other flowers were thrown as the ceremony proceeded.

So should Shavuot be a holiday of unmitigated joy and ceremony? Or is it a day when we should remember that brokenness should precede a new wholeness of spirit? Let's face it: it remains a holiday often overlooked or noted only because we recite *Yizkor* on the (Diaspora) second day.

I find an answer in the Book of Ruth. Here was a family broken by famine, exile, and death. Only two survivors make it back to Israel, Naomi and daughter-in-law Ruth. Both women are broken by the tragedies that overtook them, Naomi losing both husband and sons, Ruth, a husband and the chance to have a child. Ruth also loses a homeland, following her mother-in-law into a foreign country.

Yet out of their broken state comes, first, their survival in an old-new land, then the chance for a new beginning. The past cannot be restored to them. But Ruth and Naomi now share a child whose birth will lead to a future king for Israel.

The importance of ritual and ceremony

Recently, we were all invited to the wedding of the royals, Prince William and his bride, Catherine. Many of us found ways to share in this celebration. Female members of my own family woke up at 5 a.m. for a "pyjama and hat" wedding party. All over the world, people gathered to participate somehow in this spectacle. Why?

In the following days, there were comments on the procedures, the media blitz, the clothes, the meanings and the waste. Some people praised the event. Others complained. I was enthralled and hopeful. For the entire world to join in a moment of pure joy, of private love and public loyalty is surely a positive experience of nation building. It was a moment of unity, and that's a good thing. It also sold many newspapers and TV ads – not a bad thing in a slow economy. Just think of the trickle-down effect!

The world had just been preoccupied with scenes of bloody revolution from North Africa and the Middle East. These, too, were important moments, but they were full of death and the results were still ambiguous. But the marriage in London was a different event: pomp and circumstance, yes but not necessarily wasteful. The "royals" – who represent the nation politically and Britain diplomatically all over the world in many significant ways – let us into their lives. These are important moments that unite a nation positively.

Ceremonies that are shared across borders are the building blocks of future understanding and co-operation. They build roads to peace and friendship. "I was at your wedding. I know you. Maybe we can talk." Events such as this also enable members to feel part of one nation. "Yes, we're different. Sure, I can't afford that wedding for my daughter, but I can see that my prince has such a wedding. I can hold my head high that my nation has good standards and world-wide admirers."

All these are important elements and benefits of the ceremony.

Additionally, it was a good news day. Instead of complaining that all we read about in the newspaper is death, torture and more taxes, with this event, we got pages of good news, and even some questionable fashion.

But the larger point I wish to make is to remind us that ceremony is important.

In Spain, there has been a reduction in church attendance and ritual – similar to Quebec. As a result of the rejection of church control, it seems there are fewer marriages. But it also seems the people are opting for civil rituals. The telling data indicates that while many have stopped having church baptisms, they now have initiated something called "civil baptism," a ritual to mark the welcoming of the child into the community.

Think about it: parents want to welcome their baby into their lives and the life of their community, they just don't want the church involved. The ceremony wasn't objectionable, only the auspices of the institution. Of course, the enigma of calling it a baptism recalls religious meaning and

Norma Baumel Joseph

in Montreal

issues of sanctity and theology, but that's just my point. Beliefs aren't totally discarded. They're reconstituted and restructured within a new framework.

Rituals help us mark important moments in our lives. They establish importance and meaning within a communal framework. They have lasting importance, because they provide a link to other members in the family and to past generations. Rituals and public ceremonies provide individuals and communities with memories that feed and create identities. Without these markers, our daily, weekly and yearly cycles would, frankly, be boring. More importantly, we would find ourselves rootless, without a defined and celebrated past.

A Jewish wedding is legally valid with just the bride, groom and two witnesses. Yet the rabbis understood the impact of community in cementing relationships and providing context for a new unit. Thus, they strongly recommended that a "minyan" – 10 men – be present. (Today, many of us would conclude that the community is represented by 10 adults.) Significantly, the community has a stake in the success of this union. Its symbolic presence at their inception is an influential point of celebration, encouragement and support.

Weddings are good things. So are the celebrations of bar and bat mitzvahs. Encourage restraint in the spending department, but don't disparage the idea of celebration. We need these rituals. They're the cement of our cultural life.

Clashing visions in Washington and Jerusalem

If a picture tells a thousand words, cutting through political spin and exposing unvarnished truths, then the widely published photograph of U.S. President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu staring at each other stonily in the Oval Office of the White House late last month was certainly revealing.

Obama, having been influenced by recent revolutions and rebellions in the Arab world, had just endorsed a resolution of Israel's conflict with the Palestinians on the basis of Israel's pre-1967 lines and mutual land swaps, thereby becoming the first American president to set out this position in public. He said, "Our ultimate goal has to be a secure Israel, a Jewish state, living side by side with a contiguous, functioning and effective Palestinian state."

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

To Israel's distress, and in a sign of its deepening isolation, the European Union, the United Nations and Russia backed Obama's path-breaking guidelines.

None too pleased by his ringing endorsement of a two-state solution based on this territorial formula, Netanyahu testily dismissed Obama's idea, calling the pre-Six Day War lines "indefensible" and saying he would never accept such boundaries.

In the annals of Israel's relationship with the United States, this was an acutely uneasy and defining moment, signifying a serious clash of visions between two close allies in what till now has been a fruitless and frustrating search for peace. But on closer examination, their differences were not as deep or as sharp as Obama's forthright speech might have indicated.

Two days after outlining his plan, a rebuke to the status quo and a rejection of Israel's occupation of the West Bank, Obama clarified his position, explaining that the parties themselves would negotiate "a border that is different than the one that existed on June 4, 1967" and declaring that an agreement would have to account for "the changes that have taken place over the last 44 years."

To Netanyahu – whose overarching objective in visiting the United States was to shift the burden of restarting the peace process from Israel to the Palestinian Authority – Obama's elaboration came as a source of relief, since it was remarkably similar to a commitment made by his predecessor, George. W. Bush. In 2004, Bush, one of the most pro-Israel of presidents, sent Ariel Sharon, then Israel's prime minister, a letter that was nothing less than music to his ears. Taking note of the demographic changes that have occurred since tens of thousands of Israeli settlers have moved to the West Bank, Bush stated it was "unrealistic to expect that the outcome of final status negotiations will be a full and complete return to the armistice lines of 1949."

If Obama's acceptance of the new realities in the West Bank was balm to Netanyahu, the less publicized points in his speeches may have satisfied him as well.

Reiterating the United States' longstanding friendship and bonds with Israel, Obama said its dedication to Israel's security is "unshakable" and "ironclad."

Obama not only called for a "non-militarized" Palestinian state, but warned that "profound and legitimate questions" were raised by the recent unity agreement between Fatah, which recognizes Israel, and Hamas, which seeks its destruction. Last week, the Obama administration released a statement saying it would not regard Hamas as a partner for peace unless it amends its policy.

In a stark warning to the Palestinian Authority, headed by President Mahmoud Abbas, Obama said its campaign to seek official recognition of statehood from the United Nations General Assembly in September would not be constructive.

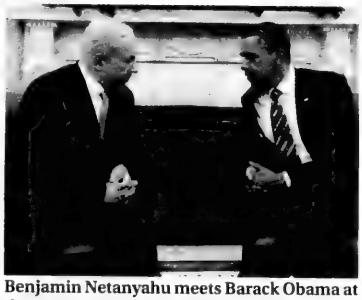
Last week, he reiterated that Palestinian statehood should be the outcome of direct talks with Israel. As he put it, "I strongly believe that for the Palestinians to take the United Nations route rather than the path of sitting down and talking with the Israelis is a mistake."

Abbas has said he prefers to achieve statehood through mutual agreement with Israel rather than through the UN. But he doubts whether this is possible in light of Netanyahu's views. Before arriving in the United States for his seventh meeting with Obama in two years, Netanyahu spelled out his preconditions. He will not sign a peace accord with the Palestinians unless they do the following: recognize Israel as a Jewish state, promise to end the conflict, agree to solve the Palestinian refugee problem within the borders of a Palestinian state, and acquiesce to a demilitarized state and an Israeli army presence in the Jordan Valley.

Apart from these demands, Netanyahu wants to keep large settlement blocs – Gush Etzion, Maaleh Adumim and Ariel – and insists that Jerusalem should remain undivided as Israel's capital. And he will not negotiate unless the Palestinians revoke their reconciliation pact with Hamas, a group he has described as "a Palestinian version of Al Qaeda." Finally, Netanyahu has rejected the notion that substantive talks should resume at the point they ended in 2008, when Ehud Olmert was prime minister and a peace agreement seemed possible.

Without being specific, Netanyahu claims he is prepared to "cede parts of our homeland" and make "a far-reaching compromise" in exchange for true peace. To Likud party stalwarts such as Danny Danon, a deputy speaker of the Knesset who believes Israel should annex Israeli settlements in the West Bank, Netanyahu's apparent willingness to surrender land under the right conditions is an intolerable retreat from Likud doctrine.

The leadership of the Palestinian Authority is less than impressed by Netanyahu's proposals, having rejected them as unacceptable. The Palestinians have already laid down markers from which they claim they will not deviate. They will not resume talks – broken off last September after a series of ceremonial photo ops – unless Israel agrees to a settlement freeze in the West Bank and greater Jerusalem and to a withdrawal to the pre-1967 lines.



Benjamin Netanyahu meets Barack Obama at the White House. ***[Israel Sun photo]***

Israel's position on a settlement moratorium is crystal clear. Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, a settler whose views are in sync with Netanyahu's, said recently, "There will be no building freeze in Jerusalem or in [the West Bank], not for three months, not for three days and not even for three hours."

Judging by Netanyahu's comments in Washington, D.C., it is safe to say that the current Israeli government will not return to the old armistice lines. Although Abbas has accepted the principle of land swaps, Netanyahu has yet to endorse the concept publicly.

Given their perception of Netanyahu, the Palestinians are pessimistic that peace talks can be renewed. Saeb Erekat, the chief Palestinian negotiator who has said that Israel must choose between peace and settlements, has concluded that the Palestinians have no Israeli partner at present. Abbas is thus likely to push ahead with plans to seek United Nations recognition of Palestinian statehood.

The mood in the Middle East was already grim. The U.S. special envoy to the Mideast, George Mitchell, resigned after two years of trying to coax Israel and the Palestinians into meaningful negotiations. And some Palestinians, weary of diplomacy, are itching for a third armed uprising.

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U.S.-Israel ties face new tensions, says ex-envoy

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Stark U.S. differences with Israel over the pre-1967 armistice lines as a baseline for restarting peace talks with the Palestinians have inflamed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's already problematic relationship with President Barack Obama, the United States' former ambassador to Israel suggested in a speech last week.

Speaking to a UJA Federation of Greater Toronto event at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Daniel Kurtzer said the leaders' relations are "encrusted with distrust," particularly after Netanyahu's recent visit to Washington, D.C.

Kurtzer, the American envoy in Tel Aviv from 2001 to 2005, explained that Obama's reference to the pre-Six Day War border was designed to reignite stalled peace talks and provide an outline of what the boundaries of a future Palestinian state might be after mutual land swaps. But at a White House photo-op, Netanyahu characterized the former armistice lines as "indefensible."

What's not understood is why Obama's formula evoked so much anger in Israel, said Kurtzer, who currently holds the S. Daniel Abraham Chair in Middle East Policy Studies at Princeton University's Woodrow School of Public and International Affairs.

Claiming that Netanyahu treated Obama "rather poorly" in reacting testily to his proposal, he accused the Israeli premier of accentuating their policy differences when there is so much agreement between the two allies on basic Mideast issues.

Kurtzer made these comments several days after Israeli opposition leader Tzipi Livni criticized Netanyahu for "harming" Israel's relationship with the United States. As she put it, "An American president [who] supports the two-state vision is representing Israeli interests and is not anti-Israel."

Calling current U.S.-Israeli tensions an "unnecessary fight," Kurtzer reminded the audience that Israel's close bonds with the United States are periodically strained and tested by disagreements.

Daniel Kurtzer

Citing an example from his tenure as ambassador, he recalled the time when Ariel Sharon, then Israeli prime minister, drew an "intemperate comparison" between U.S. leadership and Britain's pre-World War II appeasement-prone prime minister, Neville Chamberlain.

Sharon's analogy briefly threw U.S.-Israeli relations into a crisis mode, but he and Kurtzer were able to "talk through" the issue.

"Dialogue, communication and diplomacy worked," said Kurtzer, who was U.S. envoy to Egypt from 1997 to 2001.

Drawing conclusions from this unpleasant episode, Kurtzer urged the United States and Israel to find a way "to listen to each other" so as to restore basic trust in what is a strategic relationship. In this spirit, the United States and Israel should "learn anew" how to talk to each other so that problems are resolved rather than exacerbated.

In general, Israel's relations with the United States should be insulated from "the vicissitudes of everyday politics," he observed. But striking an upbeat tone, he said, "There's always a tomorrow."

For the Jewish state, the United States is not only a loyal friend, like Canada, but the provider of a "safety net" when Israel takes risks for peace.

In a plea for greater co-ordination and understanding, he said, "It's important for our two countries to solve problems together."

Kurtzer said he campaigned for Obama after he declared his intention to run for the presidency and accompanied him on a trip to Israel in the summer of 2008.

While in Jerusalem, Obama met Netanyahu, then the leader of the opposition. Judging by their cordial encounter, Kurtzer thought there would be a meeting of minds on core issues.

"But that didn't happen," said Kurtzer, saying that Obama's call for a settlement freeze in the West Bank and Netanyahu's failure to reopen talks with the Palestinian Authority caused annoyance on both sides.

In an attempt to explain Obama's Mideast policy, Kurtzer said the president believes that Israel and the Palestinians should take advantage of the historic revolutions and revolts sweeping through the Arab world and move forward toward a negotiated peace agreement.

Netanyahu, however, regards the anti-Israel manifestations of the Arab Spring as a wake-up call and Obama's Mideast policy as a "slippery slope," he acknowledged.

Kurtzer admitted he was initially receptive to the PA's current drive for United Nations recognition of Palestinian statehood.

But a May 17 *New York Times* opinion piece by PA President Mahmoud Abbas, in which he wrote that "Palestine's admission to the UN would pave the way for the internationalization of the conflict as a legal matter, not only a political one," "burst my bubble," Kurtzer said.

Abbas, in effect, called for Israel's delegitimization, he noted.

Kurtzer, whose service in Israel coincided with the second Palestinian uprising, said Israel has learned how to cope with Palestinian terrorism.

But he warned that Israel faces serious threats in Hezbollah's long-range and short-range rocket capabilities and in Iran's aggressive efforts to build a nuclear arsenal.

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UN Watch turns attention to human rights council

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

A few years ago, Hillel Neuer was featured in a YouTube video that went viral.

Seated in front of a microphone and reading from a prepared script, the executive director of UN Watch proceeded to lambaste the UN's Human Rights Council (UNHRC), rebuking it for failing to live up to the high standards set by its inspirational creator, Eleanor Roosevelt.

Hillel Neuer

It was, as he sees it, simply speaking truth to power, reminding the delegates to the UN's prestigious human rights organization of its apparent shortcomings. Not mincing words, he even spoke of "the despots who run this council."

But the president of the body, Luis Alfonso de Alba of Mexico, who by protocol was expected to merely thank the speaker and move on, went ballistic – at least by diplomatic standards. He refused to thank Neuer, said the remarks were "inadmissible" and warned him that if he repeated such a speech in future, it would be erased from the record.

Talk about a thin skin, particularly coming from an organization that accuses Israel of everything under the sun while ignoring the many anti-woman, anti-gay, antisemitic and Holocaust-denial statements made by delegates on other occasions, Neuer said. Video of the confrontation attracted more than 531,000 hits by a global audience enthralled by the guy who stood up to the UN's human rights mandarins.

Neuer was in Toronto last week as keynote speaker at the Emunah Women of Toronto's Family in Israel Dinner.

Neuer doesn't regret his address to the council in March 2007. "The Human Rights Council is all about the power of words," he said. "As a result of the extreme reaction, the speech went viral and became the most viewed NGO speech in the history of the UN."

A subsequent video, in which UN Watch posted "admissible" statements by delegates that attacked Jews, women and gays, and which garnered thanks from the president, were juxtaposed against Neuer's "inadmissible" comments. That video attracted more than 75,000 hits.

Neuer said he won't be intimidated by warnings from the council's chair and he won't stop trying to focus the council's attention to rights abuses around the world.

"Every day spent attacking Israel is a day denied to victims in Darfur, in Chinese labour camps, in the North Korean gulag and victims of attacks in Yemen and around the globe," he said.

Neuer said UN Watch, which monitors the UNHRC's activities, has advanced some important causes in recent years, particularly "giving a voice to the voiceless."

UN Watch has brought Darfurian victims of the Sudanese government to Geneva to tell the UNHRC about their experiences. It also facilitated addresses by a Palestinian doctor and Bulgarian nurses who were jailed and tortured by the Libyan government, and it arranged for a survivor of the Tiananmen Square massacre to address the council. The latter wanted to know how the Chinese government, which mowed down its own people in the street, could have a seat on a body that ostensibly promotes human rights, Neuer said.

UN Watch also brought Israeli physician Mirela Siderer to address the council, in the presence of Richard Goldstone, who chaired a committee that produced a report on the war in Gaza that accused Israel of war crimes. Siderer, who lives in Ashkelon, was badly wounded and disfigured by a Hamas rocket that landed in her clinic. She wanted to know why the Goldstone report virtually ignored her story, despite her testimony.

UN Watch has also exposed Richard Falk, special rapporteur on human rights in the Palestinian territories, as a 9/11 skeptic who has claimed the attack was an inside job by the U.S. government. Falk was eventually condemned by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, and "for the first time, his false halo as a human rights expert was punctured," Neuer said.

Neuer said the UNHRC "is pathologically obsessed with Israel," the only country subject to a permanent agenda item at every meeting. While the governments of Bahrain, Yemen and Saudi Arabia repress their own people, none of these countries' human rights violations will be on the UNHRC's June agenda and Iran escaped censure after it killed protesters in 2009, he said. One bright spot at the June meeting, he noted, was that Libya and Syria will be subject to reports about the current situation in those two lands.

But, as UN Watch noted recently, it's still a case of the fox guarding the chickens. Congo and Kuwait were recently elected to the UNHRC and today, "only 20 out of 47 of the [UNHRC's] new members rank as free democracies, while the rest – a majority of 58 per cent – fail to meet basic democracy standards," Neuer said.

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Chabad honours Toronto teens

Compiled by CJN Staff

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The event highlights the efforts and achivements of Teens For the Community, a program that engages teens in activities and fundraising to benefit their local communities, and Torah 4 Teens, the educational arm of the Chabad Youth Network.

The evening culminates another year of intensive, city-wide classes and programming designed to advance the youth network's goal of empowering Jewish youth with a greater sense of identity and responsibility toward their community by means of Jewish education combined with pro-active community involvement.

Since September, about 200 teen volunteers from various Toronto neighbourhoods have gathered weekly to plan, co-ordinate and implement community-oriented projects designed to serve underprivileged families, single mothers, fellow teens with cancer, needy children, the elderly and homeless.

They have visited homeless shelters, retirement residences and youth hostels. Their fundraising projects included bowl-a-thons, basketball tournaments, deliveries of food baskets to families in need and the distribution of homemade winter scarves for the homeless.

As well, another group of 200 students have regularly attended weekly classes at Torah 4 Teens, where they received a cutting-edge, ministry-approved high-school curriculum focusing on courses in Jewish philosophy and biblical commentary, including Jewish tradition, history and observance as they relate to Torah and our modern society.

The evening will highlight the youth network's activities with a welcome by newly elected member of Parliament Mark Adler, a video presentation, teens' personal observations and a parents' perspective. All students in attendance will receive a Chabad Youth Network signature hoodie.

The recognition dinner and awards ceremony will take place June 6, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Sephardic Kehila Synagogue, 7026 Bathurst St., in Thornhill.

For more information, reservations and/or sponsorship opportunities, please e-mail Chabad Youth Network at info@jewishyouth.ca, or call the office at 905-889-7582.

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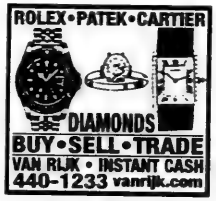

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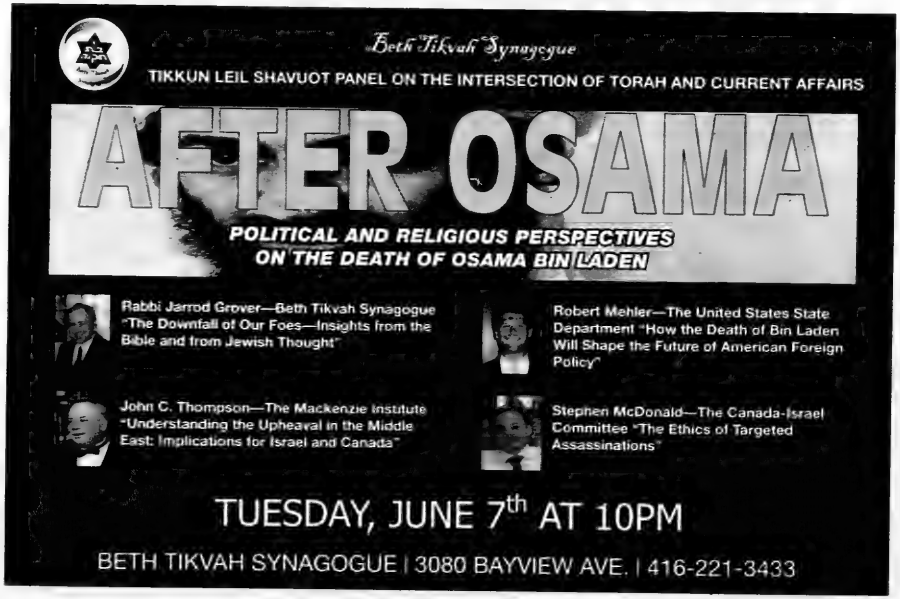
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סיגאָל איז אָנגענומען קיין מאָנטרעאָל וען ער איז געווען קום 15 יאָר אַלטע איז זיין לעבנסמעג ניט געווען פֿאַרזיכט מיט רוזין. ער האָט יאָרן לאַנג געמוזט אַרבעטן אין אַ שאָפּ אָדער וווּ אַ לערער אין די יידישע נאָך מיטאָג שולן.

ערשט אין 1941 האָט דאָך סיגאָל דערשלאָגן צו וועלן אַ סטאָבילער מיטאַרבעטער אין דעם מאָנטרעאָלער "קאָנעדער אַדלער", חוּ ער האָט בינען סוף פון זיין לעבן רעדאַגירט די וועכנטלעכע ליטעראַרישע זײַטל. ״ סיגאָל איז געווען אַ בײַ נאָר פּראָדוקטיווער שרײַבער. יעקב גלאָסטיין, אין זיין בוך, "אין תוך געזונען"...מיידמעט ער ״ סיגאָל אָדש דרײַ באָזונדערע אָפּהאַנדלונגען. גלאָסטיין הייבט אין זיי אָרויס סיגאָלס אָרגאַניזעש פֿאַרבונדנקייט מיטן יידיש-לושן, האָט איז זיין "מודה אני און זיין קריאה שמע". סיגאָלס אײַנגעשטילטער ניגון איז באַהויפּט מיט עכטער פֿאָלקסישער שיינקייט, וואָס דערהייבט די פּשוטקייט וועלטער זיינע צו דער מדרגה פון לירישער דיכטונג.

יעקב גלאָסטיינען אָרט אויך ניט סיגאָלס שאַפֿיריש שפּע, וואָס פֿאַרוואָנדלט אים אין אַ "ראָסטשילד פון גרויסצוגיקן אויפֿגעזונגענעם יידיש דלות." גלאָסטיין באַציכנט סיגאָלס "ספֿר יידיש" וויי אַן עיקרדיק הערק אין דער יידישער דיכטונג, וואָס גיט דער יידישער ליטעראָטור "האָפֿט, אָנזען און באַטײַטונג".

אין 1955, אַ יאָר נאָך סיגאָלס פֿריצײַטיקן טויט, איז אין מאָנטרעאָל דערשינען אַן אָפּקלײַב פון ״ סיגאָלס ליטעראַרישן עזבון – דאָס בוך "לעצטע לידער". צווישן די לידער וואָס געפֿינען זיך אין דאָלותג איז דאָס ליד:

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Environment minister keeps Israel in plans

Peter Kent

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Environment Minister Peter Kent, who retained his portfolio following the recent Conservative election victory, said he plans to pursue more initiatives with Israel.

Speaking to *The CJN* from Vancouver last week, Kent said he looks forward to discussing ways both countries can benefit from each other's environmental initiatives.

While there are no specific projects targeted at the moment, he said that "whether it's solar energy, irrigation technology and general environmental applications, there's a lot of cross-pollination that already goes on between our governments" on environmental issues.

He added: "In my renewed post as [environment] minister, I look forward to exploring any ways we can share expertise and technology with Israel."

Kent noted that Canada has also been holding "unofficial" talks with Israel to help in the ongoing reforestation of the Mount Carmel forest, where more than 4,000 hectares were destroyed last year in one of the country's worst-ever forest fires.

"Canada has an abundance of expertise in reforestation, and there may be ways we can explore to engage there," he said.

Kent said Israel's Ministry of Environmental Protection has invited him for a "visit later this year," although there's no agenda yet.

"I would expect we'd talk about areas of common interest... issues such as climate change and the adaptation technologies" related to that subject, he said.

Kent said he continues to be "honoured" to serve Thornhill, the riding with the highest proportion of Jews in the country.

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A unique look at Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Marni Shankman
Co-op Student

Crescent Star, a new novel by Nicholas Maes, is a thought-provoking look at the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, as told from the perspectives of two teenagers, one a Canadian Jew living in Israel and the other a Palestinian.

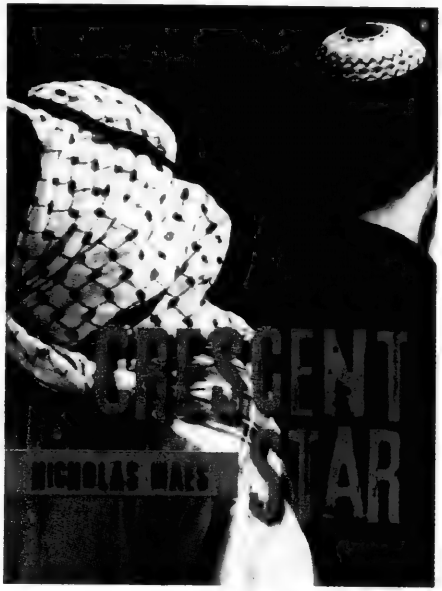
Set during the spring of 2006, against the backdrop of the onset of the Second Lebanon War, *Crescent Star* follows the lives of the two 15-year-old boys as they struggle with the everyday challenges around them.

Avi Greenbaum, a Canadian Jew living in west Jerusalem, and Moussa Shakir, a Palestinian from east Jerusalem, are within a kilometre of each other, yet exist in completely different worlds.

While one celebrates Israeli Independence Day, the other mourns the day as "nakba", which means the catastrophe.

Surrounded by voices of hate and violence, both Avi and Moussa are on the threshold of adulthood, and have family members risking their lives in combat.

However, each questions his own fortitude when it comes to joining in the fight themselves. They are taught to be wary of each other, yet cannot seem to find the hate within themselves. Although Avi and Moussa



are from very different backgrounds, they discover they are more alike than they thought.

When the boys are brought together as part of a peace initiative, each must navigate through the hostility and suspicion and decide upon their roles in the ongoing feud.

Crescent Star is a far cry from Maes' usual subject matter, which includes the fantasy-tinged Locksmith and futuristic Laughing Wolf.

However, he is no stranger to Jewish subject matter. In his first adult novel, *Dead Man's Float*, Maes writes of Nathan Gelder, a man paralyzed after suffering a stroke. Gelder lies half-conscious, suspended in his memories as he is forever scarred by the loss of his parents in the Holocaust. When evidence surfaces that Gelder may have been the cause of the death of a famous rock star, he pleads for a vindication that will never come.

In *Crescent Star*, Maes takes great care to present the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from both sides and from an unbiased and non-judgmental perspective.

"I didn't want to condemn any one side outright but rather hoped to achieve some degree of objectivity and balance," says Maes, a University of Waterloo classics professor and a history teacher at the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

"Any book on Israel is going to talk about politics. I wanted to give a personal opinion, while being fair."

Maes was originally asked by his publisher, Dundurn Press, to write a novel about Israel. But after living in Israel for a year and a half, Maes realized what a compelling place it is and wanted to share his own opinions about the country.

While the book is entirely fiction, Maes said that *Crescent Star* has been influenced by his life.

"In making Avi a mix of being Jewish and Canadian, it is a parallel of my own experience in Israel," he said.

Although this novel is aimed at readers between 13 and 17, it is recommended for anybody who wants to try to make sense of this complex political minefield.

Maes is currently at work on two more novels, one of which is a sequel to *Laughing Wolf*.

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Couple to wed 45 years after first meeting

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Rabbi Moshe Meirovich, spiritual leader of the Lodzer Centre Congregation, and Dr. Judith Weinroth, a general practitioner in oncology, had their first date a year ago, and plan to marry shortly after Shavuot.

But their history goes back some 45 years, to their days as teenage members of United Synagogue Youth (USY), the youth arm of the Conservative movement.

"I knew who he was," Weinroth recalled in a joint interview at the Lodzer, adding that they were too shy to talk to each other then.

Moishe, as he's known to family, was memorable at least in part because he's an identical twin. His brother, Rabbi Harvey Meirovich, recently completed a two-year stint at Beth Tzedec Congregation while on sabbatical from the Schechter Rabbinical Seminary in Jerusalem.

Judith Weinroth and Rabbi Moshe Meirovich at her grandson's brit milah in December.

Judith made an impression, too. Rabbi Meirovich remembers being in the same room with her at a couple of USY events, he said. He knew who she was, partly because her father, Rabbi Erwin Schild, was spiritual leader of Adath Israel Congregation.

Fast forward to the summer of 2007: Weinroth was about to undergo foot surgery, which would lead to her reconnecting with Rabbi Meirovich.

A year earlier, she had started taking Israeli dance classes, and gotten "hooked." But there was a downside – her feet hurt.

As it turned out, her bunion surgery was filmed for a television program, and she got to know the staff at podiatric surgeon Hartley Miltchin's office, which – she notes now – happens to overlook the Lodzer.

The staffers were determined to find her a husband, recalled Weinroth, 63, who has been divorced since the mid-1990s.

But having run singles programs at Adath Israel, and also going the JDate route, she had decided to take a break from looking.

Last May, at a follow-up appointment, Maxine Henry, who works for Miltchin, told Weinroth about someone she thought might be perfect for her – a rabbi, also divorced, who had moved back to Toronto from Cincinnati to serve at the Lodzer.

Henry, who had met the rabbi but didn't know his name, said he was a "really nice guy" who likes to dance. She also remembered that his identical twin brother is a rabbi.

"It must be Moshe Meirovich," Weinroth told her. She knew that Moshe had been a cantor in Florida, but didn't know that he had become a rabbi.

Henry encouraged Weinroth to contact Rabbi Meirovich's brother, whom Weinroth had gotten to know when he served at Adath Israel many years before. She decided to send an e-mail.

The e-mail led to a phone call from the Lodzer's new rabbi and an attempt to set up a first date. Because both were juggling hectic schedules, their first date was Tikkun Leil Shavuot at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, his parents' congregation, not far from the Lodzer.

"It was an interesting place to meet," Weinroth said, recalling the number of people who recognized them and wanted to talk. The pair took a break to walk outside, returning to hear the first lecture of the evening.

As they were leaving, she wondered if he would offer to walk her home. He did, even though it was late and it meant going out of his way.

Before he said good-bye, they talked for a long time and arranged a second date, she recalls.

The past year has brought both joys and challenges, Weinroth said. In October, the rabbi was diagnosed with prostate cancer, which has been successfully treated.

In March, on his 64th birthday, he proposed.

Their wedding will bring together four generations of family, including the couple's parents – Rabbi Schild and his wife, Laura, and Louis and Sally Meirovich, who range in age from 85 to 95.

Rabbi Schild, 91, will officiate at the ceremony, with participation from Rabbi Harvey Meirovich and Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl of Beth Tzedec and Rabbi David Seed of Adath Israel.

"It's a new beginning for both of us," Weinroth said.

Both she and Rabbi Meirovich, who was married for 38 years, said they knew they wanted to remarry.

"We talk about 'bashert,'" he said. "I didn't have to make that telephone call. She didn't have to respond... Now we can look back and say, indeed, this is bashert for the two of us."

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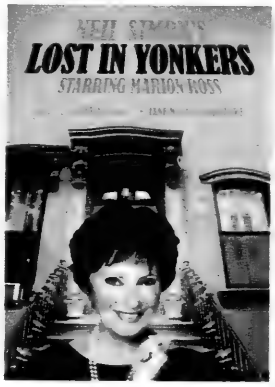

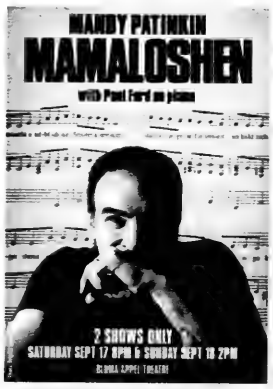

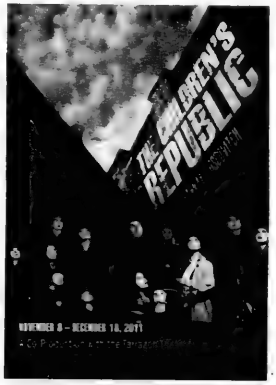

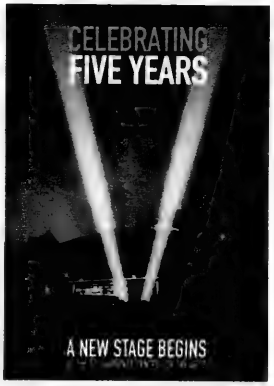

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Jews urged to become organ donors

Barbara Silverstein
Special to The CJN

It's a mitzvah to donate an organ to save a life, says a leading American authority on Jewish medical ethics and Halachah.

According to Rabbi Moshe David Tendler, the mitzvah of saving a life supercedes all other commandments, except those against idolatry, murder and adultery.

Rabbi Tendler, a senior rosh yeshiva at Yeshiva University and a professor in biology – he has a PhD in microbiology – spoke about organ and tissue donation and Halachah May 17 at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. His lecture, which drew more than 200 people, was sponsored by the Trillium Gift of Life Network, which facilitates organ donations in Ontario.

Rabbi Reuven Bulka, spiritual leader of Congregation Machzikei Hadas in Ottawa and chair of Trillium's board, led the discussion.

Rabbi Tendler is the son-in-law of the late Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, a world-renowned halachic authority who was a strong advocate for organ donation. Much of Rabbi Tendler's lecture was based on the responsa of his late father-in-law, who recognized brain death, or "physiological decapitation," as the halachic interpretation of death.

Rabbi Tendler described "physiological decapitation" as "the complete and irreversible cessation of the functioning of the entire brain." If the brain is no longer involved in the functioning of vital organs, a person can be considered brain dead. He said the fact the heart can continue to beat with the aid of life support technology doesn't mean a person is alive.

This view is halachically contentious, because some rabbis consider a person to be alive if there is any type of body movement, including a heartbeat.

Rabbi Tendler made a distinction between brain death and cerebral death. In brain death, "there is irreversible cessation of all functioning of the brain, including the brain stem... Never in the history of brain stem death has someone improved or recovered."

With cerebral death, a person may be in a pervasive vegetative state or a permanent persistent coma, but he or she can physiologically function without life support. In such a case, Jewish law forbids organ donation, because the person has a functioning brain stem.

The rabbi said there are strict medical guidelines and a comprehensive protocol for the diagnosis of brain death.

He discussed some common objections to organ donation, such as desecration of the dead and concerns about timely burial. "If desecration of the dead occurs to save a life, it is permitted. If eight people can live, you are honouring the dead."

He also said that while Halachah mandates a quick burial, it's acceptable to delay a funeral for organ donation. "We often delay for lesser reasons than saving a human life. We wait for family members."

Rabbi Tendler's lecture was part of Trillium's outreach to faith communities to understand how organ donation fits with their respective beliefs, said Dr. Frank Markel, Trillium's president and CEO.

Markel urged prospective donors to register with Trillium, because the number of donors doesn't meet demand.

Some 1,500 people are on waiting lists, he said. "In Ontario, one person dies every three days waiting for a transplant. We lose more than 100 people a year."

For details about the donor registry, visit Trillium's website at www.giftoflife.on.ca.

A tuition plan

Money Matters

Rabbi Jay Kelman CA

In its current form, the day school system is unsustainable. With tuition increases consistently running between two and three times the rate of inflation, more and more parents are opting out of the system. Not unlike the financial crisis, where the signs of trouble were ignored until suddenly it was too late, it behooves us to take action before the system implodes. More than a few schools across North America – including one in Toronto – have been forced to close, caught in a double whammy of decreasing enrolments and increased subsidy requests.

With study after study showing that day school education is the best guarantee of a Jewishly committed adult, a decrease in enrolments today translates into a weakened Jewish community tomorrow. More than 90 per cent of those who graduate from a Jewish high school – regardless of affiliation or denomination – marry other Jews, while those who do not, intermarry at rates of approximately 50 per cent. And getting a day school education through Grade 8 just won't do. Sadly, the impact of Jewish education is almost completely lost by the end of four formative years in the public high school system.

Even for families with multiple children who can "afford" school fees that can easily reach $75,000 a year, a retirement crisis looms as money that would be set aside for retirement are earmarked toward tuition. Furthermore thousands of Jewish babies are not being born as – and this is no joke – day school tuition has been called the most effective form of birth control.

I would like to very briefly outline the basic elements of one approach to help solve this crisis. Tuition would be cut in half. Leading philanthropists would give a 30-year, interest-free loan, essentially bridge financing, to fund the shortfall. Each family would purchase life insurance, with premiums payable for 15 years and the insurance proceeds payable to an "education fund."

Conceptually the idea is to allow parents to pay for tuition throughout their life, making such "payments" much more manageable as cash outlays would only be required for 15 years.

Let us illustrate by way of example. A husband of 35 and wife of 32 have their first of four children entering school. At today's rates, they can look forward to tuition of $850,000. Cutting that tuition in half would result in savings of $425,000. They would then spend approximately $175,000 over 15 years for insurance premiums. The net savings to the family would be $250,000.

After 30 years, the loan would be repaid using the built-up cash value of the insurance. When the second spouse passes away – let's assume in their late 80s – there will be a death benefit of somewhere between $1 million and $1.5 million dollars for Jewish education.

The above is a major, but not the only, component of a financial restructuring plan. While the challenge is great, there really are solutions. It requires hard work and thinking outside of the box. Those providing loans will see immediate returns and at the same time be laying the foundation for the most guaranteed of all investments – that of the Jewish future.

If you'd like to help make this a reality, please contact me at rabbijay@torahinmotion.org or 416-633-5770.

Why study Talmud?

Views & Reviews

Martin Lockshin

It's easy to find reasons why not to study the Babylonian Talmud.

For starters, it is very old and difficult to understand. It's written in a unique combination of two archaic languages – rabbinic Hebrew and Jewish Babylonian Aramaic – and is hard to appreciate in translation. It's extremely long (well over 5,000 pages). It does not have a clear beginning; every volume of the Talmud assumes that the reader knows the contents of other volumes. It lacks an index or a useful table of contents. Large parts of it deal with very technical details of Jewish legal issues that have been in disuse for almost 2,000 years, such as rules of animal sacrifices and of ritual impurity. The everyday realities of the Talmud – the types of household implements that it assumes that people use or the types of clothing they wear – are difficult to identify. Nevertheless, tens of thousands of Jews in the world today (myself included) do not let a day go by without studying Talmud. Why?

Paul Socken of Toronto, a retired professor of French at Waterloo University, has tried to answer that question in a recent anthology that he edited, *Why Study Talmud in the Twenty-First Century?* To put the book together, he asked 16 respected Jewish academics and teachers to explain what attracted them (and perhaps might attract others) to take on the challenge of studying Talmud.

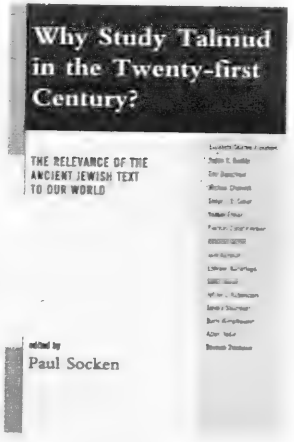
Socken wisely asked all the contributors to the volume to "teach" a talmudic text as part of their submissions. For me, these talmudic text readings (or, more accurately, most of them) were the highlight of the book. Readers who are unacquainted with the Talmud – or even those who have dipped into the sea of the Talmud at some point in their lives and found the experience unsatisfying – might discover here the joy of reading talmudic texts under the guidance of master teachers.

Yet in my opinion, the scholars did not really come up with clinching arguments as to why Jews should study Talmud today. Some of the usual reasons appear repeatedly. Talmud study is a form of problem solving that is enjoyable for the kind of people who enjoy logic puzzles or sudoku. But, of course, people can and do find other ways of satisfying this urge.

Many of the scholars also point out that you really cannot have a deep understanding of Jewish law without good knowledge of Talmud. This is certainly true, and is a good reason why rabbis (especially Conservative and Orthodox rabbis) ought to achieve a significant mastery of Talmud, a task that requires years of intense study. But why should the laity acquire such skills? Presumably, you cannot have a deep understanding of the underpinnings of Canadian law without studying English common law and perhaps other precursors of our legal system. Scholars of Canadian law would be wise, I assume, to be acquainted with the old, classical works on which it is based. The rest of us law-abiding Canadians can do without. Similarly, a Jew who wishes to know and follow Jewish law need not know Talmud.

In some well-argued, honest sections, a few scholars highlight reasons (other than those mentioned above) why modern people might not want to study Talmud. Before offering a page of reasons to study Talmud, Judith Baskin of the University of Oregon dedicates 12 pages to a scathing critique of what she calls the rabbis' assumptions about "female alterity," or the belief that women are totally "other" from men.

Shaye Cohen of Harvard University begins with some personal arguments for Talmud study (e.g., "I like old things, I always have... I adhere to the adage 'Older is better'"), but then admits that modern readers will encounter some vexing problems when they try to study Talmud: "Inevitably, we find things in the Talmud that we do not like. The Talmud... is famous for logical leaps that do not land squarely, for questions that we have trouble regarding as real questions, for answers that we have trouble regarding as real answers, for proofs that we have trouble regarding as real proofs, for inferences that are far-fetched, if not absurd, and for explanations that are unreasonable or highly contrived. I am not referring to passages that, because of their difficulty and complexity strain our intellect; these are a delight... No I am referring to passages that strain our credulity. Do they really expect me to take this seriously? we ask."



Why then do so many Jews study Talmud every day? As Azzan Yadin of Rutgers University puts it, in the pre-modern world the importance of Talmud study was always "ideologically axiomatic." Study of Torah, in the broadest sense, is one of Judaism's most crucial religious activities and, for the last 1,500 years, traditional Judaism has defined the Talmud as its core text. The measure of a pre-modern male Jew's erudition was always the level of his mastery of the Talmud.

I would argue that the overwhelming majority of Jews who study Talmud regularly today do so for those same reasons that people studied Talmud in previous generations, irrespective of the fact that they are living in the 21st century. More important to them than modern values and sensibilities (and the fact that occasionally the Talmud can be seen to be conforming with some modern values) is the traditional Jewish value system and the sincere belief that God gave a Torah to the Jewish people and one of the most important books that grapples with, explains and expands upon God's Torah is the Babylonian Talmud.

Socken made an unusual choice when editing this volume. He selected as contributors only people with academic credentials and approaches, not rabbis whose spiritual-intellectual lives revolve around the Talmud, and none of the many educated lawyers or accountants who, after a hard day at work or sometimes every morning at 6 a.m., love to spend an hour or two studying Talmud, for Jewish reasons.

In my rough estimation, less than one per cent of the Talmud study that goes on in the world today takes place in an academic setting using critical academic tools. As much as I like academic study of the Talmud, I consider it unlikely that it will take off and attract many students in the 21st century, even with the encouragement of this book. But many Jews who live deep Jewish lives will continue to study Talmud in order to come closer to understanding God's Torah.

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Students share deep, dark secrets with Hillel

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

"I resent my friends that found jobs after graduation."

"I wish you'd love God less and your friends more."

Above are two examples of compelling messages anonymously sent to Hillel at York's Jewish education associate Margot Bychutsky as part of a campaign to help Hillel gain more insight into the students they aim to serve.

Toronto Secrets, an initiative modelled on the popular PostSecret website, calls on Jewish students and recent graduates from Thornhill to mail in postcards containing their deepest, darkest secrets, superimposed over images or other artwork.

Bychutsky said she was inspired by Frank Warren's PostSecret site, which was founded in 2005 as a blog experiment to give people an outlet to purge their secrets without having to fear judgment, since the messages were posted anonymously.

Bychutsky, who said she has been reading Warren's blog since she was an undergraduate York University student, said she re-structured his concept to focus on Jewish students and recent graduates from the heavily Jewish suburb.

"They are recent [Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto] grads, they don't live on campus, they commute to school," Bychutsky said.

She said she hopes the postcards will challenge the "stereotypical vision of what you think the Jewish university student is," as well as "break down the stigma of what Hillel is… People think Hillel is just a political organization, or it's just a religious organization, but it's not."

Although the postcards are sent in anonymously, Bychutsky said, "I feel like these are the 40 or 50 per cent of Jewish students on campus who, for whatever reason, have chosen not to affiliate."

Bychutsky, who has a background in religious studies as well as education, said that since she began collecting postcards in February, she's received about 200 submissions.

"I didn't think word was going to spread like this, which is kind of awesome," she said, adding that the project will soon open up to young Jews throughout Toronto.

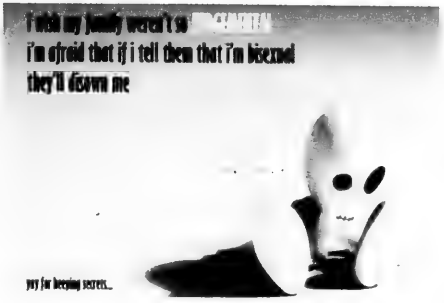
She said the subject matter of the cards – most of which are sent electronically to an e-mail address that has a filter built in to keep the senders' identities a secret – vary from light-hearted, humorous observations, to complaints, to socially and politically relevant issues.

Considering that the target group for this initiative is Jewish students in their late teens and early 20s, the most popular topics include religion, familial pressures, education and finding a partner.

"The next person to ask me when I'm getting married gets punched in the nose. I'm only 24," reads one message written atop a wedding invitation.

One of the more compelling examples Bychutsky offered depicted a black and white image of a woman praying over Shabbat candles with a message that says, "I'm a Jew and a lesbian. How can I fix this? I've tried to pray it away and it hasn't worked."

Another says, "I resent the people who say they're praying for me because of my terminal illness. Why would



God listen to their prayers and not mine?"

Bychutsky said that while the initiative is a community art project, it also serves as a way to glean information that will help Hillel better provide programming for young Jews who have yet to connect with the campus group.

"As far as programming goes, this can help us target [students] a little better based on the number of postcards that fall under a specific topic," she said.

But, as is the case with most art projects, Bychutsky expects both criticism and praise for the campaign.

"I personally have no problem pushing the envelope a little bit… I'm sure that there will be some negative critique and various people in the community might question why we would show Jewish students questioning God. If they want to come and have that conversation with me, I'm more than happy to sit down and have that conversation," she said.

Postcard submissions, which will be collected indefinitely, can be viewed on the Toronto Secrets Facebook page, which launched on May 30.

Bychutsky said they have also created posters containing images of the postcards that can be found in Thornhill-area coffee shops, including Aroma at Bathurst Street and Rutherford Road and Starbucks at Bathurst and Atkinson Avenue.

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Julia Rakhman, left, and Revital Gurshomov, along with all the Grade 5 students at Associated Hebrew Schools' Kamin Education Centre in Thornhill, organized an annual toy sale during the school's Israel week, raising $2,800. Proceeds went to Beit Halochem in Israel.

MITZVAH DAY

Paul Rotman, left, Ben Hurwitz, centre, and Mason Silver advertise for a charity car wash during the recent Mitzvah Day 2011 at Leo Baeck Day School, co-sponsored by the Leo Baeck Parents Association and Holy Blossom Temple.

DIGGING NATURE

Rebecca Sharer, left, and Adi Chaimovitch, Grade 5 students at Robbins Hebrew Academy's Beth Tikvah campus, planted trees in Downsview Park as part of a "twinning" initiative in which students from Jewish day and public schools across the city planted trees in the park and the Jewish National Fund planted an equal number of trees in Israel.

FAMILY MOMENTS

Mazel Tov

The Canadian Jewish news

Sidney Awerbuck rocks! Happy 90th birthday with love from your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mazel tov to Izak Akerman on his 90th birthday. All our love, from Cylia, Joe, Tammy and Marcie.

To our beloved mother, bubbie and great-bubbie Henia on your 90th birthday. Love, David & Rosie, Danielle & Richard, Elana, Mischa, Florence and Sammy.

A very happy 60th anniversary to Irwin & Elsa Waldman on May 23. From all your loving children and grandchildren.

Mazel tov to Hana and Michael Indech on your 50th wedding anniversary on June 6. Love, your children and grandchildren.

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YIDDISH VINKL

Lori Starr, executive director, Koffler Centre of the Arts, will speak about the creation of the Jewish Museum of Canada, to be located in Toronto. 12 noon. Free Times Café. Cost: $16 Includes buffet lunch. RSVP to yiddishvinkl@yahoo.ca.

GUIDE DOGS

Canadian Friends of the Israel Guide Dog for the Blind invites the community to celebrate the Second Evening of Miracles, 7:30 p.m., Eglinton Grand. Special guest is **Moti Levy** with his guide dog Sammy. Performance by **Sophie Milman**. MC, **Ralph Benmergui**. For information, 416-577-3600 or sara.israelguidedog@rogers.com

Friday, June 3

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Temple Har Zion holds a family-friendly musical Kabalat Shabbat service, followed by an ice-cream buffet oneg, 6:30 p.m. Call 905-889-2252.

KABALAT SHABBAT

Kabalat Shabbat Live at Beth Radom. Special children's program. Light refreshments. Free. No reservations required. 416-636-3451.

Saturday, June 4

TORAH CLASS

Beth Tikvah Torah class with **Abe Birenbaum**, studies parshat Naso.

Sunday, June 5

HOST A YARD SALE

Ve'ahavta is asking families to host a morning yard sale to help benefit the homeless. Tax receipts will be provided, and teens will be granted community service hours for their involvement. At the completion of the yard sale, join Ve'ahavta at an open house at its new Tikun Olam Centre. 1-5 p.m., 200 Bridgeland Ave., Unit D. For information, 416-964-7698, ext. 211, shawna.meshwork@veahavta.org.

CHORALAIRS OF NORTH YORK

End-of-season concert, 1:30 p.m., Earl Bales Park Community Centre, Broadway, pop and folk songs. No charge. Call **Sally**, 416-636-8247, **Martha**, 905-884-3730, e-mail sally@sympatico.ca.

SHAAR SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

Judie Oron will discuss her book *Cry of the Giraffe*, which talks about how she risked her life to rescue and adopt a Jewish girl, held in slavery in Ethiopia, and brought her to safety in Israel, 7:30 p.m. For information, 905-889-4975.

SURVIVORS LUNCHEON

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation is holding a Survivors Luncheon, 12 p.m., to honour those who survived the Holocaust. Proceeds will be used to house a permanent memorial to survivors. Honorees and spouses free. RSVP, **Miriam**, 416-789-3213 or miriam@shomayim.org

COOK WITH THE REBBETZIN

Join Shaar Shalom Youth and Rebbetzin Marylin Berman, 12:30-2:30 p.m., as they prepare dairy recipes for Shavuot. $5 members, $7 non-members. To register, contact **Max Marmer**, youth@shaarshalom.ca or 905-889-4975, ext. 62.

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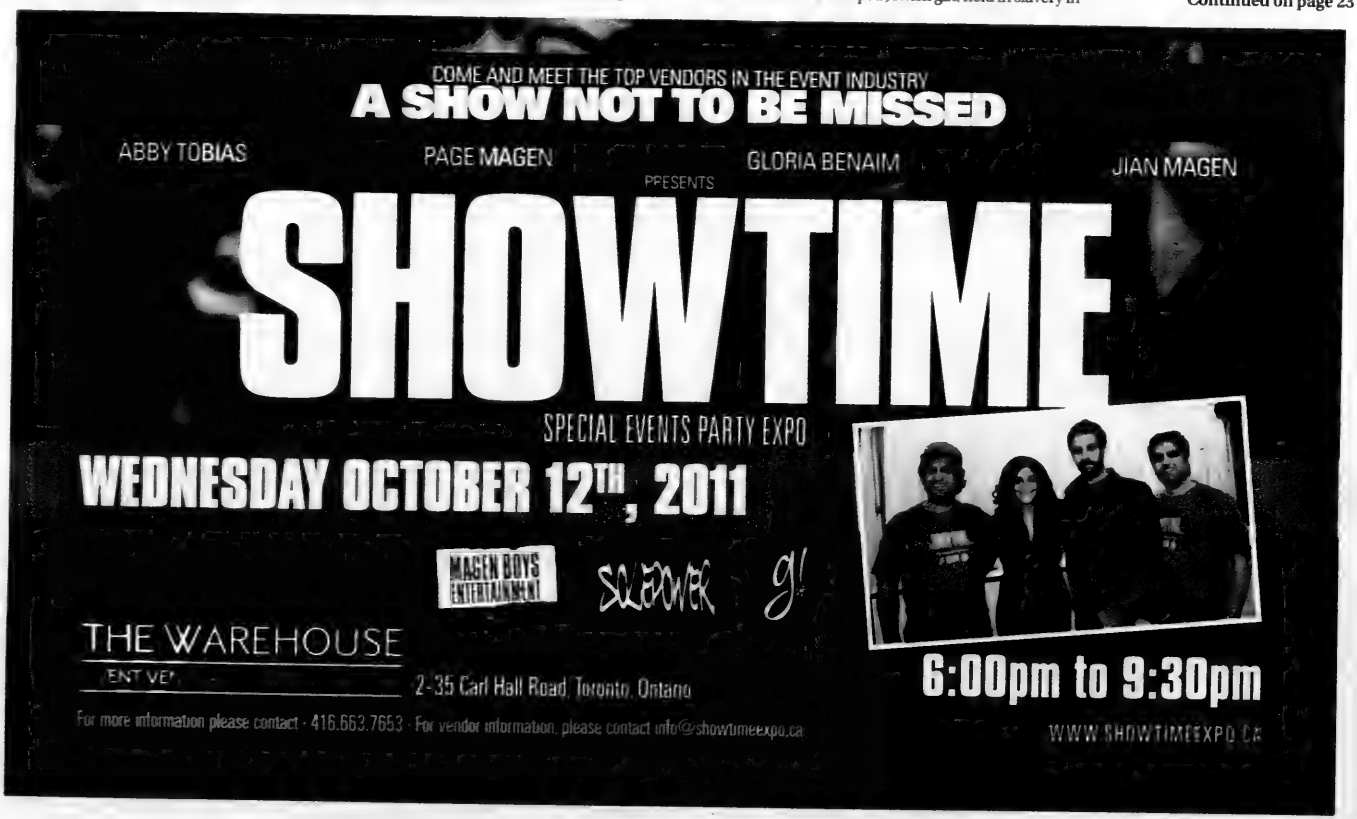
June 6 is deadline for June 16 and June 13 is deadline for June 23. 416-391-1836, ext. 235; fax 416-391-0829; or e-mail whatsnewcjn@gmail.com. This week's What's New was done by Carolyn Blackman.



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Monday, June 6

BAKE SALE

Pre-Shavuot bake sale benefits Small Wonders, an organization dedicated to helping Jewish couples struggling with fertility issues. Features 800 items. Tax receipts issued over $18. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For address, contact 416-623-2682 or bakesale@smallwonders.ca.

Tuesday, June 7

SHAVUOT

Join **Shaarei Tefillah Congregation** for Tikun Layl Shavuot, midnight -5 a.m, followed by services at 5.a.m. and breakfast.

Shaar Shalom Synagogue's Tikun Layl program, "Conversion from Ruth to Today, Sources and Practices" with Havruta study, 7:45 p.m., Minchah, 8:40 p.m., Ma'ariv 9:57 p.m., and study session, 10:50 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Thursday, June 9

BEREAVEMENT SEMINARS

Temple Har Zion holds a three-part series of bereavement seminars led by professionals. Open to temple members and community guests, regardless of when the loss occured. First speaker **Mary Vachon**, nurse, sociologist, psychotherapist, researcher, educator and cancer survivor. 7:30 p.m. No charge. Call 905-889-2252.

Other News

KAVANAH KIDS SUMMER

Kavanah Kids "Creatures and Critters," July 4-8, 9 a.m.-noon. Discover animals that live in Kavanah Garden, Shoresh's Jewish organic garden. Make furry, feathered, scaly and slimy animal friends.

"Garden Guardians," Aug. 15-19, 9 a.m.-noon. Help plant, weed, water and harvest over 100 varieties of vegetables, herbs and wildflowers.

Both programs for children 6-10 years old. Kavanah Garden, 18 Lebovic Campus Dr. $150/child/session or $275 for both sessions. Call www.shoresh.ca or 416-805-8382.

SPRING AT SHAAREI TEFILLAH

Continuing programs: Learn to Pray, with **Gord Lindsay**; The Secret Path to Serenity with **Devora Chana Weisswasser;** The Mystical Meaning of the Hebrew Alphabet with **Rabbi Michael Skobac**; Daf Yomi with **Rabbi Avraham Bartfeld.** Weekdays 6:30-7:30 a.m.

New program: Chashi Skobac. Deepening Your Spiritual Practice using Jewish meditation. Three Thursdays, starting June 16. 7:30-9 p.m. Whole series $18, pay as you go $10/class. Register 416-787-1631.

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HOLOCAUST DATA

Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre, UJA Federation, and Canadian Jewish Holocaust Survivors are compiling a definitive database of Holocaust survivors living in Canada, through a grant from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. If you, your parents, grandparents or someone you know is a Holocaust survivor, please complete the form available on the website: www.holocaustcentre.com/About/Canadian-Holocaust-Survivors-Database. Call **Efrat Daniel Porat**. 416-635-0925, for more information.

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June workshops: pre-registration required. Call **Shawna Sidney**, 416-638-7800, ext. 6215, or www.jfandcs.com.

Adolescents and Divorce: Workshop for parents with adolescents going through a separation or divorce. June 2, Lipa Green Centre, 7-9 p.m.

Making brownies, Not Mud Pies: A recipe for creating empathy and preventing bullying. June 15, 7-8:30 p.m., 35 Madison Ave. Space limited.

High-conflict divorce: Workshop for parents wanting to develop strategies and techniques to deal with a high-conflict situation. Not for individuals in an abusive situation. June 15, Promenade Mall, Suite 313, 6:30-9 p.m.

MINYANIM

The Cedarvale Shul, located in the basement of Cedarvale Terrace, 429 Walmer Rd., is starting Monday and Thursday minyanim, 7:45 a.m. Services are run by those attending. For information, call 416-707-3161.

MACCABI FAMILY PICNIC

Come with family and friends to Maccabi Canada's Family picnic. A day of food, sports, activities, swimming and a live DJ for your entertainment. The fun takes place at Camp Robin Hood Sunday, June 12, from 11-4 p.m. For information, 416-398-0515, ext. 201, or www.maccabicanada.com.

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The Sense of Spadina Tour provides participants with a glimpse of old Jewish Toronto in Kensington Market. It is a walking tour offered from April to October. Public tours this year will run on June 5, July 10, Aug. 7 and Sept. 25, 11a.m. The cost is $15 per person, $12 for students and seniors. To register or for more information, call 416-635-2883 ext. 5170, e-mail oja1@ujafed.org or pay online at: www.ujaevents.com.

FOR SENIORS

Beth Sholom Synagogue, Chai Society Group, holds lunch and erev Shavuot study session with **Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich**. Tuesday, June 7, noon. $10. Call **Rivy**, 416-783-6103, ext. 228.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. (55+). **Valerie.** 416-395-7881. Half-price membership special. Casino Rama, Wednesday, June 15; Sunday dance, June 26, 7 p.m. Complimentary exercise class, June 6 with qualified instructor, 10 a.m. Call to register. Ongoing activities Thursdays, social bridge 12:30 p.m. and line dancing, Thursdays 10 a.m. Seniors woodworking, skilled craftsmen, repairs, etc. Call 416-630-6487.

Bernard Betel Centre, 416-225-2112. Thursday, June 2, wellness lecture –"The Steps to Effective Communication." **Judy Weiss**. 1:30-2:30 p.m. No charge.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell, 416-630-9444.

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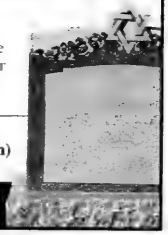

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Musical world mourns composer

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Helen Medwedeff Greenberg – composer of secular and liturgical works using Hebrew, Yiddish and English texts – died May 17 at Toronto's Baycrest Hospital, of cancer. She was 71.

After being diagnosed nine years ago, Greenberg chose to open the door on life "wider than ever," continuing to compose and to tutor students, Rabbi Jarrod Grover of Beth Tikvah Synagogue said in a eulogy.

Helen Greenberg

A native of Baltimore, she studied English and secondary education at Oberlin College in Ohio, and at Goucher College in her hometown, completing her BA in 1961. In the 1980s, she freelanced for *The CJN.*

Greenberg, whose father was a lawyer and whose mother was a talented amateur pianist, had studied piano and voice, and sang in Oberlin's summer stock program in Falmouth, Mass.

She and her husband Charles (Chuck), whose family was originally from Montreal, moved to Canada in 1961. They settled in Montreal, and in 1967 moved to Toronto.

A longtime member of Beth Tikvah's choir, Greenberg also sang with other choirs, including the Lachan Chamber Choir.

Cantor Beny Maissner – conductor and music director of Lachan, and the cantor and musical director of Holy Blossom Temple – told *The CJN* in an e-mail that Greenberg, whom he'd known for 30 years, was "a special human being who was able to translate her kind and soft character into the language of music.

"Her... unique deep and profound understanding of the connection between poetry and music allowed her to create a perfect synthesis of the arts. Her gentle soul is reflected in her sensitive compositions. Helen will be missed by the musical world."

Greenberg was a student of Canadian composers Oskar Morawetz, Edward Laufer and Srul Irving Glick, who was composer-in-residence and choir director at Beth Tikvah for 32 years until his death in 2002. The late Canadian opera star Maureen Forrester premiered one of Greenberg's compositions.

Greenberg's work has been performed in Canada, the United States, Europe and Israel, and has been featured on several CDs, including one recorded by the New York-based Jewish People's Philharmonic Chorus, and her own 1994 CD, *Magic Breath.*

As well, her music is part of the repertoire for cantorial students at Hebrew Union College, the Jewish Theological Seminary and Gratz College. Tribute was paid to her at last week's Cantors' Assembly convention, held in Toronto.

On both a professional and personal level, Greenberg garnered the respect of everyone she met, Rabbi Grover told *The CJN.*

She had "a generous spirit, tremendous loyalty, and not an ounce of pretention," he said in his eulogy.

Greenberg leaves her husband Chuck, daughter Susan Berger of Olney, Md., son Mark, of Tampa, and three grandchildren.

Dairy as comfort food

Randy Fingrut
Special to The CJN

To me, dairy food is comfort food. Cream cheese spread on almost anything from bagels to celery sticks, velvety smooth and gooey macaroni and cheese, Greek salad loaded with feta – oh, and grilled cheddar cheese sandwiches – scrumptious!

To conclude a dairy meal, or just for fun, my first choice would be ice cream. Chocolate chip is my favourite, but in a pinch, any flavour will do. If I want to better ice cream (and that would be difficult to do), I suppose I could choose a slice of cheesecake covered with fresh strawberries and drizzled with strawberry sauce, or possibly a little ramekin prepared with a very decadent vanilla bean crème brûlée. Aren't you already feeling comforted by my soothing list of dairy foods?

Blintzes are a traditional Shavuot food
[The Hadassah Jewish holiday cookbook]

Dairy meals, considered a light meal choice, are ideal for Shavuot. Similarly, dairy dishes are grand to serve before Shabbat and other holidays, in order to allow us to take a break the day before heavy, meat meals are served. Furthermore, dairy dishes are marvellous for quick and easy summer meals. They are also among the most popular Jewish recipes. Consider dairy, not as a snack or a side dish, but as playing a prominent role at your dining table.

BAKED SPINACH PASTRIES

Serve these pastries as an appetizer or as a side dish with soup or salad.

Dough
1 cup margarine or butter
1 egg
1 1/2-2 cups all-purpose flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
warm water 1-2 tbsp.
extra flour for rolling

Filling
6 oz. grated cheddar cheese
cooked spinach, chopped (see note)
3 egg yolks

Garnish
1 egg yolk
1 tsp. water
sesame seeds

Melt the margarine or butter. In food processor, combine margarine and egg with 1-1/2 cups of flour and the other dry ingredients. While processor is running, slowly add water until mixture forms a ball. Remove ball from food processor and add more flour to dough if mixture is too wet to roll. Roll out the dough on a floured board, Cut into 3-4-inch rounds.

In a bowl, mix all the filling ingredients together and place a tablespoon of filling in the middle of each round. Fold dough over filling, making a crescent shape, and pinch sides together. Whisk egg yolk and water together and brush each pastry with mixture. Sprinkle pastry with sesame seeds.

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper, and place pastries two inches apart. Bake in the oven at 375 for about 25 minutes until golden.

Note: Use 8 oz. fresh spinach. Wilt in microwave 1-2 minutes, then wrap spinach in a paper towel and squeeze out the water.

SUPREME EGG SALAD

Delicious in a sandwich, or scoop it onto your favourite salad.

12 eggs
1/2 cup salad dressing or mayonnaise
1/4 cup light cream cheese
2 tsp. prepared yellow mustard
1/4 cup sweet pickle relish
2 ribs of celery, small dice
2/3 cup grated cheddar cheese
1/2 tsp. salt or to taste
1/4 tsp. pepper

Place eggs in a medium size pot and cover them with water. On a high heat, bring the water to a rapid boil and turn burner off. Place the lid on the pot and leave it on the burner for 20 minutes. Drain hot water from pot and run cold water over eggs until cool to the touch. Drain water from pot, then, with lid on, shake pot. This will crack the eggs and make them easier to peel. Peel eggs and mash. Add the salad dressing and the cream cheese and mix well. Add remaining ingredients and continue to mix until combined.

ICE CREAM SANDWICH CAKE

Your family will fall in love with this cake the second they taste it. They will never ever guess that it's made with ice cream sandwiches. You can change this cake for different occasions. Change the candy topping to chocolate chips, M&M'S, candy sprinkles or crushed cookie crumbs. Add chocolate or butterscotch syrup for an even more decadent dessert.

2 boxes of ice cream sandwiches, approximately 20
1 large container of Cool Whip
1 package of Skor Toffee Bits

Line the bottom of a 9x11-inch Pyrex cake pan with ice cream sandwiches, Use as many ice cream sandwiches as you need to completely cover the bottom of the pan, cutting ice cream sandwiches in pieces if necessary.

Spread a generous layer of Cool Whip on top of the ice cream sandwiches. Sprinkle Skor pieces over the Cool Whip. Place another layer of ice cream sandwiches over the cool whip, repeat Cool Whip layer and Skor pieces. Cover tightly with plastic wrap and freeze. To serve, cut cake into squares and lift each square out of Pyrex pan with an offset spatula. The cake cuts easily right out of the freezer.

Note: You can use any size cake pan depending on the number of guests you are feeding. Just increase or decrease the number of ice cream sandwiches.

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Canada imposes sanctions on Syria

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced last week that Canada has imposed "targeted" sanctions on Syria.

In a statement last Monday, Harper said his government was responding to the Syrian regime's "ongoing and violent crackdown by the military and security forces against Syrian civilians who are peacefully protesting for democracy and the respect of human rights."

The sanctions, as outlined by the government, include: "a travel ban imposed on designated people associated with the current Syrian regime; an asset freeze against people associated with the current Syrian regime and entities involved in security and military operations against the Syrian people; a ban under the Export and Import Permits Act on the export from Canada to Syria of goods and technology that are subject to export controls, and, a suspension of all bilateral co-operation agreements and initiatives with Syria."

Canada's sanctions are not intended to "cause harm" to the Syrian people, Harper said.

"The best way to ensure peace and stability in Syria is through democratic reform and respect for human rights, not violent repression," Harper said.

Shimon Fogel, CEO of the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy, praised Canada's stance.

"We are happy to see Canada join with others within the international community in signalling the unacceptability of the [Syrian President Bashar] Assad regime's brutal repression of the Syrian people as well as their destructive influence on Lebanon to the north," he said. "The application of the Special Economic Measures Act serves as an expeditious way to deny Syria the privileges of Canadian friendship."

Canada imposed similar sanctions on Iran last summer.

The United States and European Union had imposed sanctions on Syria earlier last month.

"The sanctions being announced... are a repudiation of Syria's blatant violation of its international human rights obligations that threaten the security of the entire Middle East," Harper concluded.

Aside from reports of massive government repression of its citizenry, Syria also harbours representatives of 10 Palestinian terror groups, including Hamas, Islamic Jihad, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which all oppose peace talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

Papers diverge on what Israeli PM said

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

On May 25, the day after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addressed a joint session of the U.S. Congress, the contrast in the front-page headlines of Canada's two national newspapers could not have been starker: "Tough-talking Netanyahu refuses to budge" (*Globe and Mail*); "'Six words will change history'" (*National Post*).

The "six words" in the *Post's* title, as explained in Sheldon Alberts's story, refer to Netanyahu's call for Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas to announce publicly: "I will accept a Jewish state."

Alberts cited Netanyahu's crucial statement: "Our conflict has never been about the establishment of a Palestinian state. It has always been about the existence of a Jewish state." This reflects an Israeli consensus about the crux of the conflict, though it has been almost entirely ignored in western media circles.

Not a trace of that statement is to be found in Paul Koring's *Globe* report. Rather, Koring dwelled on what he took to be the intransigent position of "the hard-line Israel leader." As Koring summarized it: "Jerusalem must remain undivided and in Israeli hands; there will be no return of Palestinian refugees or their millions of descendants to Israel; and the sprawling suburbs of east Jerusalem, home to hundreds of thousands of Jewish settlers, must be ceded to Israel."

According to Alberts, showing flexibility, "Mr. Netanyahu for the first time conceded that he recognized 'in a genuine peace we will be required to give up parts of the ancestral Jewish homeland,' referring to the occupied West Bank."

But according to Koring, "Mr. Netanyahu offered only the tiniest glimmers of hope for the long-stalled peace process." Koring dismissed Netanyahu's remark, "I'm willing to make painful compromises to achieve this historic peace," writing, "but [Netanyahu] gave no hint as to what they might be." No trace of what in Alberts's story is a first-time concession from Netanyahu is to be found in Koring's.

Whereas Alberts noted Netanyahu's rejection of negotiations unless Abbas renounces unity with Hamas, an organization that seeks Israel's destruction, Koring didn't even mention the unity agreement and its impact.

While Alberts did include critical comments from Palestinian spokespeople – concluding on a note about Netanyahu's "uncompromising line on Palestinian refugees and the future of Jerusalem" – his report was balanced. Koring's was not only one-sided, it veered sharply into opinion. As Koring wrote: "By disagreeing with Mr. Obama [about the 1967 lines], and uttering crowd-pleasing lines to Congress and AIPAC, Mr. Netanyahu was essentially playing to an audience back home." How does Koring know this is what Netanyahu was "essentially" doing?

There is also an important factual mistake in Koring's report. It's not the case, as he wrote, that Canada regards east Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza as "unlawfully occupied" by Israel. UN Security Council Resolution 242 allows Israel to legitimately hold territory taken in a war of self-defence pending peace agreements.

Returning to Netanyahu's call for the Palestinians to recognize the right of the Jewish people to their own state, just as Israel recognizes the same right for the Palestinians, let's remember that it was Obama himself who, in his May 19 State Department address, spoke of the need to recognize Israel as the "Jewish State."

However, the Palestinian demand of a "right of return" to Israel is radically inconsistent with Obama's call for accepting Israel's "Jewish" character. Instead of saying, as his predecessor had, that any "return" would have to be confined to a Palestinian state, Obama chose to leave the refugee issue open for future discussion, which, to some analysts, only confused matters.

Koring might be piqued that Netanyahu said the Palestinian refugee problem "will be resolved outside the borders of Israel." If so, he should recall the renowned Palestinian intellectual Sari Nusseibeh's brave advice: "The Palestinians have to realize that if we are to reach an agreement on two states, then those two states will have to be one for the Israelis and one for the Palestinians, not one for the Palestinians and the other also for the Palestinians" (*New York Times*, Oct. 17, 2001).

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

Paul Michaels is communications director for the Canada-Israel Committee.

Israeli embassy vandalized

Diane Koven
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA – Just a day after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's much-publicized and controversial visit to Washington ended, the Israeli Embassy in Ottawa was the scene of vandalism.

On the morning of May 25, graffiti was found spraypainted on the sidewalk on Queen and Albert streets outside the building that houses the Israeli Embassy, as well as several others, and on an adjacent wall.

"Israel War Crimes" and "Embassy of War Crimes" appeared in large letters, leaving no doubt which embassy was being targeted.

Sgt. David Harper, diplomatic liaison officer for the RCMP, said that "the investigation is ongoing between the RCMP and the Ottawa city police." The RCMP's mandate is national security and it deals with all foreign missions in Canada.

"This does not fall into the category of a hate crime," Harper said, although he added that it was definitely politically motivated.

"The obvious charge is public mischief," he said, which is why Ottawa police are also involved in the investigation.

"It could be a random act, but we don't know. Given the heightened tension against Israel, we have seen increased demonstrations."

Harper said police will be contacting building management to review security video recordings.

A spokesperson for the embassy declined to comment on the investigation, saying it was embassy policy not to speak to the media on such matters.

Canadians' generosity 'beyond expectations'

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Canadians have supported the centre in the past, and in fact, their generosity has gone "beyond expectations," Raif said. More than $1 million has been raised here and transferred directly to the Peres Center in Israel.

It continues to support a variety of ambitious social programs. In addition to the medical assistance program, it has also created a sports program in which Palestinian and Israeli youngsters participate in athletics together; it funds a medical training program that brings Palestinian doctors to Israeli hospitals to upgrade their skills and knowledge, and it's establishing a project to address "the disease of the century" – obesity and diabetes, Raif said.

The Peres Center has also branched out into other areas of potential co-operation, he continued. It is encouraging young people from both communities to get together to develop their creative abilities in the area of visual arts, theatre and music.

Arie Raif

Raif, a businessman and former Israeli consul in Toronto, said he takes great satisfaction from the centre's efforts to promote artistic endeavours. "It makes me feel that I'm doing something positive," he stated.

The Canadian wing of the Peres Center is led by a 21-person board of governors and a board of directors, and it has hired two employees.

Building on the organization's reputation, Raif expects to raise as much as $2 million this year.

Quoting the president, he said "the pillars" that could lead to regional peace are the promotion of economic co-operation with the Arab world and engaging in humanitarian activities.

"Peres said in spite of our differences, we can build peace, not just negotiate peace. We can create an environment and not just become the victims of the existing environment," Raif said.

Flooding at London JCC cancels walk

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Extensive damage caused to the London Jewish Community Centre by a severe rainstorm that flooded streets, homes and buildings led to the cancellation of a local Yom Yerushalayim Walk.

The event, which was scheduled for June 5 and was meant to stop at the city's three shuls – Temple Israel of London, Congregation Beth Tefilah and Congregation Or Shalom – before ending at the JCC for a barbecue lunch, was cancelled due to water damage at the centre, said its programming director, Einat Gurman.

"There was a really bad, rainy weekend and most of the city was flooded. We had lots of water coming through from the sewers," she said, referring to a May 14 storm that dumped about 30 millimetres of rain on London, Ont.

"There was a lot of damage to our venues, and we decided we can't do anything until we fix it."

The walk, which was expected to attract more than 150 members of the London Jewish community, was just one of the events that had to be cancelled or moved.

"None of the rooms that we have are available for any events. All the events we had scheduled have either been cancelled or moved to a different venue, but luckily we don't really plan anything for the summer. We didn't have to cancel or move many things, only one or two events," Gurman said.

She said the centre's two main halls, as well as the London Holocaust Resource Centre and the computer room for the Hebrew day school, were damaged.

"We still have other areas that weren't affected. We have a daycare here. We have a babysitting service here... all those things are still running."

Gurman said she hopes the repairs to the centre will be completed by September, when programming picks up again.

She said that the centre's insurance company has been touring the facility to assess the damage.

Arens to speak in Montreal

Compiled by CIN Staff

MONTREAL — Moshe Arens, Israel's defence and foreign affairs minister in the 1980s and '90s, will make a rare public appearance in North America to speak in Montreal.

Moshe Arens

Now 85, Arens will be the keynote speaker at a dinner benefiting the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research (CIJR), June 15 at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim.

The independent Israel advocacy organization was thrilled when Arens accepted its invitation.

"I think it's a clear endorsement of the efforts of CIJR," said acting director David Pariser.

Arens, who unsuccessfully challenged Benjamin Netanyahu for the Likud party leadership in 1999, today writes a column for *Ha'aretz*.

He hasn't said what he'll speak about, but in 1994, he wrote the book *Broken Covenant: American Foreign Policy and the Crisis Between the U.S. and Israel*.

First elected to the Knesset in 1974, Arens chaired its committee on foreign affairs and security from 1977 to 1982. He was then ambassador to Washington for a year before entering the cabinet.

Born in Lithuania, he spent his youth in the United States before making aliyah in 1948. He lost his Knesset seat in 2003.

The basic ticket price for the CIJR fundraiser is $360. Donors of at least $1,000 will be invited to an "insider reception" June 14 at a private home, where they can meet Arens, as well as the event's other guest speaker, Mideast analyst Barry Rubin.

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Making a difference, one glass at a time

Laura Fixman
Intern

Many kids start lemonade stands, but the difference is that Amanda Belzowski and Jaime and Alexandra Eckler contribute the funds they raise to good causes.

Amanda's Lemonade Stand started when she was two years old. The 13-year-old has now passed it on to her five-year-old brother, Joshua, who raised $9,000 in his first year. She is now running Lemon-stock, an event that will feature a battle of the bands and Canadian singer Danny Fernandes, who's won two Rising Star awards in the Canadian National Exhibition dance contest. Lemon-stock takes place on June 26, and Amanda said it will be successful because it's fun for her and other kids her age.

"You can make a difference as long as you're doing something you love," she said.

Amanda said one of the best parts about running her lemonade stand for so many years was having kids come up to her and say she inspired them to get involved. She said that she wanted others to experience the feeling she gets from giving back.

"You're never too little to make a big difference," Amanda said.

Jaime was one of the kids inspired by Amanda's Lemonade Stand. When she went to the stand with her mother, Sharon Zohar, she asked if she could start one of her own with her sister. She wanted the proceeds to go to the homeless. Zohar said that Jaime has always been very sensitive to the difficulties of the homeless, and she thought that her wish that people would no longer be homeless would never come true.

Alexandra, left, and Jaime Eckler

"I told her that it starts with wishes, and it continues with doing actions," Zohar said.

This will be the third annual Lemonade and Recycle Art Show for Jaime and Alexandra. Last year, they raised about $3,500 for Raising the Roof, a charity dedicated to finding long-term solutions to homelessness. This year, Zohar hopes that their event on June 5 raises $5,000 for Eva's Initiatives, a Toronto youth shelter that houses 114 young people each night. The event will be held in Woburn Park in Toronto from 1 to 4 p.m. Jaime said that she hopes this year's event is fun for everyone.

"I like to see the smiles on peoples' faces," she said.

The money Amanda makes at Lemon-stock will go to three separate charities this year, and she's looking for a company to match that donation. She will donate the proceeds to Soles for Souls, which provides shoes for children who can't afford them, the Hospital for Sick Children and Save a Child's Heart, an Israeli charity that provides heart surgeries and followup care for children in developing countries.

She said she hopes that her Lemon-stock event will inspire other children to get involved because that will help make a big difference in the world.

"If you can inspire one child, that brings with them a whole family that supports them," Amanda said.

Although Jaime and Alexandra are only seven and five years old, Zohar said that they will gradually take on more of the responsibility for the event. She said that they are already inspiring their friends, which makes them enthusiastic about the event every year.

"Slowly, I'll pass more of the baton on to them," Zohar said. "I want this to be something that's important for them to continue."

Zohar added that they are getting the homeless youths from Eva's Initiative involved in the event. Zohar and her children taught them how to make art with recycled materials, and the youths will have the opportunity to sell the artwork at the event.

Amanda also hopes to get people involved in her Lemon-stock event. "Anyone from one years old to 100 years old can get involved," she said.

Amanda added that she hoped Lemon-stock would be an annual event that will bring people together. Zohar has similar hopes for Jaime and Alexandra's lemonade stand.

"Lemonade stands are a universal way to bring a community together," Zohar said.

For more information about Lemon-stock, go to lemonade4heart.org. To learn more about Eva's Initiatives, go to www.evasinitiatives.com.

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They'll be jamming for charity

Laura Fixman
Intern

The second annual Jam 4 Israel event hopes to raise $60,000 to open a summer sports camp for at-risk youth in Bat Yam, Israel, including a large population of Ethiopian Jews.

The event was started by 20-year-old Elissa Grossman, who said she wanted to honour her late grandfather, Alex Grossman, who was very involved in projects in Bat Yam. She said he was the one who taught her to get involved, and she hopes this event will make a difference in Israel.

"We're looking to raise twice as much money as last year," Grossman said.

The UJA Federation of Greater Toronto event is run entirely by young people aged 19 to 25, including Grossman and her 22-year-old co-chair, Josh Howard. Grossman thinks that this is one of the reasons the event is so successful.

"Many young people were looking for a way to get involved," she said.

The June 4 event starts at 9 p.m at Tequila Jacks in downtown Toronto. Some 650 tickets were pre-sold, but with a venue capacity of 750, Grossman is hoping for a sell-out.

The main sponsor will be Howard Sokolowski, former co-owner of the Toronto Argonauts, who will be present for what Grossman calls the "adult" portion of the event.

The "adult" portion will begin earlier and be more appropriate for people over 30, she said, adding that it will open up the evening to anyone over 19. The adult part of the evening will include dinner, dancing, casino tables and an open bar.

Other event sponsors include Sokolowski's wife, Senator Linda Frum, as well as Hart Entertainment, El Al airlines and David Cynamon, who co-owned the Argos with Sokolowski. Others slated to attend the adult event include Larry Tannenbaum, chairman of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment, and Warren Kimel, CEO of Fabricland.

"I hope that this event creates awareness, but also that we have a big turnout at the adult event, which is the big twist this year," Grossman said.

There will also be a draw for several prizes, including passes to Canada's Wonderland, a massage at the Hyatt Spa and dinner for four at Sotto Sotto.

Grossman said the expected turnout for Jam 4 Israel makes it the largest federation event after the Walk with Israel. It's considered a followup to the Hoops 4 Israel event, a charity basketball tournament that took place in April and also benefits youth in Bat Yam. The Birthright Israel Alumni Community is also a partner in Jam 4 Israel.

There is a minimum donation of $50 required to attend Jam 4 Israel. Donations can be made before the event at www.jam4israel.com.

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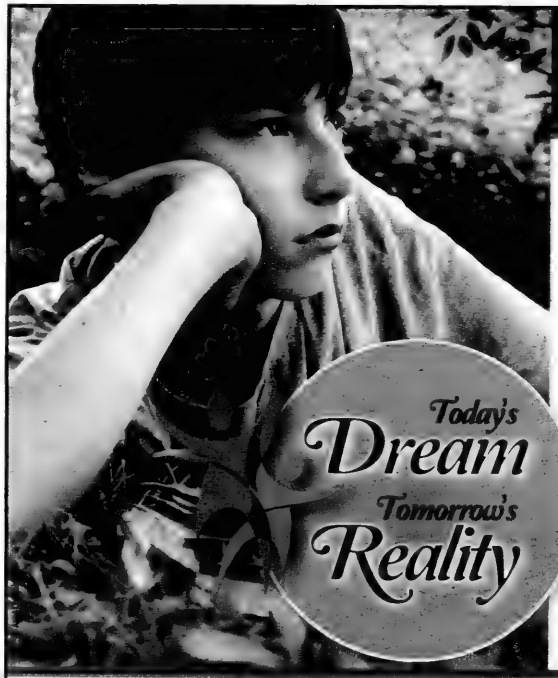

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Amnesty urges no death penalty

The Israel Defence Forces should rescind its reported demand that the suspects in the Itamar stabbing attacks be given the death penalty, Amnesty International said in a statement. The army is reported as intending to seek the death penalty for the suspected murderers of five members of the Fogel family in Itamar in March. It would mark the first time the army has sought a sentence of death since the mid-1990s. Responding to the *Ha'aretz* report, the Israeli chapter of Amnesty International urged military prosecutors to drop the demand saying that the news was "cause for grave concern." Amnesty said "the murder of the Fogel family was a heinous crime, but exaction is a punishment that has no place in today's criminal justice system."

U.S to help with missiles

The Pentagon is planning to help Israel buy four more Iron Dome short-range anti-rocket batteries, the head of the Pentagon's Missile Defence Agency said. "In our budget, we have a proposal to assist with procurement of four more batteries," Army Lieut-Gen. Patrick O'Reilly, the agency's director, told the U.S. Senate appropriations defence subcommittee. The batteries consist of a mobile air defence system with a radar-guided interceptor missile launched from a truck-sized firing platform. The goal was to spur production and deployment of the system, the first direct U.S. investment in the project. On April 7, the system successfully intercepted a rocket from Gaza for the first time. O'Reilly said he considered Iron Dome to have been "highly effective" in combat, but Israel faced a "daunting task".

Israeli firm on Iran sanctions list

An Israeli company is among seven newly sanctioned by the United States for dealings with Iran. Ofer Brothers Group is being sanctioned for its role in providing a tanker valued at $8.65 million to an Iranian shipping company. The company "failed to exercise due diligence and did not heed publicly available and easily obtainable information that would have indicated that they were dealing with" Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines, the State Department said last week in releasing the names of seven companies it's adding to the list of those sanctioned for dealing with Iran's energy sector.

–files from Ha'aretz and JTA

Israeli books banned in Scottish municipality

JTA

GLASGOW — A Scottish municipality has banned from its libraries books by Israeli authors and that were printed or published in Israel.

The West Dunbartonshire Council, consisting of towns and villages west of Glasgow, ordered new books by Israeli authors to be banned from the council's libraries, according to reports.

The ban reportedly was ordered after last year's raid by Israeli commandos on a ship attempting to break Israel's blockade on Gaza that led to the death of nine Turkish nationals. The ban followed a decision made 2-1/2 years ago following the Gaza war to boycott goods produced in Israel. According to that law, the council and all its public bodies are forbidden to sell goods that originated from Israel.

A West Dunbartonshire Council spokesperson told the *UK Express* that the boycott is not retrospective and that no books have been removed from libraries.

The council told the *Express* that 10 other councils had agreed to join the boycott.

The Scottish city Dundee also issued a recommendation to boycott goods produced in Israel, but it was set aside after city legal advisers said it was likely illegal under European Union law. The city instead will distribute posters throughout the city asking its residents not to buy Israeli goods and place a special sticker on products that are made in Israel.

"A place that boycotts books is not far from a place that burns them," Israel's ambassador to the United Kingdom, Ron Prosor, told Ynet last week.

European Jewish Congress president Moshe Kantor called the banning of Israeli books and the marking of Israeli products in Scotland "eerily reminiscent of darker times, and perhaps there is a level of hatred that connects them.

"While those behind the boycott will claim that this is not antisemitic, targeting the only Jewish state, a democracy, while ignoring serial human rights-abusing nations tells us that this is indeed antisemitic in intent and in effect," Kantor said. "This demonstrates how far 'respectable antisemitism' has come. Clearly, it has become acceptable to boycott and discriminate against Jews, as long as there is a thin veneer of anti-Zionism which purportedly covers the hateful act."

Pakistani official ordered Chabad attack, court hears

JTA

CHICAGO — A Pakistani government intelligence official directed terrorists to attack the Mumbai Chabad house in their November 2008 rampage through the Indian city, a witness in a terror trial testified.

David Coleman Headley, a Pakistani American who has confessed to conducting surveillance on the site and other targets in Mumbai for the Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist group, gave the testimony in Chicago federal court last week at the trial of an alleged accomplice.

Headley testified that his handler was an official of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate, identified as Major Iqbal.

"Major Iqbal told me the Chabad house would be added on whatever list" of targets, Headley said, "because it was a front office for the Mossad."

There is no evidence for the assertion of a link between the Chabad house and the Mossad, Israel's foreign intelligence service.

Pakistan has denied involvement in the Mumbai attacks, which left at least 164 people dead. Six people, including three Americans, were murdered at the Chabad house.

'Protocols' broadcast opposed

JTA

CARACAS — Venezuela's largest Jewish advocacy group has protested to the government about a state-run radio broadcast that positively referenced the antisemitic *Protocols of the Elders of Zion.*

In a formal complaint filed last week, the Venezuelan Confederation of Israelite Associations denounced the broadcast in which journalist Cristina Gonzalez read the infamous text and suggested that listeners should read it.

"Venezuelan Jews know that promoting this antisemitic document only sow hate and discrimination, violating the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela," the confederation said in a statement.

During the broadcast, Gonzalez expressed her admiration for the Jewish community and "non-Zionist" Israelis before plucking what she called "little pearls" from the book to explain to listeners why Zionists have been able to amass a concentration of power and wealth.

"I do not have an antisemitic stance. I'm not anti-anything. I read everything that falls my way," she said.

The Protocols, written at about the turn of the 20th century, purportedly describes a Jewish plan for achieving global domination. It has been proven to be a fraud.

Confederation president Salomon Cohen has requested a formal investigation into the matter and a meeting with government officials.

Last year, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez met with Jewish community representatives to discuss what they described as an incessant barrage of antisemitic commentaries on state-affiliated media. Chavez took to the airwaves and formally denounced antisemitism, saying it had no place in a revolutionary society.

Subsequently, the confederation said, there was a noticeable decrease in antisemitic rhetoric. Additional diplomatic signals from the Chavez government suggested that relations between the community and the state were improving.

However, antisemitism seems to be percolating again among the most radical elements of government supporters, as Chavez gears up for what is expected to be a hard-fought campaign for re-election next year.

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Canada supports negotiated two-state solution

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"I would like to see reference to elements that were also in President Obama's speech, such as... the fact that one of the states must be a Jewish state. The fact that the Palestinian state must be de-militarized. I think it's important that any statement on this be balanced," Harper said.

Obama presented his Middle East policy to the G8 as an alternative to a unilateral Palestinian move to seek support for statehood in the UN General Assembly in September, and to clarify to the Palestinians that the international community takes a dim view of the Palestinians' move to win statehood in the United Nations.

Harper's government also does not support any plans by the Palestinians to attempt a unilateral declaration of independence at the UN this September, according to the PMO.

Speaking to reporters in Ottawa last week prior to the G8 meeting, Claude Carrière, the prime minister's foreign affairs and defence policy adviser, said Canada's position on a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinian Authority is "well-known."

"The government of Canada supports... a two-state solution that is negotiated. It has to be a negotiation of the two parties. It cannot be [a] unilateral action," Carrière said.

In his recent speech to the U.S. Congress, Netanyahu told Americans that insisting on the pre-1967 borders as a condition for peace talks with the Palestinians was a non-starter for Israel.

"In the Middle East, the only peace that will hold is a peace you can defend," he said.

Reports out of Israel said Netanyahu's office reached out to Canada last week to ask for support in ensuring that any G8 statement not refer to the 1967 borders.

Last Tuesday, after his address to Congress, Netanyahu reportedly phoned Harper to ask for his help in this matter, according to a Israeli senior government official.

The official said Netanyahu told Harper that mentioning the issue of the 1967 borders in the statement without mentioning the other issues, such as Israel as a Jewish state or opposition to the return of Palestinian refugees to Israel, would be detrimental to Israeli interests and a reward to the Palestinians.

On Monday, Dimitri Soudas, a spokesperson for Harper, told *The CJN* that Harper had spoken with Netanyahu along with other leaders last week, but that a request from Netanyahu never happened.

"Actually, there was no G8 discussion with Prime Minister Netanyahu," Soudas said. "The prime minister's views are long-standing and well-known on the Middle East process towards a two-state solution."

However, Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman spoke last weekend with Canadian Foreign Minister John Baird and thanked him for Canada's position during the G8 deliberations, calling the country "a true friend of Israel."

With files from Ha'aretz and JTA

A HISTORIC FIRST: Brigadier Orna Barbivay is the first woman in the history of the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) to be promoted to the rank of major-general. Barbivay, 49, will assume her new rank when she takes over as commander of the IDF's manpower branch in a few weeks. Barbivay is married and has three children. The rank of major-general is the second-highest in the IDF, and the highest a soldier can reach unless appointed as the chief-of-staff, who is always the only serving officer with the rank of lieutenant-general.

[Israel Sun photo]

Don't sail to Gaza, Baird urges Canadians

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Foreign Minister John Baird released a statement on Sunday to mark the one-year anniversary of the Gaza flotilla incident in which he asked Canadians to refrain from participating in any future flotillas, and he took the opportunity to call for the release of Gilad Schalit.

"I strongly urge those wishing to deliver humanitarian goods to the Gaza Strip to do so through established channels. Unauthorized efforts to deliver aid are provocative and, ultimately, unhelpful to the people of Gaza," Baird said.

He added that Canada recognizes Israel's "legitimate security concerns," including its right to protect itself and its citizens from attacks by Hamas and "other terrorist groups, including by preventing the smuggling of weapons."

Baird said there are more "legitimate and constructive" ways for Canadians to aid Gazans, such as donations to the International Committee of the Red Cross/Red Crescent.

Baird's statement came amid reports that an umbrella group representing about 100 Canadian organizations says it plans to send a Canadian boat, named the Tahrir, to the Gaza Strip as part of the second international "Freedom Flotilla."

The statement also came a year after Israeli marines stormed the Mavi Marmara, the flagship of an international aid flotilla bound for Gaza, killing nine Turkish activists and drawing worldwide condemnation.

This time, the flotilla is to comprise some 15 ships from several countries.

In his plea for Schalit, Baird said that "Canada continues to call for the immediate return of Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit, held by Hamas for almost five years, to his family in Israel."

Schalit was captured by Hamas in a cross-border raid on June 25, 2006. Despite ongoing international diplomatic pressure, Schalit has not been allowed visitation by any international agency to determine his condition or communication with his family, save for a September 2009 video released by Hamas in which the soldier said he was "being treated well" by his captors.

Last week, Baird also condemned Iran's election to a seat on the UN Commission on Population and Development.

He said Canada "vocally opposed" Iran's candidacy and then voted against it at the UN to "ensure the continued credibility of the commission," but to no avail.

"Canada remains extremely troubled by the outrageous human rights abuses committed by Iran against its own citizens, and by Iran's threats and actions to undermine the safety, security and stability of its neighbours."

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Israeli NGO narrows country's social, economic gap

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

In Jewish tradition, the highest form of charity is to help someone in need become self-sufficient.

In Israel, a group of successful entrepreneurs have adopted that credo, but with a slight modification. They believe in helping "close the social gap," but they don't consider it charity. Rather, it's an investment, in which they put their own money into Israel's human capital.

"There is a trend in Israel that a lot of people from the high-tech industry are contributing back to the country, because we care about the big social gap in Israel, the gap in education and social-economic situation, between the centre and the periphery," said Benny Levin, vice-chair of the Israel Venture Network.

IVN was established 11 years ago as a members' club, but it's operated like a business that demands measurable results, said Levin.

"We are trying to build a different philanthropy in Israel," one that not only boosts the educational achievements of children outside the Tel Aviv core, but one that helps local businesses succeed and employ people who would otherwise require charitable assistance.

IVN is seeking partners from the Jewish Diaspora to put their money into Israeli ventures that help lift people out of poverty and become self-reliant, Levin said.

Levin, founder and former CEO of NICE Systems, a high tech firm involved in software and business analytics, was in Toronto to make his pitch to a select group of potential "investors."

About 35 people gathered for a get-acquainted meeting sponsored by the consulate general of Israel in Toronto, the Israel Economic Mission to Canada and IVN. Dubbed "Start-up Nation Meets Social Entrepreneurship," the event was meant "to expose them [IVN], to provide them publicity and to get the feel for the Toronto community," said Jonathan Levy, Israel's Toronto-based consul for economic affairs.

Benny Levin

"It's a new and novel approach," Levy said. "It's certainly one that has received very high attention. It's different than other types of philanthropic institutions in Israel. It is initiated by Israelis and Israelis are the ones who will carry the majority of the cost and time."

Levin said he devotes half his time and puts $50,000 a year into the project, "more if needed."

In 2010 IVN raised $1 million (US), 60 per cent from Israelis, the remainder from Diaspora Jews.

Run as a membership organization, fees range from $5,000 to $50,000, and contributors receive full documentation about their investment. They can direct their funds to specific projects they favour, Levin said.

In one of its first big projects, IVN addressed the Israeli education gap. Israeli results in international math competitions have fallen dramatically, he said.

Twenty years ago, Israeli students' scores were often found at or near the top, but more recently, those numbers have fallen to around 38th internationally. Within Israel, matriculation results vary widely, with well-to-do communities recording graduation rates of 80 per cent, but towns such as Bnei Brak reaching only 11 per cent.

"If that doesn't change, it will be worse in the future as kids are not being trained to get a decent job," Levin said.

IVN and its partners abroad have lobbied the government to devote more resources to education, but it has also initiated its own programs. Recognizing that principals are critical to educational results but are not specially trained for the job, IVN borrowed from the high-tech model and launched its own training program.

Two hundred people applied, but funding restrictions limited the number of participants to 30. They were taught budgeting, human resource management, workplace measurement and evaluation and other management skills, Levin said.

Over the course of two years, principals met monthly, studied a curriculum developed by IVN, were mentored and helped to manage their schools.

The program proved so successful that the Ministry of Education initiated its own training program that will involve all 3,000 Israeli principals.

"This is a big change," said Levin. "The third sector [civil society] acted as a startup, got it going and turned it over to the government, and now the government runs it."

Though education is a government responsibility, IVN demonstrated results in literacy level in Tiberias. After IVN suggested new ways to teach reading, results over three years showed the number of Grade 2 students experiencing difficulties dropped from 35 per cent to nine per cent.

IVN also became involved in aiding northern Israel businesses that were devastated by the 2006 Lebanon war. Many small businesses collapsed and the government's response was to offer small loans.

"But that was not enough. We trained 30 business consultants in the north, and we trained government bureaucrats that helped small business and worked with them. We trained them so they could develop their businesses and become successful."

Working in conjunction with Tzafona, an Israeli NGO, IVN helped 500 businesses by offering the operators the kind of training they might have received in business school. Some 200 million shekels ($56 million) was invested in the project, with the expectation that better-trained business people will keep their ventures afloat and hire more people.

IVN is now ready to evolve into "version 2.0," Levin continued, in which Israel is marketed to Diaspora Jews not as a schnorrer (a taker), but as a place that is open for business and in which investments in human capital can provide long-term, measurable results.

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Dan Rahimi develops ROM's galleries

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Visitors who stream into Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum owe a debt of gratitude to Dan Rahimi.

As vice-president of gallery development at one of Canada's largest museums, he's in charge of planning new galleries and sprucing up existing ones.

Thanks to his expertise and good taste, a visit to the ROM becomes an experience to savour and remember.

"It's an incredible challenge," said Rahimi in a reference to his position.

An anthropologist and archeologist who has undertaken excavations in Israel and the Arab world, Rahimi, 59, started working at the ROM in 1987, when he curated the *Treasures of the Holy Land* exhibition, a trove of 280 outstanding pieces from the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

More recently, he was project director of two exceptionally well-received exhibitions, the first on Israel's Dead Sea Scrolls and the second on China's terra cotta Warriors.

These days, Rahimi is busy setting the stage for new galleries on Rome, Byzantium, Nubia, modern design and early life on the planet, which are expected to open in the summer.

"It takes about two to three years to open a gallery," he said in an interview at his cluttered subterranean office. "It used to take seven years. We've streamlined our development process."

Developing a new gallery requires the services of more than 100 employees, of whom 20 to 25 are integral to the task.

When it comes to galleries, Rahimi plays no favourites. "Every gallery at the ROM interests me," he said. "I really do like each of them."

It may be surprising that only 50,000 objects, representing less than 10 per cent of the ROM's immense collection, can be exhibited at any given time. "Due to space limitations, great museums can display only a small portion of their holdings," he said. "Some objects are not worthy of display. They are here for research purposes only."

Several of the objects are truly priceless, being worth tens of millions of dollars each. For security and insurance reasons, Rahimi cannot identify them. But he has no problem singling out some of the ROM's rarest objects – the 300 meteorites in its collection.

On average, the ROM acquires some 1,000 objects a year through bequests or purchases. A $54-million endowment fund enables the museum to buy artifacts.

Rahimi's most successful exhibitions have been *Dead Sea Scrolls: Words That Changed the World* and *The Warrior Emperor and China's Terracotta Army*, each of which attracted in the order of 300,000 visitors.

He wasn't surprised that local Palestinian Arabs and their sympathizers objected to the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit. "The political issues resolved themselves on the street through protests," he recalled.

Rahimi, a graduate of Union College, is an accidental anthropologist and archeologist. While completing an MA in philosophy at the University of Toronto, he worked on a dig – an Iron Age military outpost – in greater Jerusalem.

This experience led him to pursue a PhD degree in anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania. "I wanted to do something more physically active than philosophy," he said. "We all make mistakes in our youth."

Rahimi is a specialist in the neolithic period in the Middle East. Starting about 10,000 years ago, this was an era when people abandoned hunting and gathering and settled down as farmers.

The neolithic epoch, he explained, was perhaps the greatest game changer in the annals of human society.

"It led to the next great transformation, urbanization, which occurred partly because of population pressures. A lot of things came together to lead people to live closer together."

Rahimi has studied the seminal transition from hunting and gathering to agriculture at Mideast excavations since 1981. The first dig took him to Turkey. The second one brought him to the Ain Ghazal site in Amman, Jordan.

Dan Rahimi

"Most of my work has been in Jordan," said Rahimi. "Ain Ghazal was a very large neolithic village that basically went out of business. It thrived for about 1,000 years and ended."

At Ain Ghazal, Rahimi and his team made "an incredible discovery," finding 9,000-year-old plaster statues in the form of human beings. "No one knows who sculpted them. They were made before the invention of writing."

A specialist in neolithic stone tools, Rahimi has also excavated sites in Yemen. "I love working in Yemen, an extremely beautiful and archeologically unique country. Since we know so little about Yemen's archeology, we're always surprised by what we find there."

Rahimi has been the field director of Shengavit, an Early Bronze Age site in Armenia, since 2009. "It's a very early urban site," he explained. "We're trying to determine whether there were connections between ancient Armenia and Mesopotamia."

Born in Jerusalem, he's the son of Nissan and Elisheva Rahimi, both of whom settled in Palestine during the 1930s.

Elisheva, a German Jew, fled Nazism. Nissan, an Iranian Jew, hailed from the city of Meshad, where Jews were forced to convert to Islam in the 19th century.

Rahimi's father was outwardly a Muslim, a member of the Jadid el-Islam community. But in secret, he and his family practised Judaism. After arriving in Jerusalem, he shed his Muslim identity completely.

"There are no Jews in Meshad today," he noted, saying that all of them eventually emigrated.

Rahimi and his family left Israel when he was still a toddler. He grew up in New York City.

His wife, Julie Comay, is a teacher. They have two children: Samuel, a computer engineer who lives in San Francisco, and Hannah, a musician who works in Montreal.

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By BILL GLADSTONE

JEWISH PLAYWRITING FESTIVAL OFFERS STAGED READINGS OF FOUR NEW PLAYS

The Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company, in partnership with the Miles Nadal JCC and the Koffler Centre of the Arts, presents In The Beginning: A Jewish Playwriting Festival, featuring free staged readings of four new plays chosen from more than 20 submissions.

The four-evening festival takes place June 13 to 16 and features these plays: *The Peace Maker* by **Natasha Greenblatt** on Monday, June 13; *Therefore Choose Life* by **Kathy Kacer** and **Jake Epstein** on Tuesday, June 14; *Haunted* by **Daniel Karasik** on Wednesday, June 15; and *Tough Jews* by **Michael Ross Albert** on Thursday, June 16.

All readings begin at 7 p.m. Miles Nadal JCC, www.hgjewishtheatre.com, 416-932-9995.

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Nikki Yanofsky

Israeli Film: The Toronto Jewish Film Society presents *Strangers* (*Zarim*), an Israeli film made in 2007. Two screenings, Sunday, June 5, 4 and 7:30 p.m. With speaker **Mark Clamen**. Miles Nadal JCC, Al Green Theatre, tickets at the door only, $15, $10. Between the screenings the society hosts an Israeli wine-and-cheese reception featuring photographer **Guy Raivitz** and the exhibit *State of Mind*. Sunday, June 5, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. 416-924-6211, ext. 606; www.mnjcc.org

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Names in the News: The TD Toronto Jazz Festival has signed Montreal singing sensation **Nikki Yanofsky** to play the Mainstage Marquee at Metro Square on Sunday, July 3. One of the country's fastest-rising young superstars, Yanofsky has been a festival favourite for several years. The TD Toronto Jazz Festival crams some 350 concerts into 10 eventful days, June 24 to July 3. www.torontojazz.com

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Spirited Choirs: Feel the spirit of the Miles Nadal JCC choirs as the **MNjcc Women's Chorus** and the **MNjcc Community Choir**, conducted by **Gillian Stecyk** and **Harriet Wichin** respectively, perform in the Al Green Theatre. $10. Wednesday, June 1, and Thursday, June 2, 8 p.m. Tickets, 416-924-6211, ext. 0.

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Names in the News II : For years, **Marla Buck** was a principal dancer with a New York dance company before she turned to jewelry design and, more recently, to painting. Now she is a student at the Avenue Road Arts School of Toronto and is producing "marvellous work," says the school's founding director, **Lola Rasminsky**.

Recently artist **Charles Pachter** spotted Buck's work at an art show and asked her to submit a piece for a fundraising event for an autism charity. As it happened, Buck's piece "was one of the most hotly bid-on items and fetched $3,000" at auction, Rasminsky reports. The art of Buck and other students will be on view at the Avenue Road Arts School annual adult art exhibit, at the Women's Art Association, 23 Prince Arthur St., June 14 and 15. 416-961-5343.

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Painting by Rodolfo Marma of the Florence Synagogue

At the Galleries

- Viva Vitalita Italiana presents *Firenze Art*, an exhibition of paintings of views of Florence by **Gianfranco Grezzolini**, **Rodolfo Marma** and **Guido Borgianni**. The show includes a work by Marma depicting the Florence Synagogue. Joseph D. Carrier Gallery, Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Ave. W. June 3 to June 30. 416-789-7011.
- Works by **Caryn Ladovsky** are on view in the Flash Gallery, 3177 Bathurst St. at Woburn, until June 5. carynladovsky.com
- The Miles Nadal JCC's Gallery at the J is seeking submissions ("flat media only") for a planned art show on Personal Stories: Universal Context. Guidelines at mnjcc.org. 416-924-6211, ext. 262.

Israeli movies featured at short film fest

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Israel's oldest and largest film school, Tel Aviv University, has contributed several movies to this year's World Wide Short Film Festival in Toronto, which runs until June 5.

The films reviewed here will be screened on Thursday, June 2 from 4:15 p.m. onward at the Royal Ontario Museum.

Udi Ben-Arie's *Second Watch* is a whimsical allegory about the possibilities of peace in the Middle East.

Two soldiers, an Israeli and a Jordanian, face each other at remote border outposts several hundred metres apart. The Israeli is bored and has run out of water. "How are you?" he shouts in a spontaneous outburst, breaking the icy atmosphere.

Having doffed their shirts and dropped their rifles, they meet at the border fence. The Israeli tosses over a racy magazine. The Jordanian shares his water.

Interestingly enough, *Second Watch* was made in 1995, a year after Israel and Jordan signed a historic peace treaty. The high hopes it evoked is reflected in this modest and appealing film.

One From Afar, by Noa Osheroff, unfolds in a hospital room as a middle-aged woman readies herself psychologically for a traumatic surgical procedure, a double mastectomy.

She and her daughter, Dana, a professional clown, engage in chit chat, which masks the mother's anxieties.

Before she is whisked away into the operating room, the mother asks the daughter for a favour, which turns into a special and poignant moment.

Deep undercurrents run beneath this ostensibly simple film.

Roni Geffen's *Transparent Black* deals with the problems non-Jewish foreign workers face in Israel today. It takes place in an ulpan in southern Tel Aviv where Africans are trying to learn rudimentary Hebrew.

Koku, a man from Togo, is having trouble renewing his work permit. His empathetic Israeli teacher, Yair, claims that he is not wanted in Israel. This exchange segues into a scene in which the other students, all Africans, express their hopes about the future.

This gritty film underscores the difficulties that foreign workers experience in Israel, from learning basic Hebrew to extending work permits.

Silence, by Hadar Morag, focuses on the unusual friendship between a grown single man, Amnon, and a lonely school girl, Mashda.

One might assume that something ominous is lurking in the background, but perish the thought. Amnon, a night shift worker who loves eating cold watermelon at sunrise, enjoys the unfettered simplicity of Mashda's platonic company. No explanations are offered. A viewer must take this odd relationship at face value.

Udi Ben-Arie's *Second Watch* is an allegory set on Israel's border with Jordan.

When Mashda catches Amnon in a very private adult moment, she finally realizes, perhaps, that the generational divide cannot be bridged.

The subject of Lior Geller's *Roads* – set in Lod, a dilapidated and neglected Jewish-Arab town near Ben-Gurion Airport – is the illegal and dangerous drug trade.

Ismail, a sharp, nervy 13 year-old Arab teen, works as a runner for Ahmed, a drug lord who has ruthlessly killed competitors. When Ismail discovers that his younger brother, Riad, has become a member of Ahmed's gang, he reconsiders his place in the business.

Daniel, a Jewish veteran of the Second Lebanon War and a drug addict, is also thrown into the mix.

The gap between Arab and Jewish societies in Israel is the subtext of this brutally realistic film, which is punctuated by rhythmic Arab rap songs.

Actor ruminates about working on Shabbat

Marvin Glassman
Special to The CJN

American actor Rachel Geisler has had to make a decision early in her career about whether she would work on Shabbat.

The New York University student took an eight-month absence from her studies this year to join the young cast of the North American tour of the musical *Spring Awakening*, which included stops last month in Ottawa, Kingston and Kitchener, Ont. Geisler starred as Anna, one of the lead roles in the musical.

Spring Awakening, which won eight Tony Awards in 2007, is a story of teens coming of age and trying to come to terms with their values in 19th-century Germany.

Brooklyn-born Geisler is coming of age and has also had to think seriously about her values. Raised in an Orthodox family, Geisler had to accept that she would be performing on Shabbat as part of her contract on tour.

"My family and I discussed the issue of performing on Shabbat, and I am fortunate that my family is loving and accepting that to grow as an actress, I had to make some changes. I continue to eat kosher and follow as much as I can while I continue to grow professionally," Geisler said.

"Being raised and wanting to be shomer Shabbat observant, I still consider myself a religious person. However, [if I want] to have a career in theatre, performing on Shabbat is going to be impossible to avoid, as not all of us have Dudu Fisher's star power."

Geisler is referring to Israeli actor Dudu Fisher, who became the first Orthodox Jewish actor to have in his contract a provision that he would not perform on Shabbat. Fisher had the lead role of Jean Valjean in *Les Miserables* and did not perform on Fridays or on Saturday matinees during the Broadway or London runs of the musical from 1993 to '95.

"I have to thank producer Cameron Mackintosh for agreeing to my terms, but it's not easy to do this," Fisher said. "I am not sure whether other Orthodox Jews who work in the performing arts can have these terms."

In 1966, Fisher performed in his one-man revue *Never On Friday*, which centred on the theme of not performing on Shabbat.

Friday nights and Saturday matinees are considered prime time for theatre, and for a producer to cancel performances on Shabbat is a loss of revenue. However, if the Orthodox performer is a marquee attraction, exceptions can be made.

Rachel Geisler, second from left, is seen with the cast of *Spring Awakening*.

Orthodox Jewish hip-hop singer Matisyahu performs internationally while remaining Shabbat observant as does Israeli actor Yisrael Campbell, who will star next year in *Circumcise Me* at the Harold Green Jewish Theatre.

"Having Yisrael Campbell being able to perform is worth the loss of revenue on Friday night and Saturday afternoons. Sales were robust and audiences respected that he chose not to perform on Shabbat," Larry Toppall, producer of *Circumcise Me*, said when the one-man musical was performed in Miami this year. Geisler realizes that not performing on Shabbat is the exception rather than the rule.

"Maybe if I have the star power one day, things may change. But I will go into my career knowing that it is likely that I will have to perform on the Shabbat and accept that."

They don't make Jews like Kinky anymore

David Silverberg
Special to The CJN

The original Texas Jewboy, as Kinky Friedman proclaims himself, doesn't mind being alone. For the better part of the past spring, Friedman has been touring solo in several states and Toronto, a far cry away from writing detective novels.

An author of more than 25 books and a country music star from the 1970s, Friedman relishes returning to his musical passion. Strumming the guitar and singing his classic *They Don't Make Jews Like Jesus Anymore* on a Toronto stage, say, evokes everything he missed about visiting new cities and being on the road.

"I had a winter of some discontent," Friedman says in an interview in the dressing room of the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts in Toronto. "I wanted to be a musician again, and this is a much higher calling than being a politician."

Friedman should know. Somewhat. The past several years has seen the country musician attempt to collar a political job, first vying for governor of Texas and later for Texas Agriculture Commissioner. He didn't win either position, despite his deep connections: Friedman counts former U.S. presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush as good friends.

The aspiring politico blames the two-party system for his electoral fizzle. "I should have never ran as a Democrat. In Texas, Democrats are viewed as weak," Friedman says. "If I ran in Minnesota, I could've been governor there." If there is a next time, he'll go Independent, he promises.

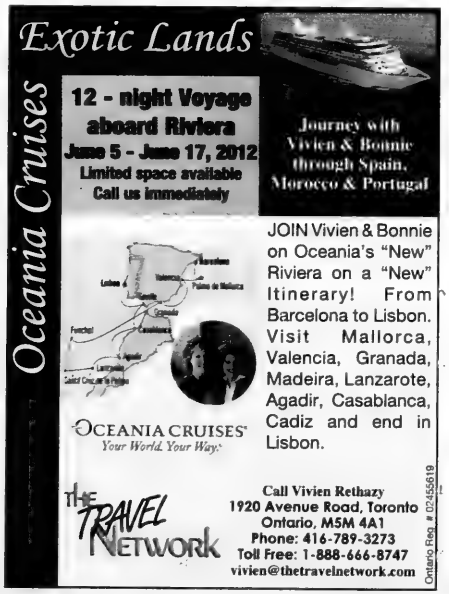
Politics clouded Friedman's life with paperwork and media calls, so he finds touring liberating. He performs songs he hasn't played regularly in years, but this time with no backing band. Going solo also gives him the flexibility to read from his out-of-print memoirs, *Heroes of a Texas Childhood*, which feature 23 stories about his experiences and influential mentors.

Kinky Friedman *[Nicole Weingart photo]*

Sorry, fans, no new songs from the Kinkster, he admits. He tends to "rotate the crop" of songs he performs, while also peppering the set with quirky anecdotes. His cowboy twang and trademark ten-gallon hat distinguishes Friedman from other touring storytellers, but his sense of humour is unpredictable, perhaps even more so than his unique book titles: *Kill Two Birds and Get Stoned; You Can Lead a Politician To Water, But You Can't Make Him Think.*

Looking ahead, Friedman is working on a non-fiction book with actor Billy Bob Thornton, but he's mum on the details. He's also been narrating some of his detective novels into e-books, saying he recognizes where the publishing industry is heading. "My next book is going straight to e-book," he proclaims.

A celebrity author's book going straight to e-book? Really? Friedman waves away any mention of the c-word. "Celebrity? No, not me. I'm more like a folk hero, more Willie Nelson than Justin Bieber."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China's first graphic novel on the Holocaust

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Three years ago, the East China Normal University Press in Shanghai published a unique book, the first Chinese graphic novel on the Holocaust.

A Jewish Girl in Shanghai, by Wu Lin, turns on a Jewish family that flees Nazi persecution in Europe in the late 1930s and finds a haven in Shanghai.

On a broader level, Wu's novel is about the resettlement of Jews in this teeming, cosmopolitan port city, the only place not requiring Jewish refugees to obtain an entry visa.

Wu's lavishly illustrated novel, aimed at young adult readers, has been transformed into an animated movie by the directors Wang Genfa and Zhang Zhenui.

Last month, *A Jewish Girl in Shanghai* was presented at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival.

Wu Lin
[Sheldon Kirshner photo]

In an interview on the eve of its screening at the Al Green Theatre, Wu, the 60-year-old author, said he was compelled to write *A Jewish Girl from Shanghai* because the era it recreates is well worth remembering.

"China opened its doors to Jewish people, though Shanghai was densely populated and living conditions were difficult," he said, speaking in Mandarin through a local interpreter. "Nevertheless, Shanghai welcomed Jews."

One of China's great cities, Shanghai was occupied by the Japanese army in 1937. From that point onward, foreigners wishing to settle there did not need visas or passports.

About 20,000 Jews, particularly from Germany and Austria, poured into Shanghai, which had previously been settled by Sephardi Jews from Iraq and India and Ashkenazi Jews from the Russian Empire.

Japan, an ally of Germany, adopted a dual policy toward the newcomers. On the one hand, the Japanese resisted pressure from Germany to hand over the Jewish inhabitants. On the other hand, Japan, in 1943, forced Jews into the Hongkou neighbourhood, one of the poorest, most congested districts.

With the defeat of Japan in World War II, the rise of the People's Republic of China and the establishment of the State of Israel, the majority of Jews in Shanghai departed.

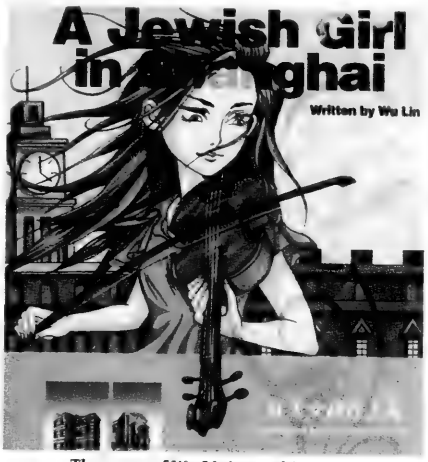
"Everyone in Shanghai today knows the story of the Jewish refugees in Shanghai," said Wu, a writer of historical novels.

A resident of Shanghai, he was a history teacher and businessman trading in gems and jewelry before he turned his talents to writing.

When he was only nine, he saw a subtitled foreign film about the Holocaust. The movie left a deep impact on him, but many more years elapsed before he learned that thousands of European Jews had flocked to Shanghai to escape persecution.

"The whole world knows what the Nazis did to the Jews," he said. "But I didn't discover Shanghai's relationship with Jews until the 1980s, when I lived in Hongkou."

Wu began writing his graphic novel on Shanghai's Jewish past after reading a newspaper article in 2005



The cover of Wu Lin's graphic novel

about its former Jewish residents. He supplemented his knowledge by research and through conversations with Israel's consul in Shanghai.

A Jewish Girl in Shanghai, which was published in English and Mandarin editions in 30,000 copies, is dedicated to the proposition that "benevolence and righteousness are the guide of one's soul."

It revolves around two Jewish children – Rena and her younger brother – who arrive in the city after the disappearance of their parents. Wu writes: "It was a mad world. Jewish people lived in terror. Rena's father fought against the Nazis. Her mother was taken away by the German Nazis. Rena and her little brother had to flee Europe and seek refuge in Shanghai."

The plot is straightforward.

On a chilly winter morning in Shanghai, Rena befriends a Chinese boy who sells pancakes. Their friendship grows amid tribulations and learning experiences. Wu portrays the Nazis as glowering bullies and the Japanese as brutal aggressors.

The novel has been translated into Hebrew and Wu hopes that an Israeli edition will be published soon. He has written a sequel, which is expected to be out in August.

It's clear that *A Jewish Girl in Shanghai* tapped into a receptive audience. With Jewish communities having existed in Shanghai, Harbin and Kaifeng, and with 10 Chinese universities having set up programs in Jewish studies, interest in Jewish themes appears to be blossoming in China.

Wu, the scriptwriter of the film, said it was very difficult adapting the book to the screen in terms of integrating characters and music into the fabric of the narrative.

"The movie moves at a faster pace than the novel," he said.

Though the film version has yet to be released commercially in China, *A Jewish Girl in Shanghai* has been seen by about 100,000 viewers at more than 30 festivals in Israel, Europe and the United States. He was especially pleased by the positive feedback from the the Jerusalem Film Festival.

Speaking positively about Jewish-Chinese historical relations, he trusts that the novel and the film will leave readers and viewers alike with one unambiguous message: mutual tolerance and understanding are of the utmost importance in a world riven by conflict and disharmony.

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Maccabi finishes indoor soccer season with two trophies

Compiled by CJN Staff

Maccabi Toronto's men's indoor soccer team captured two of four indoor trophies in what was to be a rebuilding year.

During the winter season in the Downsview Park Adult Soccer League, the team went undefeated with 11 wins and one tie en route to a league cup. Their luck ran out in the championship game, when they they lost 4-3 in the finals to Spartak after having beaten their rivals twice in the regular season.

Earlier during the fall season, second-place Maccabi defeated Armour Elite – the Ontario Soccer League under-21 champions – in a thrilling 4-3 final, capturing the Downsview Park Adult Soccer League Championship, the first of their two cups.

Maccabi's Gil Vainshtein led the league in scoring over the course of the two sessions. Veteran player and coach Jason Mausberg finished fourth during the winter session and netted the winning goal in the semifinals and added another in the final.

In the winter session alone, Vainshtein potted 13 goals in 11 games, behind only league leader Nikou Abdouliaev of Mushrooms United. Mausberg had nine goals in 10 games while Alon Badat had eight goals in 10 games, tying for fifth in scoring.

Other Maccabi players to figure among league-leading scorers were Alex Razimor (seven goals) and Dan Sankar (four).

The team's on-field success came in what prognosticators forecast would be a down year. Maccabi went into the fall season having lost Tomer Chenchinski, a former Toronto FC player, who left to play Division 1 soccer in Finland. In addition, goal-scoring sensation Tzion Cohen returned to play in Israel.

"This was to be a rebuilding year," said Mausberg.

Toronto Maccabi has been dominant, he pointed out, capturing eight out of the last 10 regular season and playoff championship trophies in the Downsview League at the Toronto Hangar – one of the elite indoor soccer leagues in Ontario.

Mausberg is optimistic about the crop of new Jewish players who have joined and will be joining the team. Collegiate all-stars Ilya Orlov and Alon Badat, members of the York University Lions 2010 national championship team, played when available this past season. Orlov has been selected to represent Canada in men's soccer at the 26th Summer Universiade in Shenzhen, China, this August.

Razimor joined the team after winning the soccer MVP award last fall at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT).

This summer, Maccabi will be playing in the 80-team Toronto Services Soccer League (TSSL) in the Premier division. The league schedule better accommodates the college players' schedules and doesn't require the same full-time commitment for players with jobs.

New additions include Dan Frankel, who was the starting centre midfielder for University of Western Ontario Mustangs, and Brad Rose, a starting striker at Yale University.

"The quality and credentials of Toronto Jewish players competing at the collegiate level in Canada and the United States in the last five years has risen dramatically and will continue to ensure that Maccabi Toronto continues their dominance in the Toronto and Ontario soccer scene," Mausberg said.

PERFECT SEASON: The Bialik senior girls basketball team ended a perfect 11-0 season in the Jewish Day School Sports League with a last-second 27-25 win against the Associated Hurricanes at Hoopdome. This was the first time that Bialik's boys and the girls senior basketball teams took championship titles in the same year. Pictured with the senior girls basketball team, far right, is head coach Alexandra Baker and assistant coach Alyssa Catzman. At left is Marcus Dickler, Bialik's athletics co-ordinator and assistant coach.

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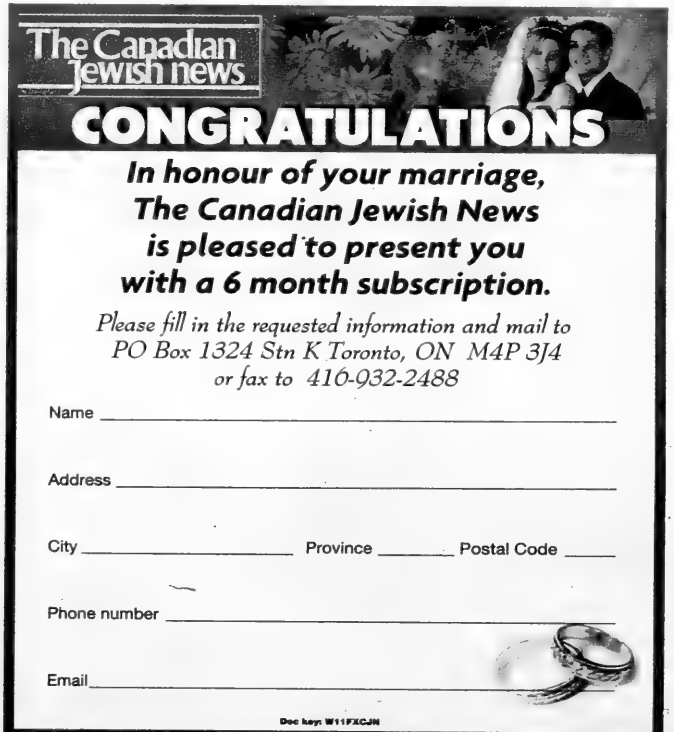
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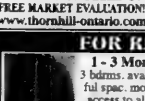

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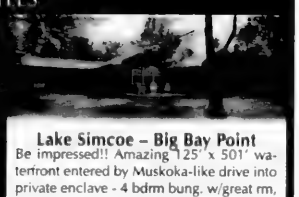

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Gaza flotilla plans to proceed

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JERUSALEM — Pro-Palestinian activists told Israel on Monday not to interfere with an aid flotilla to Gaza planned for late June, a little more than a year after Israeli commandos boarded an aid ship, killing eight Turks and one Turkish-American.

Holding a news conference on the deck of the Mavi Marmara, where the May 31, 2010, confrontation occurred, a coalition of 22 activist groups called on governments to ensure there is no repeat of the incident.

The activists held a minute's silence for those who were killed in 2010.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has asked governments to discourage activists from sending a new convoy, and Turkey has told them of the risks of trying to break Israel's naval blockade of Gaza.

Gaza is controlled by Hamas, which calls for the destruction of Israel, and the group is regarded as terrorist by western powers, including the United States and the European Union.

Israel says it blockades Gaza to stop the importation of weapons.

Ban Ki-moon

"They will not attack. We don't believe they will repeat the same big mistake against humanity," said Huseyin Oruc, a spokesman for the Istanbul-based Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief (IHH), an Islamic charity group that was formed to provide aid to Bosnian Muslims in the mid-1990s.

"It is the Mavi Marmara, it is a peace boat and the other 14 boats are also peace boats," Oruc told the news conference on the ship, which overlooked the Golden Horn inlet in Istanbul, as workmen carried out maintenance work on the decks below.

In an interview with Reuters on Monday, Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said the onus is on Israel to avoid any repeat of the bloodshed, adding it should abandon its illegal blockade of 1.5 million Palestinians living in the enclave.

"We are sending a clear message to all those concerned. The same tragedy should not be repeated," he said.

Turkey wants Israel to apologize for its actions on the Mavi Marmara and to compensate the families of the men shot dead.

They were shot after the first Israeli boarding party on the ship was attacked by activists wielding metal bars, clubs and knives. The incident led to a breakdown in already strained ties between Turkey and Israel.

The activists said the new flotilla would have 15 ships, including the Mavi Marmara, and would carry 1,500 people from some 100 countries, as well as humanitarian aid and construction materials.

Egypt eased travel restrictions for Gaza residents on Saturday, opening the Rafah crossing and eroding the blockade.

But a spokesman for the "Gaza Freedom Flotilla II" vowed to keep challenging it.

"Israel's unlawful blockade remains in effect. Israel still prevents Palestinians from using their sea, and controls and severely restricts all goods entering and exiting Gaza," said Greek university professor Vangelis Pissias.

"We renew our call to our governments to do their utmost to ensure that Israel does not repeat its attack on us," he said.

The United Nations has said it is giving a panel set up to investigate last year's incident more time to finish its work.

In letters to Mediterranean governments, Ban said aid for Gaza should go through "legitimate crossings and established channels" – which in practice means through Israel – and said he was concerned by reports of a new flotilla.

Activists say it is legal for them to send goods by sea direct to the coastal Gaza Strip.

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Kavanah Garden entwines Judaism with environmentalism

Rachel Miller
Special to The CJN

It is said that the world stands on three pillars: on Torah, on service and on acts of human kindness.

Shoresh Jewish Environmental Programs is rooted in the social and environmental values found in these pillars.

Founded in 2002, Shoresh, which until last year was called the Jewish Nature Centre of Canada, aims to teach people to build a more ecologically sustainable community through the lens of Judaism.

For Risa Cooper, Shoresh's executive director who founded the Kavanah Garden in 2009, the organization offers Toronto's Jewish community a way to entwine their environmental, ecological and Jewish identities.

"My motivation behind establishing Shoresh's Kavanah Garden was to give Toronto's Jewish community members an opportunity to engage with their Jewish identity in real, meaningful and hands-on ways," said Cooper, who was named the 2010 Woman to Watch by *Presentense* magazine.

The Kavanah Garden is an organic educational garden at the Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Jewish Community Campus in Vaughan, Ont., that features more than 100 varieties of vegetables, herbs, fruit, and wildflowers, a havdalah spice garden, a greenhouse, a solar oven, a nature trail, and a rainwater catchment system.

The garden is open to elementary-school field trips as well as adult workshops that promote the connection between Torah and agriculture.

Cooper, who is a vegan, said she first became interested in gardening while she was a bachelor's student at Queen's University.

"I spent a summer in Costa Rica and during that time spent a few weeks volunteering in a village that had a raw goat dairy and grew all of their own fresh fruit and vegetables," she said.

Kavanah Garden farmers built a Magen David-shaped raised wildflower bed. The raised bed will attract pollinators and other beneficial insects to the garden.

But it was the Teva Learning Center, a Jewish outdoor education centre in Connecticut, that led her down a path of Jewish environmentalism.

Cooper was pursuing her master's in contemporary Jewish environmental discourse at the University of Toronto when she first learned about Teva in 2005.

"I went for six weeks to do field research for my thesis and ended up falling so in love with the community and their model of experiential education that after completing my thesis, I returned to Teva where I worked as a Jewish environmental educator and then their wilderness programs coordinator for five seasons," she said.

Having just celebrated her third year with Shoresh, Cooper promotes the Kavanah Garden through programs that send Shoresh representatives to schools and synagogues to run workshops.

The interactive workshops show participants how to apply green living into their everyday lives.

Cooper said that the message resonates with some of the young students who visit the garden.

She recalled a special moment when a group of children visited the garden last year and found a praying mantis.

Cooper said they were amazed to see such an incredible creature. Sensing a teaching moment, she explained that there is a prayer that can be said when you see something rare or beautiful.

"One of the children said, 'There is a blessing for when we see a really cool bug – I love being Jewish,'" Cooper recalled.

In addition to fostering an appreciation of Judaism's connection with the environment, the Kavanah Garden also implements the laws in the Torah that dictate how food should be grown and harvested. Although farmers outside of Israel aren't obligated to follow these laws, Cooper said the Kavanah gardeners do.

Shoresh also promotes the importance of tzedakah and tikkun olam.

About 80 per cent of all the produce grown is donated to people in need through Ve'ahavta, a Toronto-based humanitarian organization. The Kavanah Garden provides families in need with wholesome organic produce that they would not otherwise be able to afford.

For the past two years, Shoresh has provided hundreds of kilograms of food for tzedakah, while Shoresh staff have been working towards increasing programming and making the programs more accessible.

They've succeeded in attracting more than 3,000 people to participate in some aspects of Shoresh.

In May, Shoresh hosted its first forum at Beth Tzedec Synagogue that brought Jews of every denomination to celebrate the successes of the Jewish food movement in the Greater Toronto Area and map out steps to move forward.

"Seeing how the Kavanah Garden has grown in just two short seasons has been hugely humbling," Cooper said.

"I am so grateful for the incredible show of support we have received from community members from all across the many spectrums that make up our community."

Shoresh's executive director Risa Cooper, bottom right, invited senior kindergarten Leo Baeck students to help harvest the Atomic Red Carrots they planted as junior kindergarten students the previous spring.

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והנה אנו כבר מתייצבים בשכונה, כל המשפחה, עם ארנק טפוח מסנטים (לילד יש אוסף), ובעיניו מבט רכישה תכליתי. "שימו לב," אני אומרת. "לא קונים בשום אופן שטויות. רק אולי מנורה נוספת, ואם יש, מספר פסלים דקורטיביים. אין לי שום דבר נגד תמונות בעלות אופי, או רק מסגרות עם אופי דומה, ואפשר גם לרכוש כריות נוי או מכסחת דשא. הגבול שלי עומד על ארבעים פריטים ולא יותר, אלא אם כן, אנחנו נתקלים באקווריום יוקרתי או באופניים לילד. ותעשו לי טובה, תמתנו את עצמכם." אני מוסיפה. הכללים ברורים ואפשר להתחיל.

"אה, והכי חשוב: להתמקח!" אני מזכירה לכולם. "אני לא מוציאה יותר מעשרה דולר על כל הסיבוב."

המשפחה יוצאת לדרך מהורהרת משהו. בגארז' הראשון אנו פוגשים את עודד. לא ידענו שהיו לו כל כך הרבה דברים מעניינים בבית. הנה למשל, עציץ פרחי משי מהודר ויפהפה, שעודד מבקש בשבילו שני דולר, למרות שהוא עלה לי לפחות חמישים דולר, פעם שעברה כשבאנו לארוחת ערב אצלם...

הוא אפילו לא מתבייש לקחת לי את הגרושים שלי, וסובל כפי הניראה ממחלת שיכחה חשוכת מרפא, גם כשאני מצביעה בארסיות על האגרטל הסיני המופלא אותו רכשתי ליום הולדתה של שרית, אישתו (הוא רוצה על יצירת הפאר היוקרתית דולר. דולר!). עצבנית, אני עוברת לסייל של ג'ורג' ומרי. שם אני שמחה להיפגש עם שלל ספרי ילדים בעברית, אותם רכשתי בישראל, והבאתי במטוס, במזוודה כבדה, במיוחד כדי שהילד האידיוט של מרי ילמד קצת עברית. ("חמישים סנט לחתיכה", כמו שג'ורג', חולה הנפש, מגדיר זאת). אצל הזוג המאוס הזה אני גם מגלה את ברבי וקן (זוג מאוס לא פחות, אבל עלה לי שישים דולר פלוס מלתחה, כשקניתי אותם למסיבה של הבת שלהם), ורוכשת אותם בזעם רב בשני דולר (לחתיכה). אט אט, מתמלא תיק הקניות האומלל שלנו (ברברה, חנוכה שעבר, עלה לי ארבעים דולר, מכרה לי בחצי דולר) ברכישות שונות ומוכרות. כשאנו חוזרים הביתה, עצובים למדי, אנו מגיעים לשלוש מסקנות: האחת, הפעם לשם שינוי לא הכנסנו את הזבל של השכנים אלינו הביתה. השנייה, אף אחד לא אוהב אותנו יותר בשכונה (וכניראה שמעולם לא אהב). והשלישית אנחנו עושים גראז' סייל שבוע הבא...

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The CJN's French-language reporter in Montreal, Elias Levy, writes about:

French political scientist Alain Dieckhoff, left, who talks about what current events in the Middle East may mean for Israel.

The Éclaireuses et Éclaireurs Israélites du Canada (Scouts), who have named their summer camp, which runs this year from July 3 to 22, Camp Cabri, in honour of the late James Dahan, a leader of the local Scouts movement. Dahan's Scout name was Cabri.

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A DePaul University student group called Students for Justice in Palestine failed to convince the Chicago school's administration to ban the Sabra brand of hummus from its cafeterias.

Sometimes when faced with a challenging decision, the only real option is jump right in, writes *CJN* web columnist Masada Siegel.

Also on the web

Islam, not Israel, is the enemy of the Palestinians, says Mosab Hassan Yousef, the son of a prominent Hamas leader who renounced terrorism and became an undercover agent of Shin Bet for 10 years.

APOLOGY

Last week we published a photo purporting to be of Michael Gordon. But it was not. We apologize.

Who's reading the Urban Writer anyway?

Over the years, readers have written me with their responses to this column Sometimes they are complimentary and other times not. Either way, thanks for taking the time to e-mail me. I am grateful for the opportunity to write for *The CJN*, and to get your feedback.

One reader wrote: "Avrum, I have been reading your column in *The CJN* since the beginning. It never fails to bring forth an emotional response – sometimes, melancholy, sometimes happiness, sometimes shame and regret and sometimes determination to do better."

Urban Writer

Avrum Rosensweig

A response to my article about my agoraphobia: "I'm sending you this e-mail because I also suffer from anxiety-related phobias and panic. I have other phobias – elevators, highway driving, subways, tunnels, claustrophobia, and I am hoping to overcome them."

On a chassidic child calling me a *gonif*: "As a nation, we seem to have a high intolerance of each others differences. I often think HaShem is looking down on us and either laughing or crying because of how we act toward our fellow Jew."

From a Montrealer following an article critiquing the Toronto Jewish community: "Toronto is what it is; believing you are a world-class city doesn't make it true. It just means you are delusional. You can, as the Yiddish saying goes, talk yourself into anything, and Toronto's nouveau riche Jews, hangers-on and wannabes have done just that."

On Diaspora Jews and antisemitism: "I am delighted... that finally someone shares my concern about how passive Jews in the Diaspora are sometimes."

Another person wrote: "I was disappointed with your last column. Many felt let down by your allegation that Jews are basically cowards in Toronto, hiding in their synagogues afraid to brave the streets in support of their brothers and sisters in Israel (during the war on Gaza). I believe you are wrong, very wrong."

A local rabbi wrote me following my article on his "quiet" colleagues: I look at the Jewish world as a whole and see hemorrhaging in all directions... I would raise my voice against building mausoleums of Jewish sport, of the unwillingness of our world to go deep into its Jewish soul, of the massive North American tragedy of patrilineal descent, as well as non-traditional conversions and *gittin* (divorces) that will rupture the Jewish world."

Following an article about missing and loving our kids: "Many years ago, when I brought my daughter home from camp, we clung to each other for days. I remember standing with her at a store counter with my arm around her, and a passerby commented, 'You really like each other don't you?'"

Another reader wrote: "I have two wonderful boys, and I always make a point of telling them how much I love them, for no special reason. In return, they often do the same. So go tell your son you love him, just like your father loved you, I am sure."

Following my article on Ponzi schemer Bernie Madoff and how we should feel shame because he is Jewish: "The role of a communicator is to bring people together. Your column has created divisions of us and them."

Some general responses to my articles: "I find your comments offensive... well worth the wait... really shocked by your column where you question Jewish day school for Noah. I thought you were smarter than that. I was celebrating with you when you had a child and prayed for you when you were not well."

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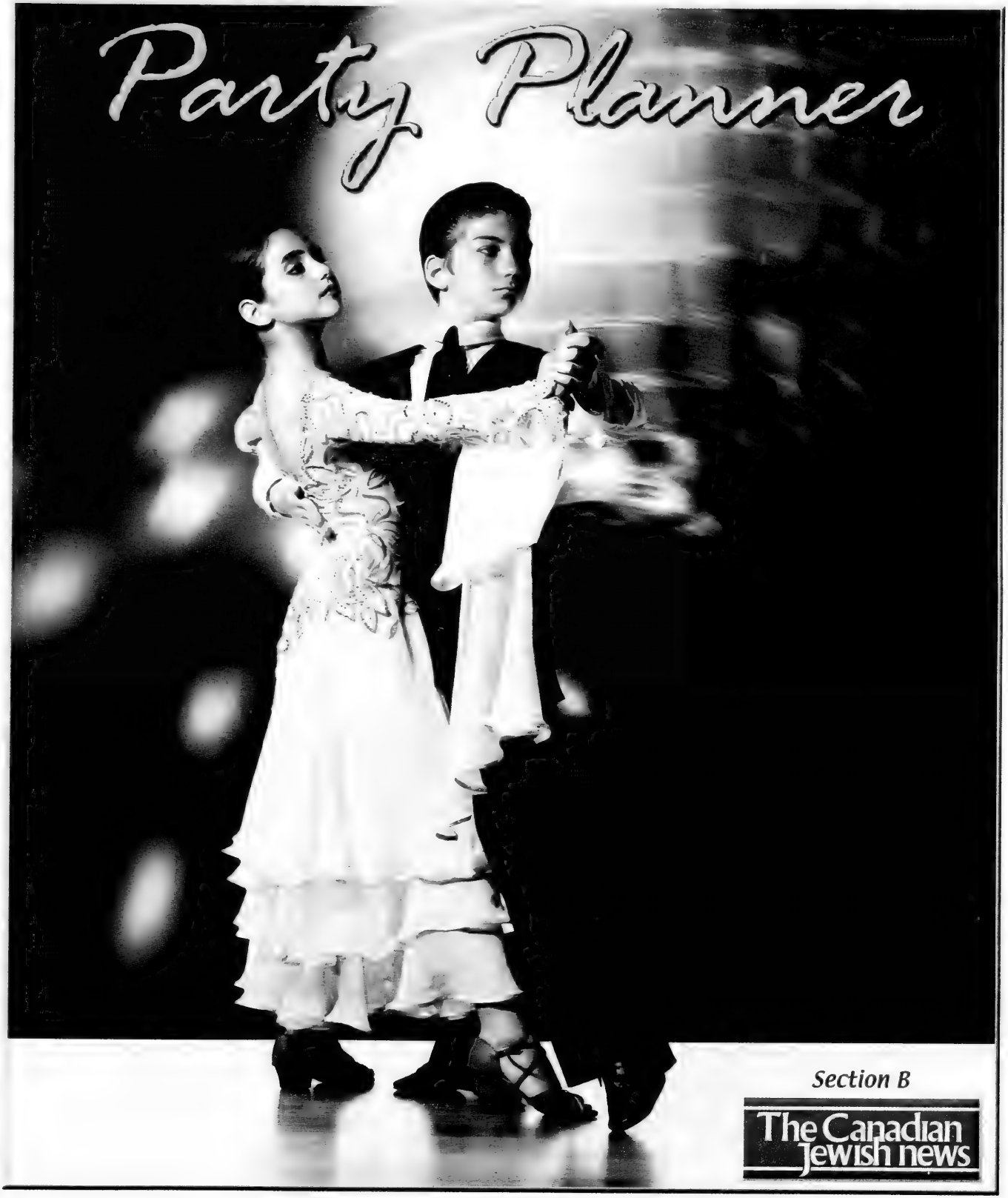

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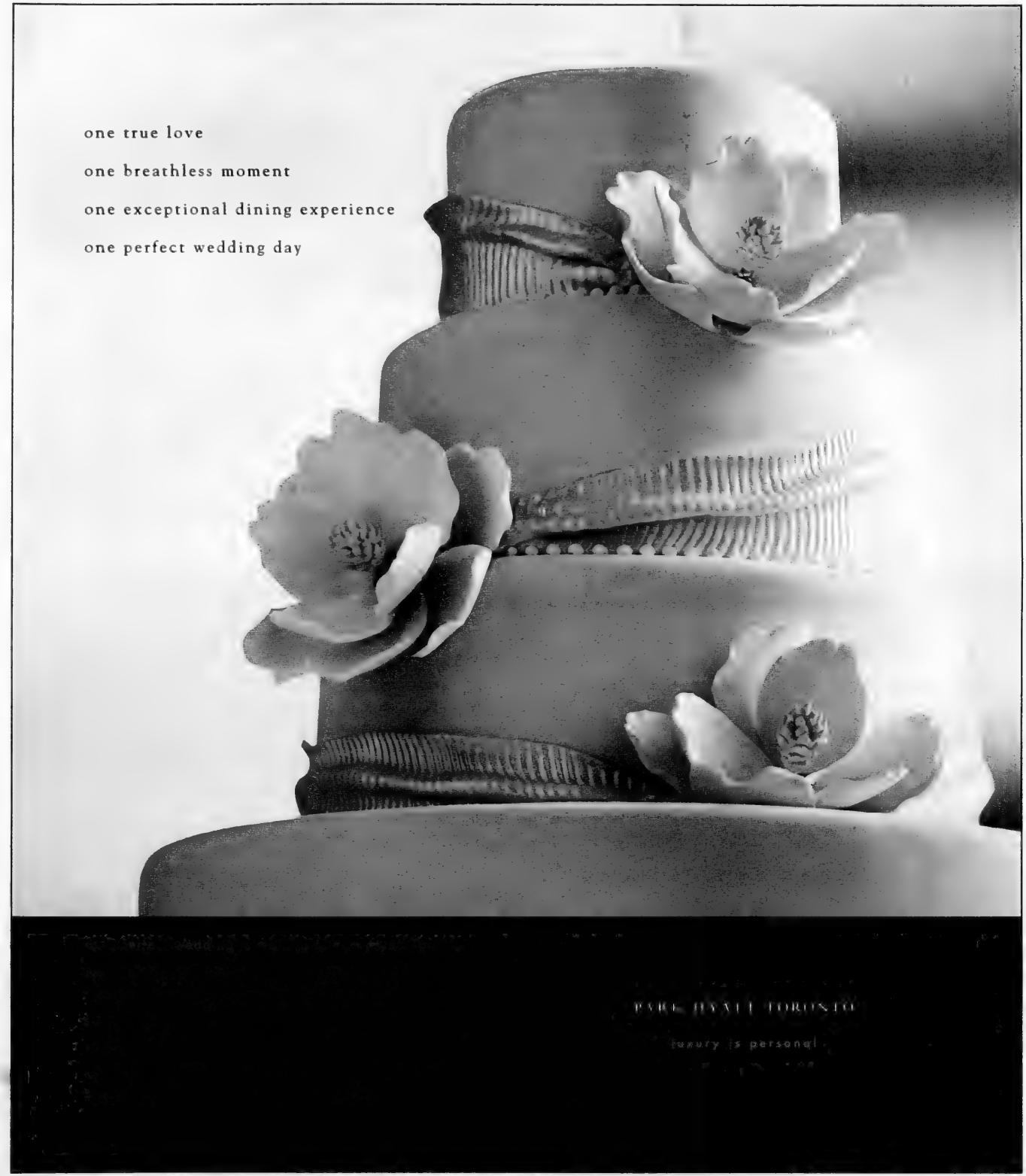
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A bar mitzvah in Israel

Lauren Kramer
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Many of us consider having our child's bar mitzvah in Israel or holding that special family celebration far from our home shores.

Sometimes the logistics of planning such an event seem overwhelming and the idea stops before it can reach fruition. For those who execute the plan, though, their event can be imbued with meaning, spirituality and a level of fun they would never have had in their own backyard.

If you're considering travelling to Israel with a group of 10 or more for your event, make sure you book your tickets as a group, rather than as individual travellers, says Dinah Kutner, El Al's general manager for Canada. "That guarantees you a certain fare well in advance," she explains. Groups who have had their passports

A view of Massada

pre-screened by El Al can expedite their security checks. And if the airline knows there's a group celebrating a special event on board, they make sure congratulatory announcements are included. Starting this fall, El Al will be announcing an agreement with WestJet Airlines throughout Canada.

For Kutner and her staff, parties are a big part of El Al's business. "People have found that you can get a lot of value for your money in Israel," she muses. "They've put on beautiful affairs at different venues and get a lot more value than they would locally. Plus the emotional component of having a bar mitzvah or wedding at the Wall is an amazing, meaningful experience. And the weather always lends itself to beautiful outdoor parties."

As summer finally approaches, bookings to Israel are increasing in number, says Michelle Shenkar, office manager at PayLess Travel (416-922-0116). "For bar mitzvahs, I'll organize the flight, the bus, the rabbi and a tour," she says. "I can also arrange a brunch for guests or a celebration dinner."

The company specializes in planning bar/bat mitzvahs or weddings in Israel and elsewhere. Shenkar says she is currently organizing destination weddings in Jamaica and Barbados, booking the flights, the rooms and the marriage commissioner. In the past, she has even arranged for a rabbi to officiate at a wedding in Aruba.

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The trip list at PayLess Travel varies according to the time of year. Summer usually means family tours, while in fall and winter there are more bar mitzvahs, group tours and Israelis flying home to see their family.

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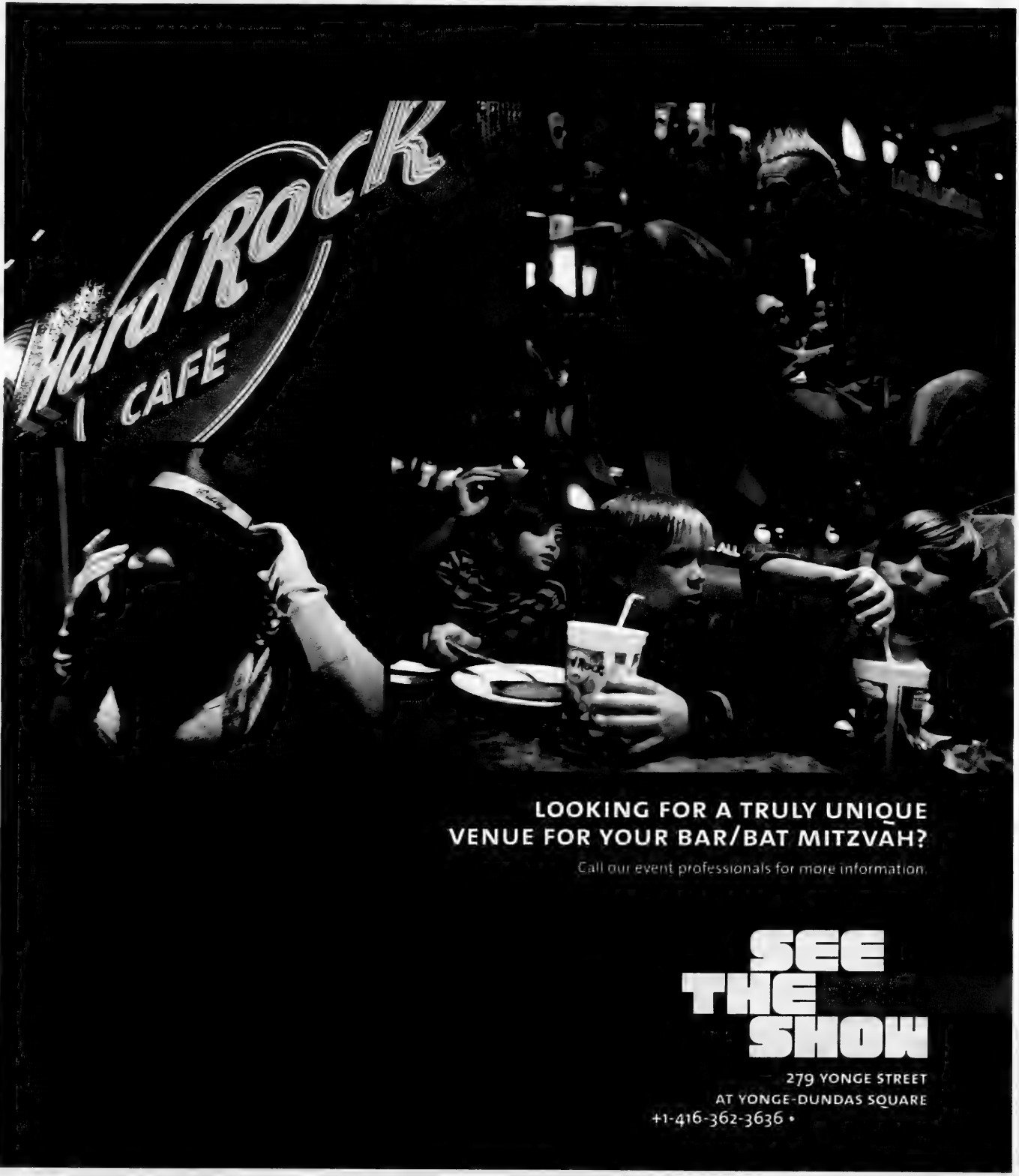
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Anyone who's planning a party wants to make sure the guests enjoy themselves, and an entertainer can certainly help.

Doo Doo the clown (905-761-0010, www.farcoentertainment.com) has been in the business for 28 years, and any party where he is the headliner will be memorable.

Doo Doo has been on the Treehouse TV show *Daniel Cook*, and he has been asked to perform at the Canadian National Exhibition for 22 years. He also travels about 175 days a year and is preparing for an upcoming trip as the featured performer at the Calgary Stampede in July. He enjoys his job, but most of all, he likes to make audiences happy at family parties.

"I'm grateful for every minute in this business," he said. "I love to watch the reactions of the families."

While he is generally booked for parties about a year in advance, he said people can call for last-minute bookings if he's in town. He promised that anyone who sees him at a party will have a great time.

"It's an hour of total fun," Doo Doo said. "There's a mixture of balloon animals, magic and comedy."

At the end of his shows, he likes to stay and pose for photos with the guests. He also likes to make sure that his act never gets old, even after many years in the business.

"We have to constantly keep up with what's going on with kids in the world," he said.

His company, Farco Entertainment, also offers other performers including magicians, jugglers, singers and more clowns. So, if Doo Doo is not available, Farco can still bring a smile to your guests' faces.

For a lasting keepsake of a simchah, caricature artist Mark Ciale (416-929-6678, www.markciale.com) offers entertainment of a different kind.

After studying at the Ontario College of Art and Design, Ciale began doing caricatures at Ontario Place, and he loved it so much that he never stopped.

"It was easy for me, and fun, too," Ciale said.

While he was working at Ontario Place, people started asking him to come to their parties to draw caricatures of them and their guests. He likes that it gives them a lasting way to remember the party.

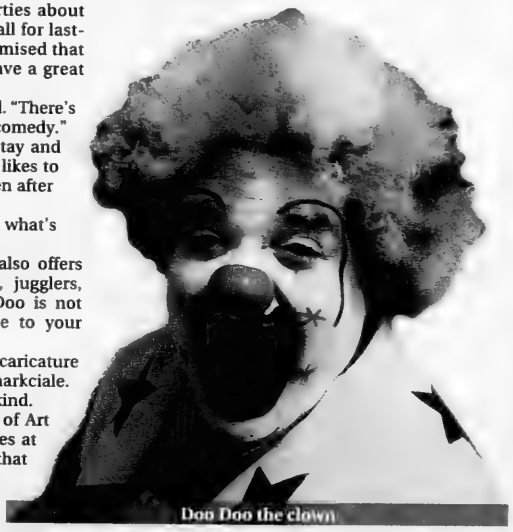
"It's a fun souvenir," Ciale said. "Long after the lootbag stuff is gone, people still have it."

He works on 8- by 11-inch paper, and tries to draw a caricature of everyone at the party. He has also done storyboard work for television and does editorial cartoons for several publications.

Ciale enjoys a variety of themes and venues in which to showcase his talents. On his website, he promises to brighten up any event, tradeshow, party or simchah.

For him, the best part is making people smile. "I love the reaction of people when they're really happy with what I've given them," Ciale said.

Along with caricatures of party guests, Ciale also does caricatures of celebrities including Oprah, George Clooney and Britney Spears, which can be seen on his website.



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Leading up to the simchah, it's all about the event at hand. But once that's taken care of, it becomes about how you look.

For Zeligson Photography and Adrian Holmes Photography, their purpose is ultimately that – to ensure that everyone comes off looking great.

"We're always looking for new ways to make our clients look good in their photos," Larry Zeligson said. "We always want to offer a great service with a good product."

The process begins well in advance of the event.

"They call me and ask to set up a meeting, and we'll meet," Holmes said. "Sometimes, the clients will ask for rates to be sent to them prior to our meeting, but it's a pretty simple process."

The photographers use their experience to pick out certain packages, but they'll listen to what their clients are looking for, too.

"I will generally recommend certain groupings of family members that I usually do, but I will also give the clients an opportunity to make suggestions," Zeligson said.

"I'm pretty open to whatever the client wants in terms of their ideas, and I'll offer my own suggestions about what looks good."

The separate pictures won't look alike, if the photographer has anything to do with it.

"I try to avoid using the same background all the time, so that I can give the client a lot of choice when it comes to choosing their photos," Zeligson said.

While there is always the attempt at the "money" shot, a true photographer wants to achieve far more than just that.

"A good photographer should not be looking for that 'one good shot,'" Holmes said. "A good photographer should, through their knowledge of their craft, strive for perfection in each image taken."

Of course, if the subjects aren't comfortable, it won't make a difference.

"I just try to make them relax as much as possible by making it not feel like a job," said Holmes, who also shoots fine art photography in his spare time. "It's supposed to be a fun time.

"I get to know them a bit, joke around a little with them and make them at ease."

With technology continuing to improve, there are increasingly more options and methods available to be tried out, and naturally, professional photographers will look at adding them to their arsenal.

Photos courtesy of Zeligson Photography

"There are always new products out there," Zeligson said. "We try and input our new ideas on how we take or print the pictures, so we're always looking for new ways to design albums or techniques to take the photos.

"Our industry keeps changing and we're always looking for new ways to bring the changes to the clients."

Ultimately, it's a part of their business.

"It's up to photographers to push the envelope and master their craft," Holmes said. "[It] widens the gap between the educated amateur photographer and the seasoned pro."

For those professional photographers, it's their way of realizing their vision artistically.

"It's special when I can picture a scene in my mind and reproduce it," Holmes said.

"To see the reaction of my clients when they see the images makes it all worth it."

Zeligson Photography can be reached at 416-638-3026 or on the web at www.zeligsonphotography.com.

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Some fresh ideas for kids party venues

Megan Haynes
Special to The CJN

Talk about a birthday to remember: at Kids Fun City, children can star in their own cartoon. Animalive works like this: kids pick a character, then they interact with it while it plays on screen.

The characters, from rabbits, to raccoons to monkeys and more, play games, tell stories and can carry on a conversation with the kids – all through the TV screen.

Pin the tail on the donkey is so low-tech in comparison.

Animalive is the main attraction at the newly opened Kids Fun City, says Amy-Alynn Gnidec, director of guest services.

"We want kids to stay engaged, stay involved," she says.

Located at 150 Lesmill Rd., Kids Fun City (416-444-4386, www.kidsfuncity.ca) offers drop-in rates and pre-planned rentals, as well as party packages. Everything can be customized, Gnidec says.

Apart from Animalive, Kids Fun City has a two-lane bowling alley, a laser obstacle course, traditional playgrounds and parent friendly zones (fully equipped with Wi-Fi.)

"We want to cater to the parents, too," she says.

Further south, in downtown Toronto, there's another option for events.

While the Distillery District might not seem like the traditional location to host a kids party or bat or bar mitzvah, Matthew Rosenblatt, marketing and media manager, says events for kids and teens are becoming more frequent.

"I think it [the location] appeals more to the parents," he says. "It's a cool, sophisticated setting, and the mothers love it."

Children, he adds, can have fun anywhere, and the Distillery District (www.distilleryevents.com) offers a number of locations with different capacities that can appeal to parents planning events for the young ones.

The "cool," and "rough and tumble" atmosphere of the Distillery District is the biggest draw.

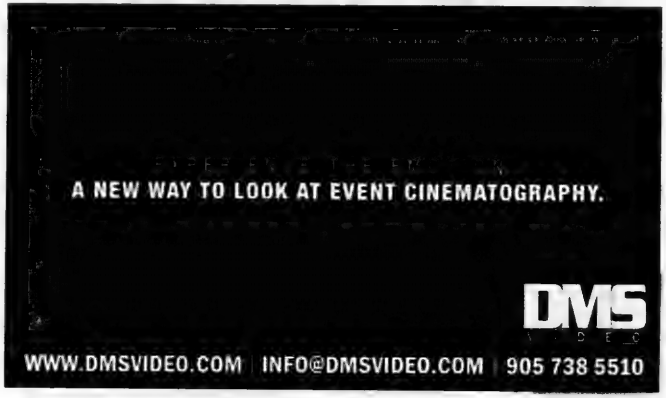
"People want to feel that their event is unique," he says.

Speaking of different, in its 16th year of business, the Whimz Live Animal program (416-656-7894, whimzonline.com) markets its own singular approach to children's parties.

Kids Fun City

As the only party program of its type in the GTA, Whimz brings in live animals to any location to interact with the children – creating a hands-on and educational program. The animals are brought out one at a time and the children can touch, play and learn about the critters. Whimz has a wide range of animals, including chinchillas, snakes and rabbits.

"Because these animals have been around people their whole life, they have no fear of us anymore," says Whimz manager Tracey Guerin. For example, "our chinchillas sit on the guest of honour's heads. We call it an extra special party hat."



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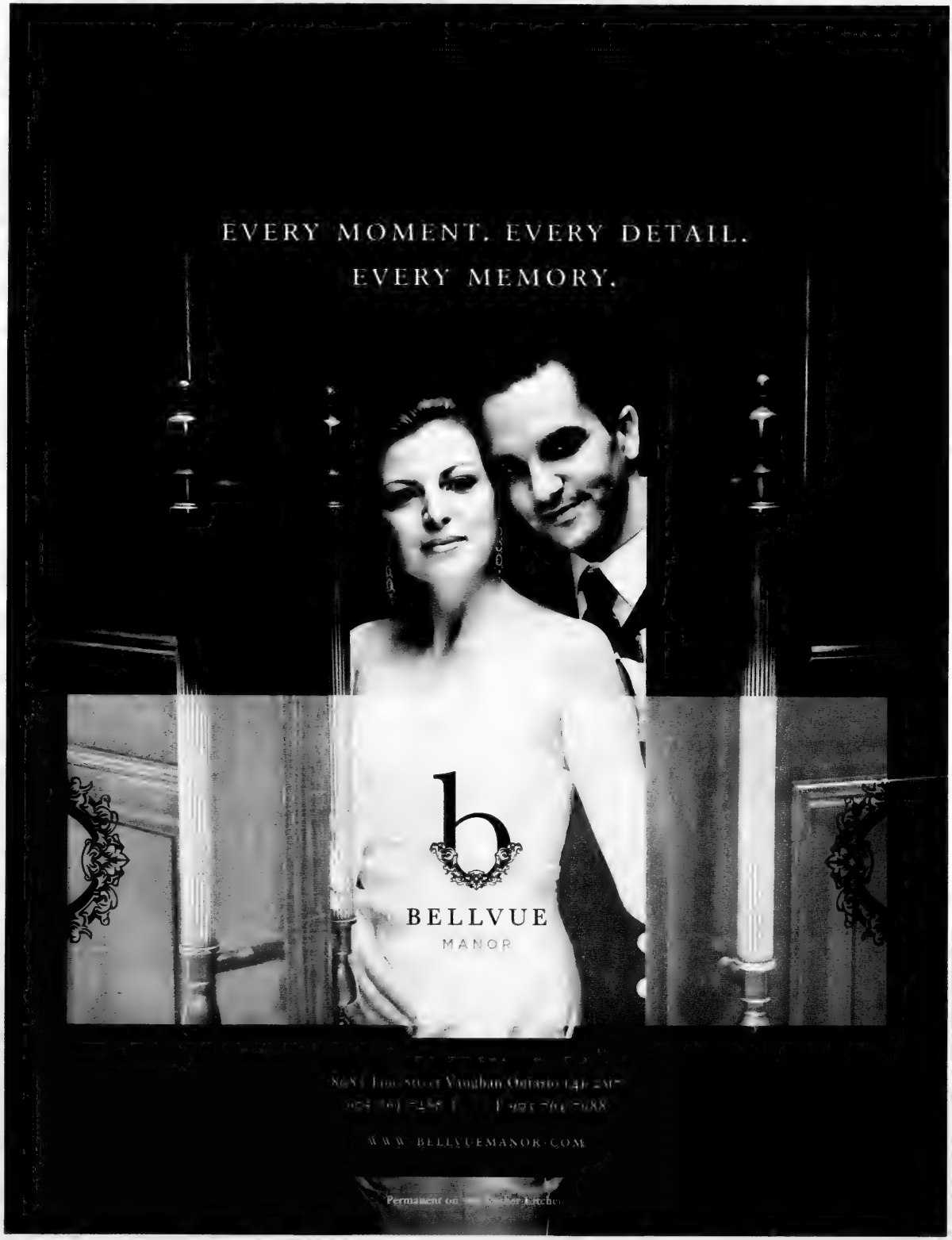
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Bellvue Manor: the perfect venue for your simchah

Jennifer Libman
Special to The CJN

One of the first decisions a party planner needs to make is deciding where to hold their special event. Everyone wants to impress their guests, so choosing the perfect venue is critical.

Bellvue Manor, 905-761-7288, a banquet hall that opened in September 2007, is a popular choice that has received many positive reviews.

Located in Vaughan at 8083 Jane St., two lights north of Highway 7, Bellvue Manor has four event spaces that can be set up in nine different variations. There are options for events up to about 800 people.

Each room has pre-installed, state-of-the art technical amenities. The entertainment system operates flawlessly, because it's new technology and very user friendly. There are screens that are hidden in the architectural structure and come down from the ceiling if guests want to show a video or slide show. "We have an in-house audio visual company that can provide music, or else clients are welcome to bring in their own DJs or bands," said one of Bellvue Manor's sales managers.

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One of the big draws of Bellvue Manor is its Grand Foyer, which is ideal for cocktail receptions. With its Italian crema marble and cast limestone walls, custom paintings and oversized French mahogany doors, it creates a sophisticated atmosphere and sets the mood for any event. It's perfect for Jewish weddings, which often have a cocktail hour between the ceremony and dinner. The sales manager noted that the owner actually had Jewish weddings in mind when the building was being designed.

Another attraction of Bellvue Manor is the food. There is a COR-certified kosher kitchen on site and an in-house chef to help clients plan their menus.

"Every event has a different menu, because no set menu can meet the needs of every party," explained the sales manager. "The chef has to be versatile, because every client has their own idea of the meal they want to serve their guests."

The most popular dishes are continental cuisine, food with a European flavour, with dishes ranging from sea bass to fine cuts of beef. There are also a number of vegetarian options.

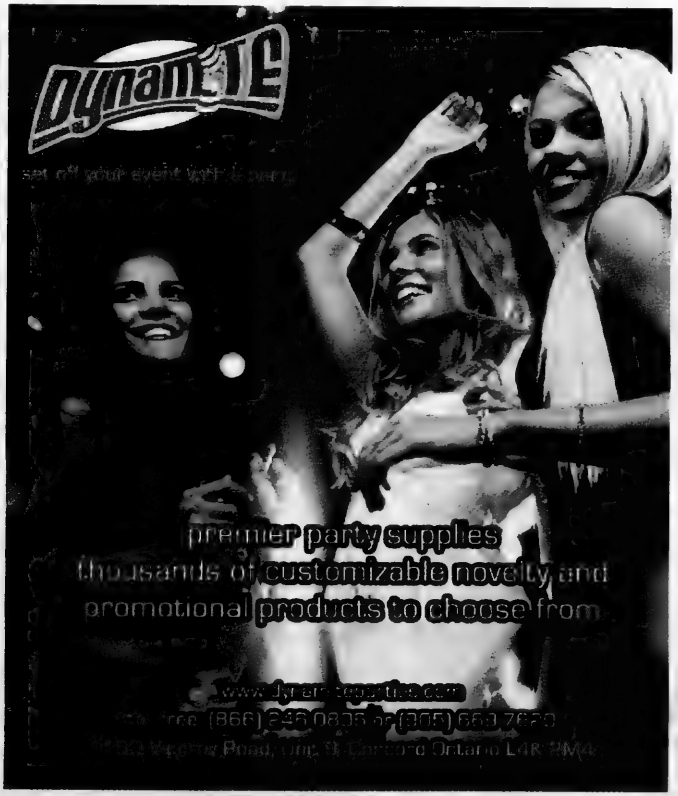
Typically, an event will consist of a cocktail hour with passed hors d'oeuvres, three to five courses for the main meal, and a late night sweet or savoury table. The sweet table can be anything from cakes, to chocolate fountains and crepes, and fruit is always a staple. Some clients choose a less traditional post-dinner treat and have hot dog stands, or serve pizza or poutine.

Bellvue Manor stands apart from other banquet halls due to the level of experience of the managers and owner.

"We've all been in the business for over 20 years, so we've seen everything and know what we're doing," says the sales manager.

From the moment a client books their event at Bellvue Manor, a sales team is involved and helps with every detail until the last guest leaves on the night of the event.

"Anytime there is a change in the event, the entire team is aware, so we never have any miscommunication. We want everything to go exactly as you planned it, and if for some reason it doesn't, we make sure none of the guests realize."



Every party needs good music

Cara Edell
Special to The CJN

A band is a key ingredient to any event, providing guests with the visual and audio entertainment that sets the mood and brings the party to life

Ambiance Flute & Guitar Duo (www.ambiancemusic.com 416-693-8778) has been performing for 25 years. "We've been playing together longer than the length of the average marriage," says Doriann Forrester, the band's flutist, who adds that she and guitarist/composer Philip Disera are not married to each other.

"We owe our longevity to changing with the musical times, yet playing music that has stood the test of time."

Forrester and Disera play instruments and sing. They specialize in "quality background music," but also have "cocktail dance repertoire, often with the addition of the upright bass. It's less frenetic than a full band. Plus, of course, we do horas," Forrester says.

The band plays music of more than five centuries, "from classical to jazz, Latin to swing, the Beatles, Van Morrison and Pearl Jam to music from around the globe. Over 2,500 songs."

Forrester, who has performed in musicals, television commercials and with various orchestras in Toronto, says Ambiance plays at all sorts of events. The duo has delighted crowds at wedding ceremonies and receptions, bar and bat mitzvahs, luncheons, cocktail and dinner parties, and corporate functions.

"We've played intimate dinner parties for two, played on a balcony during a marriage proposal, at large shuls, banquet halls, on boats, barns, galleries, hotels, ballrooms, in fields, on docks... but never underwater – although we have been rained on a few times!"

The band's most popular song requests depend on the type of event and musical taste and background of the client, Forrester said. "For wedding ceremonies, *Erev Shelshoshonim*, *Canon* by Pachelbel and *Chorshat Ha Ekaliptus* are very popular."

For receptions, luncheons and dinners, other timeless melodies include *What a Wonderful World*, *All You Need Is Love* and *Blackbird*.

"In Canada, we often perform for audiences from around the world. With the return of the popularity of the ukulele, Phil has even played uke by special request, especially *Over the Rainbow*."

Ambiance's fee depends on the particulars of the event, Forrester says. "Location, number of guests, musical requests and room moves [determine the cost]. We start at a $450 minimum for wedding ceremonies and all events are custom quoted to their own particular requirements."

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Ambiance Flute & Guitar Duo photos

Bands draw guests to the dance floor

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Forrester says Ambiance is unique because the duo has a strong musical connection. "To be able to share our music with other people on very important days in their lives is a tremendous honour, and one we don't ever take for granted. We bring that emotion to every event and really enjoy being a part of people's simchahs."

Forrester says live music is an "important addition" to any event. "Music is very powerful for evoking memories and emotions. For this reason, every party needs good music, for different ages, volume levels and backgrounds, often at the same event."

What makes Ambiance unique is "our ability to read our listeners and be able to play the right music," says Forrester. Our overall musicianship, attention to detail and love for what we do comes out of our musical instruments. We perform music that makes a difference."

Joe Star Band

The Joe Star Band (905-881-1378 or 416-826-6661) has been wowing crowds for 22 years with drums, keyboard, saxophone, trumpet, bass guitar, lead guitar and two vocalist male and female singers.

"At most times, we have assembled an eight to 10 piece band," says Joe Star, a musician and performer who takes pride in providing "exceptional personal service and flexibility" by working closely with his clients.

The band specializes in live entertainment for weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs, corporate events, fundraisers, cocktail parties and birthdays. Each member brings experience, talent, personality and a love of music to the band, says Star.

"We can deliver a very current repertoire and can change our style of music immediately, from classic pop music to big band hits, classic rock 'n' roll, R&B, funk, Latin music and easy-listening jazz, adding the great ballroom dancing hits to keep your guests and audience in a dancing frenzy."

Star says his band "reads the dance crowd very well" and tailors the dance repertoire to the audience's musical preferences. "The choices are vast. The lively music, for which the band is known, is a big hit with the young and young at heart. We will turn a conventional party into an exceptional one."

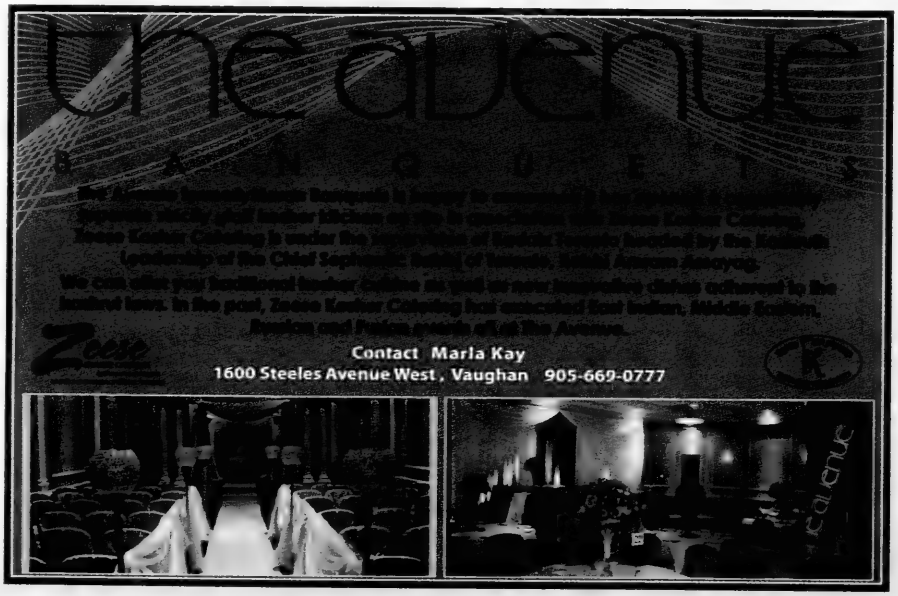
The Joe Star Band can also set the size of band to suit any budget. "We can still deliver an optimum professional live band at any event from as low as three members down to a solo musician, all pending on the type of entertainment required for your special event."

Star says the price of his band depends on the customer's live entertainment requests. "The fee is based on the length of time and other additions such as enhanced lighting systems, smoke machines, spotlights, cocktails and ceremonies."

Star says almost all events his band performs at "are favourites because we always deliver a quality product. It is very gratifying to us when the client is content that we delivered such great live entertainment to their event."

If a client wishes to see a performance before booking the band, they can make arrangements with Star to visit a convenient scheduled function. "This will allow the client to feel reassured of the calibre and quality of our performance."

Star is confident that customers will be impressed with his band, which has performed at more than 2,500 events across North America. "The energy of this group is so magnetic, you can't help but be drawn to the dance floor!"



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Corinne Lissoos still remembers in vivid detail an extra long car trip to Eilat during a vacation in Israel. She and her three children had to endure an unplanned detour as her husband searched for a shoe store that sold Naot sandals.

"He was addicted to those shoes," recalls Lissoos, president of Solemates Inc., the company that distributes Naot Footwear in Canada.

This Israeli line of shoes, which is designed and manufactured on Kibbutz Naot Mordechai near Kiryat Shmonah, is the most popular brand of shoe in that country, says Lissoos.

Naots have also grown in popularity in Canada since 1990, when she and a former partner first introduced them. Solemates has six Canadian corporate stores that sell only Naot shoes. The three in the Toronto area are: Prairie Dog, 960 Eglinton Ave W.; Naot Footwear, 1102 Centre St.; Naot on Leslie, 5891 Leslie St.

The shoes are also sold in 400 outlets across Canada and can be found at such stores as Capezio, Browns and Walking on a Cloud.

Lissoos calls wearing Naot shoes "going to Naot heaven," because the footwear is so comfortable. The signature foot-bed or inner sole, which is made from multiple layers of ergonomically designed materials, is based on the concept of a footprint in the sand, she explains. "The sand fills in the spaces moulding to your foot's contour. Literally every step you take will be cushioned."

She says this anatomical foot-bed is in every shoe. The foot-bed can be removed in 80 per cent of the line to accommodate orthotics, which is why podiatrists and other foot specialists recommend the shoe. "You can look nice, but you can also have the support of the orthotics that a podiatrist prescribes."

The foot-beds are also sold separately and are replaceable, she adds. "It's like getting a whole new shoe."

She says that initially Naot shoes were available only as sandals, but now they come in a wide variety of shoes and boots, and the sandals also became more stylish and sophisticated. "We have a platform sandal that's quite dressy and a new pump that is also orthotic friendly."

In addition to style and comfort, Naot is also known for its "vibrant colour and beautiful leather.

The leather comes from Italy."

Lissoos says Naots can be worn for dressy occasions. Her daughter, Natasha, the general manager of Solemates, will be wearing metallic leather Flirts, the platform style of Naots, to Lissoos' granddaughter's upcoming bat mitzvah.

Lissoos is choosing the black patent leather pumps for the simchah, she says. "Naots are for the woman who wants to look good and be comfortable. She is self-confident.

"The Naot saying is, 'You're most beautiful when you're comfortable.'"

That saying is also echoed by Carma Saunderson owner of Celebration Shoes, a boutique specializing in cloth shoes for special occasions. Saunderson says, "If you're uncomfortable in your shoes, it will show on your face."

Celebration Shoes, at 106 Yorkville Ave. in Toronto, sells cloth shoes that can be dyed to match other fabrics. "We do a lot of bridal work. Most bridal shoes are fabric. A leather shoe with a bridal gown is a harsh look."

Saunderson says after the wedding, bridal shoes can be dyed a darker colour. She does not recommend dyeing shoes for a wedding, especially if the bride is wearing a long dress, because if she stands on the grass, the shoes could soak up moisture and change colour, or possibly stain the hem of the dress.

The shoes, which range in price from $220 to $425, come in a variety of styles. "We have a whole collection from flats to high heels. We have 4.5-inch shoes for the brave bride. Only a small percentage buy fashion shoes. They're wearing them for eight hours so they've got to be comfortable."

Most of the Celebration Shoes are imported from England and Italy, says Saunderson. "I try to find unusual shoes. I search a lot."

A popular company is Paradox of London, which has three lines: Benjamin Adams and Belle and Pink. Benjamin Adams and Belle are "higher end," with pure silk uppers and they are lined in leather.

The Pink line, which is "more affordable," is satin.

"It's soft and pliable. There's not a lot of structure."

Another English line, she imports is Rachel Simpson of London. "They are vintage inspired. They are very different. They're for the discerning bride."

These come in suede and so they cannot be dyed. "They suit a short dress. In Europe, the girls are wearing short wedding dresses so the shoe is very important."

She says the line Something Bleu has a blue Swarovski crystal embedded in the sole. "We're really excited about these shoes. They're made in Italy. They're true craftsmanship."

Saunderson can also embellish the shoes with sequins and customized clips. "We do beautiful clips."

She also makes fabric flowers, which can be worn in the bride's hair or sewn onto the dress or the shoes.

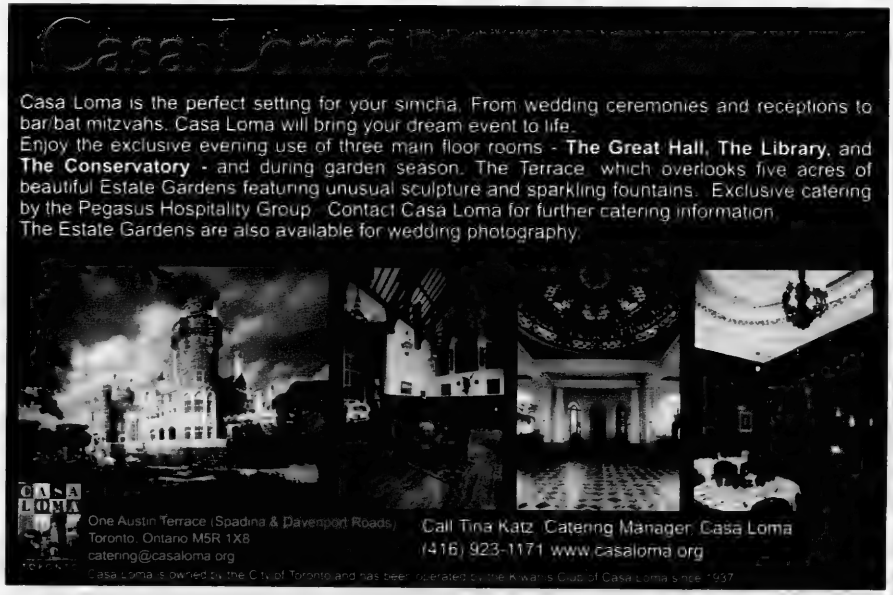
She got into the cloth-shoe business, because she loved sewing clothes. She wanted to create fantasy shoes to match some of her creative clothing designs. "I thought it would be great to have fabric shoes," she says.

"A lot women have shoes they love. I thought if I could bring in simple shoes, I could dye them and add a feather or lace clip."

But her fabric shoes also became very popular for bridal wear.

Saunderson also custom dyes for bridesmaids and to go with formal wear for other special occasions and galas.

She says Celebration Shoes is on fashion maven Jeanne Beker's list of favourite shoe shops.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No deep fryers in Rose Reisman's kitchen

Barbara Silverstein
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It's a sunny Friday afternoon in May and Ruth Reisman, matriarch of the Reisman clan, is getting ready for Friday night dinner.

This evening, the 80-something businesswoman is hosting 29 members of her family. But you won't find her slaving in the kitchen.

She has ordered a sumptuous dinner that includes a large roast turkey, rack of lamb, couscous, steamed bok choy and green salads, to name just a few of dishes that have arrived from her favourite caterer – Rose Reisman Catering (416-467-7758, www.rosereismancatering.com).

No surprise there. Ruth and Rose Reisman are mother-and daughter-in-law. They live next door to each other, and they get along famously. In fact, they have an unusual relationship, because this mother-in-law actually takes advice from her daughter-in-law. That doesn't happen too often in the scheme of family dynamics.

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But when your daughter-in-law is Rose Reisman, one of the country's best-known lifestyle gurus, you pay attention. And Ruth Reisman has certainly benefited. She has lost 50 pounds with the help of Rose Reisman's Personal Gourmet, a catering/ delivery service that brings portion-controlled healthy meals to thousands of people's homes across the GTA. Clients can choose from a variety of nutrition plans for weight loss or for healthy living and weight maintenance. Personal Gourmet also has a line of frozen entrées.

Whatever one purchases through Rose Reisman Catering, which runs Personal Gourmet, you can be sure that the meal is healthy, and tasty, says Rose Reisman. "You won't find any deep fryers in our kitchen. We poach, grill and sear.

"We don't use heavy sauces. We use whole grains. People want healthy food."

Although Reisman has been a highly visible healthy-lifestyle advocate for decades, Rose Reisman Catering has only been around for six years. The company does a lot of corporate work and branched out into special events catering during the last recession. Some of the event venues where you'll find Rose Reisman Catering include the Steam Whistle, and the Science Centre and Four Seasons Centre.

"We do a lot of weddings at the Steam Whistle," she says. "We do many private parties," because people want a healthy alternative to the traditional catered menus.

"Our food is outstandingly delicious. It's healthy, fresh and in season. You eat with your eyes so the food should be colourful."

She cites her vegetable towers as healthy food with beautiful presentation. And there is plenty of flavour in the company's homemade gravlax and the rack of lamb with sweet potato mash, she adds.

Rose Reisman Catering offers an extensive selection of menu items from appetizers and salads to main courses and desserts, says Reisman, pointing out that people can mix and match menu items that include duck wrapped in Chinese crepes; Mediterranean-style grilled fish; steamed halibut; pad thai; mini burritos; miniature beef, turkey or lamb burgers; beef tenderloin; chicken satay skewers served with a light coconut milk sauce; Bollywood-style lentil dishes; a variety of salads, among them, Reisman's signature spinach salad with goat cheese, candied pecans and maple vinaigrette; lamb chops encrusted with pecans; black and white sesame-crusted tuna.

People can also select items from the catering menu of Glow Grill and Wine Bar, the Rose Reisman restaurant in the shopping centre at Don Mills Road and Lawrence Avenue. A popular item at the restaurant is the fresh buffalo mozzarella bar, an imported cheese served on a crostini with a variety of toppings. Mozzarella bar stations have been set up at private parties, and they have been a real hit, says Reisman.

As for desserts, she says all the sweets, from the squares and brownies to the cheesecakes and lemon pies, are cut into portion-controlled sizes. Also available are sorbets in chocolate cups.

Another "delicious and attractive dessert" that can be ordered through the Glow catering menu is a selection from the "guilt-free and decadent" shot-glass desserts. They are essentially portion-controlled and calorie-reduced servings of such items as cheesecake, chocolate mousse and lemon meringue pie attractively presented in a shot glass. "Whipped cream is replaced by meringue and light cream cheese is used instead of butter."

Reisman stresses that catering selections for special occasions can all be customized from the Rose Reisman Catering and Glow catering menus.

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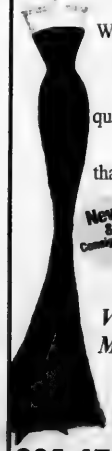
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Tom's Place owner 'a friend to the Jewish community'

Barbara Silverstein
Special to The CJN

Kensington Market has always had a reputation as the place to get quality goods at great prices, says Tom Mihalik, owner of Tom's Place (416-596-0297), the iconic discount clothing store at 190 Baldwin St.

Tom's Place – it sells high-end designer suits without the designer price tag – offers value, and so the store reflects the spirit of Kensington Market, Mihalik says.

"We're known for our quality and prices. Just like the old days when people came to buy good food in the market. They came for the quality and price. We're continuing that tradition."

The discount designer fashion retailer draws savvy shoppers who want to buy quality name-brand apparel, says Mihalik. "On the second floor, we carry some of the finest Italian-made suits. We have the greatest labels, but we sell for less."

Mihalik says Tom's Place specializes in suits. "It's easy to find a suit in our store. That's our specialty. We stock well over 10,000 suits.

"We have a great variety of different fitting suits. My sons, Andrew and Robert, are six feet tall – 32 pants and a size 42 shoulder. They tell me that this the only place where they can buy slim suits that fit well and that are tailored for young men."

Mihalik points out that the store provides full alteration services. "We have 10 full-time professional tailors. Some of these tailors have 30 to 40 years of experience.

"Many of them were trained in Europe. It's hard to find tailors of their quality."

He stresses that he is a big supporter of Canadian clothing manufacturers. The people he does business with for his private label are based in Montreal. "We have been dealing with them for over 30 years. I am a great believer in 'made in Canada.' The made-in-Canada label is the greatest quality."

He notes that these Canadian-manufactured suits are made from "very high end fabrics from the great high-end wool mills in Italy. We add Italian flavour to our made-in-Canada product."

Tom's Place is actually the reincarnation of a dry goods business started by Mihalik's father, William, 52 years ago. He opened William's Bargain Store in 1958, shortly after emigrating from Hungary.

Mihalik and his mother left Hungary to join William in 1968.

Mihalik, 54, says he always enjoyed working in the store. He helped out on weekends and after school. "Selling was something in me. I loved doing it."

He says his father had been a pedlar in Hungary and felt a strong affinity to the Hungarian Jews, many of whom had also been shmatte pedlars. "All his friends were Jews. He considered himself Jewish by association."

In Kensington Market, Mihalik came to know a lot of the Jewish store owners. He saw that their merchandise was reasonably priced. "No price was written in stone."

The market attracted many immigrants, he recounted. "They did not have the income to shop at Eaton's and Simpsons. The market offered better prices on good-quality items.

"It was all very personalized. The storeowners knew everyone by name. My father knew all the clients."

Mihalik says his father ran the store for 20 years, and then he took it over in 1980, changing the name to Tom's Place.

The store, which does $10 million in sales every year, continues to be a family business. Mihalik's father is no longer alive, but his mother, Magda, still comes to the store almost every day. His brother, Willie, and sister, Anette, also work there as does, his eldest son, Tommy Jr.

Mihalik developed close ties to the Toronto Jewish community through his Kensington Market connections and has been a stalwart financial supporter of the Miles Nadal JCC. Most recently, he was honoured by Chabad, as he puts it: "for being a friend to the Jewish community for so many years.

"But they've been my friend for so many years."

Mihalik says his generosity to the community is his way of giving thanks. "The community has given me a lot over the years."

He recalled when his father was wiped out by a fire at the store. "He didn't have insurance. His landlord – he was Jewish – told my father not to worry about the rent."

In his youth, Mihalik spent a lot of time at the Miles Nadal JCC, which was formerly the YMHA. "The Y took me in, when I had no place to go. "I hung out with the older guys, the men from the market. They said, 'Tommy come with us. Come to the shvitz.'

"I went to the shvitz with them. I played basketball. I was never asked if I had a membership. I'll never forget that."

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Dressing your son for the party

Lauren Kramer
Special to The CJN

There can be few more special outings for a parent than taking their son shopping for party-wear. Perhaps there's a bar mitzvah coming up, or a family wedding. Maybe he needs a wardrobe upgrade before the High Holidays.

Whatever the reason, every growing boy needs a good pair of pants and some dress shirts for the special occasion. And the process of finding those articles can be moments of shared bonding – or a complete nightmare, depending on how they're handled.

"The boys are an important part of the shopping process," says Paul Spiar, owner of Crawford Boys. "We've heard so many horror stories of how they were treated by other retailers, who will talk about the kids as if they're not even there. We listen to what the children have to say and take their concerns seriously."

Located in Lawrence Plaza at Lawrence and Bathurst, Crawford Boys exclusively sells boys dress clothing, carrying designer brands including Joseph Abboud, DKNY, Tallia, Michael Kors, Ike Behar and Enrico Spago.

The hottest items right now are lightweight sports jackets with comfortable pants for party wear, Spiar says.

"We're almost sold out of a blue-grey-white sports jacket with matching pants that can be worn as a suit or separately. They're so light and comfortable, they can be worn with a sports shirt in a contrasting colour with the sleeves rolled up. It looks really cool," he says.

Sports shirts in bright, fun colours like plum, eggplant-purple and aqua are popular today and boys are tending to dress down for parties, opting for a funky, elegant style rather than a stiff, formal one. Spiar has been in the business for many years, and seen many parent-son combinations walk through his doors.

"I'd encourage the parent doing the purchasing to do some advanced scouting first, so that when your son joins you, you're not dragging him into 12 different stores," he cautions. By minimizing the number of stops, you can make your child happier, which will lead to a more pleasant shopping experience.

He also suggests that parents listen to their son's voice, even if they don't like what he is saying. "He knows what he likes," Spiar insists. "Sure, you can set the boundaries. But once you've done that, let your son choose what he wants rather than forcing him into something he doesn't like. If he chooses it and feels like he looks great in it, he'll be happier and more confident."

Photo courtesy of Crawford Boys

Shopping with your son for a first suit or a couple of dressy articles for a special event is almost a rite of passage, says Robyn Negin, owner of North Boys, a store that opened on Disera Drive in Thornhill five weeks ago.

"Come in when your son is relaxed and focus on one thing only, instead of making his party wear part of a larger shopping experience," she suggests. Negin adds your son should be well fed when he arrives, and should know this excursion is all about him. "If he feels like he is empowered and his opinion matters, he'll be more co-operative and more open to trying things on."

North Boys stocks brands including Joseph Abboud, Tallia, DKNY, Michael Kors and Brioso, and Negin says she is always sourcing unique, interesting items.

"A lot of boys are choosing strong jewel tones in the articles they purchase," she says. "They're taking a more active role in selecting their clothes these days, using the clothing to express themselves instead of having mom dress them."

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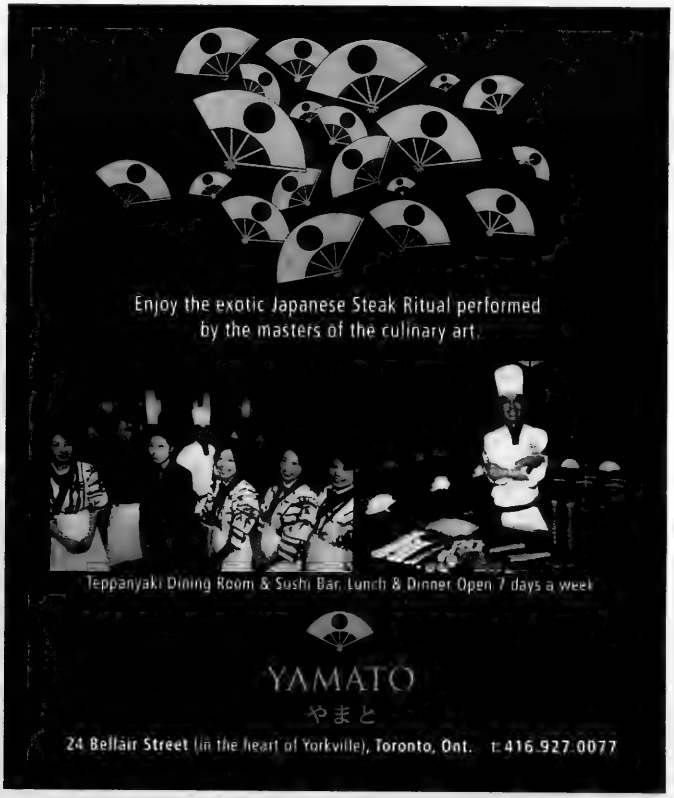
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Three great dining choices for your next night out

Jennifer Libman
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With an endless number of restaurants in Toronto there's no shortage of places to choose from. Whether you're heading out on a date, with your family or with a larger party, making the decision about where to go can be tough. Diners may want to try Brassaii, Yamato or Fune on their next night out.

Brassaii Caterers and Supper Club (416-598-4730) is a multifaceted venue space that serves Mediterranean-inspired cuisine with influences from Morocco, Spain France, Italy and Greece. The large space, located at 461 King St. W., near Spadina Avenue, can hold up to 600 diners.

The restaurant has been open for about eight years, but general manager Vince Antonacci came on board two years ago, when Brassaii was purchased by new owners and redesigned.

Brassaii stands out because it's full of energy and can be a destination where people spend their entire evening.

"People can come here for a cocktail before dinner, stay for a delicious meal, and then stay with us when the place is transformed into a lounge later in the evening. There's no need to figure out the next place to go," Antonacci said.

Brassaii has two private rooms: one that can seat 25 or hold 45 for a reception and a second that can seat 80 or hold 150 for a reception. When holding a large dinner, a client can create a set menu for the group by selecting items off of the main menu. Brassaii also has a large patio that has recently been redesigned.

Some popular menu items include baked grouper gremolata with tomato-curry lentils and carrot cumin sauce that is served at dinner, or spinach and ricotta-filled ravioli for lunch. On weekends between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Brassaii serves a classic brunch menu with its own special twist.

Diners looking for Japanese food on their next night out may want to try Yamato (416-927-0077) or Fune (416-599-3868), which are both managed by Anthony Lai.

Yamato, located at 24 Bellair St. in Yorkville, has been open for 29 years.

"There are many Japanese restaurants in Toronto, but we're one of the few that has stood the test of time," Lai said.

Yamato uses traditional Japanese cooking methods and serves dishes such as teriyaki chicken, beef or salmon, udon and soba noodles, as well as a large assortment of sushi and other appetizers.

One of the unique features of Yamato is its 17-seat U-shaped cooking table, where diners can watch their meal be prepared right in front of them by a classic Japanese chef. The entire table can be reserved for one group, or individual small groups and couples can share.

"It's a lot of fun. The chefs do more than just cook for you. They put on a show."

For an upscale Japanese meal, diners should head to Fune, located at 100 Simcoe St. in the heart of the Entertainment District. The recently renovated space takes classic dishes such as teriyaki, tempura, udon, soba noodles and prepares them in a more traditional manner.

Fune is one of the only restaurants in Toronto to have a floating sushi bar, where patrons can sit around the table and select from small plates of sushi as they move by on a conveyor belt. There are 29 seats at the bar.

"It's neat, because not often in a restaurant do you get to see the final prepared dish before you order it. This way people know exactly what they're getting and are more willing to try new foods," said Lai.

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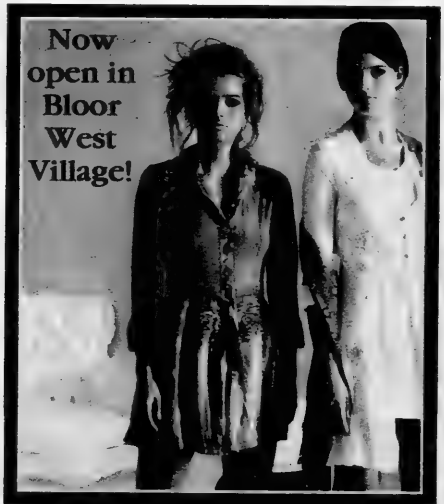

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Whether you're looking for giveaways for a bar mitzvah, balloons for a baby shower, or virtually anything else for your party, two local stores have many options for you to chose from.

Party Supply Depot (905-764-5457; www.partysupplydepot.ca) offers a wide variety of items including balloons, wedding decorations, lootbags, tablewear, gift wrap and more. Store owner Mel Grevler said the store has an endless number of choices that can add those special touches to a gathering for any age group.

"Most party stores don't carry as wide a range as we do," Grevler said.

He said you might walk into another store and find three to five options. At Party Supply Depot, however, there will be more than 50 choices for complete patterns for cups, napkins, plates and tablecloths.

They also have a wider selection than most for adult parties, Grevler said, which gives them an edge over their competition. The company started 21 years ago in an 1,800-square-foot location, and now has more than 16,000 square feet in which to showcase its inventory.

Another reason his store is so successful, he said, is that his staff are personable, and most of them know the customers by name.

"My staff are very carefully trained," Grevler said. "I have a very specific manual of knowledge."

Some of the staff at Party Supply Depot have been there for up to 20 years, but no matter how long they have been at the store, they have a thorough knowledge of the inventory available. When you come in, the staff can help you make your selection of colour, pattern or product.

Another store that offers an extensive choice of party favours is Dynamite Parties (905-669-7620; www.dynamiteparties.com). Owner Ken Gutman said the store has just kept getting better since it opened six years ago, and in many cases, it can individualize your choices.

"We shop the world for products we think people will like," Gutman said. "We tailor an order for a customer's budget."

The store again offers a huge range of products, including sports team pillows, candy sticks, crazy hats, rock and roll products and almost anything else you might think of.

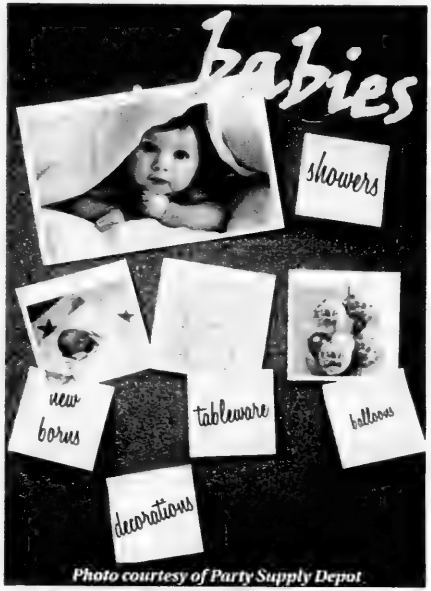
Gutman said the store is a fun place where the staff make the shopping experience a memorable one.

"We offer friendly, personalized service," he said. "If we don't have it, we'll go and find it."

He added that they try never to rush people in their shopping. He prefers to let people shop at their own pace and then use the knowledge base of the staff, who will offer suggestions.

Gutman said they want their customers to enjoy themselves while they try to make their choices from such a great selection.

"This is a fun place to be," he said.



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With a history of a number of successful parties behind them, there isn't much that catches the Sutton Place staff off guard.

"One of the reasons why a lot of people give us their business is that not only do we have a stellar reputation in the local community, but we've also done it so many times," Ashby said.

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"There is not much that can pop up that we don't know what to do with. And believe me, things always pop up at these events."

It's up to the team at Sutton Place to make sure that nothing spoils the special moment.

"When a bride is having her big day, there really is no room for something to go wrong," Ashby said.

"But when things do, it's just a matter of handling it efficiently and quietly [behind the scenes] to make the bumps go smooth, before anyone even has a chance to notice them."

The Sutton Place Hotel takes care of the ballroom's setup, providing tables and chairs, and the ceremony space.

"While we don't provide a chupah," Ashby said, "we can do everything up to it."

Ashby added: "Because we are a hotel, we can provide accommodations up to and including the bridal suite."

But as with any Jewish simchah, a big selling point is the food.

"Our cuisine is probably best termed as 'modern continental,'" Ashby said. "It certainly encompasses the traditional European countries, but we're definitely not stuck in time."

The Sutton Place Hotel is not a kosher establishment, but it can bring kosher food in from PR Creative Caterers.

Beyond that, the kitchen can make just about anything someone would want on a menu.

"If it's something we're not comfortable with, we'll let you know, but outside of some really detailed Indian cuisine, we haven't come across that situation yet," said food and beverage director Kirk Brady.

While the kitchen often works from the idea of set menus as a base, things can be modified from there.

"If there's something that someone wants that isn't on the menu, we can certainly add it," Brady said.

Despite some changes in popular cuisine, some of the usual suspects are still the highest in demand.

"Black cod is surprisingly popular," Brady said. "Beef tenderloin, though, still wins things hands down."

Things can be set up for two different sets of choices, such as an adult and children's menu at a bar mitzvah. The catering manager will go over the food choices with clients.

"The catering manager works with the clients on menu selection," Ashby said. "But our executive chef, Christopher Duernholz, is definitely actively involved as well.

"It's not usually the chef meeting with the clients, but it will be the chef working with the people."

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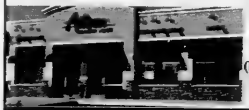

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Corey Mandell reinvents himself with live music

Barbara Silverstein
Special to The CJN

They say everything old is new again and that may be true in the bar and bat mitzvah entertainment business.

For years, every bar or bat mitzvah party had live music. But in the late '80s, interactive DJs began to replace the bands, and by the end of the century, DJs were standard entertainment fare at these simchahs.

Now Corey Mandell, the person who actually spawned the interactive DJ industry in Canada, predicts live music will be making a comeback on the bar and bat mitzvah scene. And he's set to lead that trend in Toronto and Montreal.

Mandell – president of the Mandell Entertainment Group (416-923-7200) – has been an entertainment trend-setter since the age of 17, when he first became a DJ. His interactive and entertaining style became the blueprint for hundreds of other DJs on the bar and bat mitzvah party circuit. He says it's time for a change. "The industry has had the same model for 20 years."

Although the Mandell Entertainment Group has kept a low profile in the simchah business since 2005, the company has been very active in producing the entertainment for some of Canada's most prestigious events, such as the Bell Celebrity Gala, and the Fedex World Conference."

Over the years, Mandell has amassed an "elite stable of entertainers," that include performers, who have been featured in musical theatre productions such as *Rock of Ages*, *We Will Rock You* and *Jersey Boys*, and dancers, who appeared on the reality TV series *So You Think You Can Dance*. "I'm very excited to be making this calibre of entertainment available in the private market.

"To back these incredible performers, I have assembled two unique show bands that are current, relevant and appeal to all ages. One band specializes in bar and bat mitzvahs and the other, a 14-piece pop orchestra, is well-suited for weddings.

"I've taken my old formula of DJs and dancers, and I have elevated it to a new level featuring incredible live music." He says he introduced this style of entertainment at a recent bat mitzvah at the Science Centre. "It was truly a one-of-a-kind production."

He attributes its success to the fact that the younger generation is starting to appreciate songs from the '70s, '80s and '90s due to the popularity of TV shows such as *Glee* and *American Idol*.

With the band's music covering Billboard hits from the last four decades, it appealed to all the age groups at the bat mitzvah. "It's a win-win formula, because kids and adults can now take interest in the same music."

He stresses that the performers in the band are "young, hip and relevant" and they sound extremely close to the artists of the original songs.

Juno Award Winner Shawn Desman, at left, performs with Corey Mandell at a Bat Mitzvah May 22, 2011 in Toronto

Looking back on his career, Mandell says he is proud of his innovative work in the entertainment industry. "I pioneered DJ entertainment production in Canada as it was building in the U.S. It was transformed into a larger-than-life production."

He started the Mandell Entertainment Group when he was 21, and within five years, Mandell was the company of choice for most bar and bat mitzvahs. "We were doing 1,500 events a year. We had 60 to 80 DJs, 100 dancers, 30 to 40 MCs."

Similar entertainment companies were set up by other DJs, many of whom had started out working for Mandell Entertainment, he says.

With the purchase of the Capitol Theatre on Yonge Street in 1999, he says Mandell Entertainment chartered new entertainment territory as the first company to create an event venue in a non-traditional space. "We were booked every night."

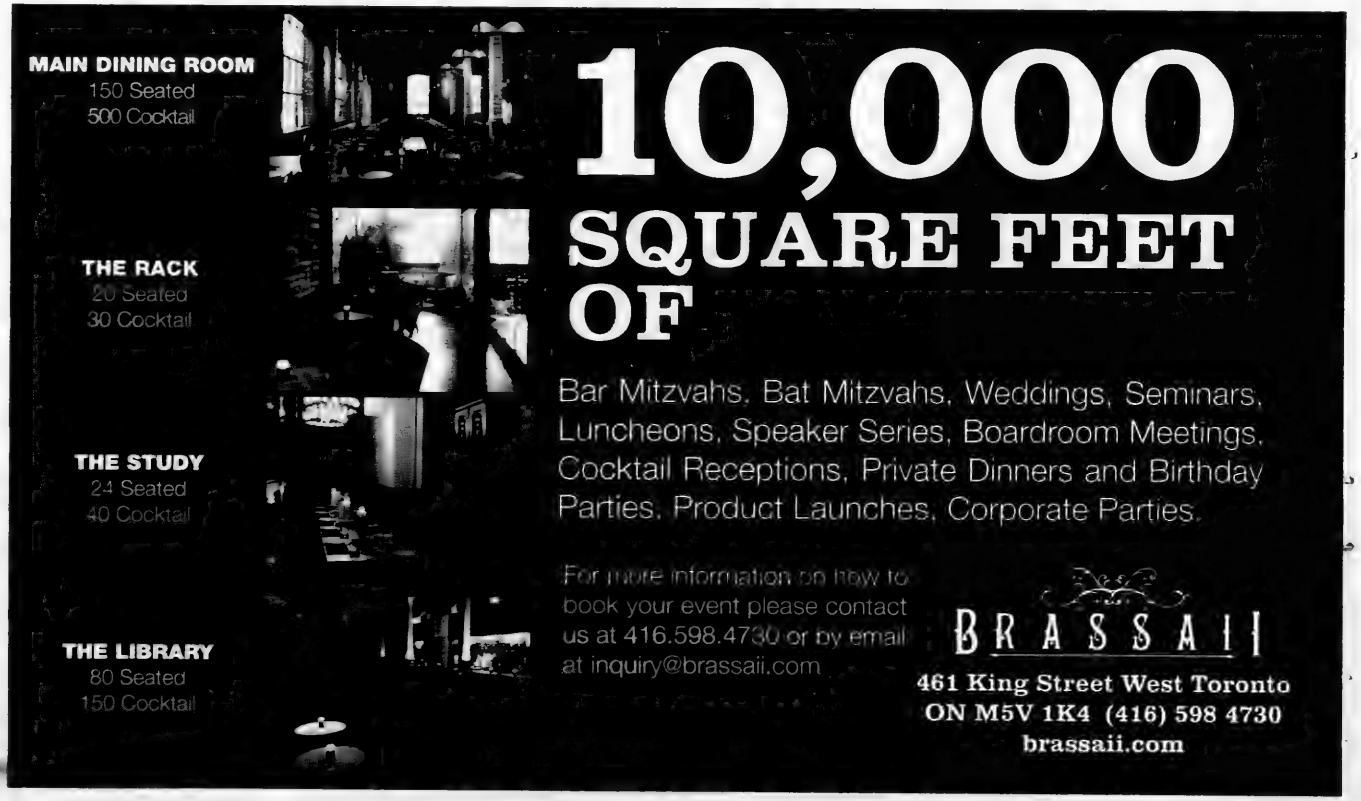
In 2002, the Mandell Entertainment Group converted a second venue, the York Theatre on Eglinton Avenue, and in 2003, the company opened the Lobby on Bloor Street, Toronto's first supper club. "It became a celebrity hot spot," Mandell recalls.

By 2005, he decided to "take a break from the bar and bat mitzvah business" and so he sold his contracts for that year. He also signed a non-competition agreement for three years, but he maintained his connection to the entertainment industry by continuing to produce large-scale corporate events and galas.

When Mandell had the chance to buy Camp Timberlane in 2006, he began selling his interest in the restaurant and the event venues. "It was an opportunity to pursue a lifelong passion and dream."

The Capitol was sold in 2006, the York in 2008 and the Lobby in 2009.

For more information, visit www.mandellworld.com.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Kosher venues close to home

Jennifer M. MacLeod
Special to The CJN

You don't have to leave town to host a wonderful simchah. Two exciting locations are working hard to prove that you really can have it all: kosher food, settings ranging from intimate to elegant – and a convenient, central location.

In the heart of downtown, the Park Hyatt Toronto (ParkHyattToronto.com; 416-925-1234) has continuously sought innovation in the over 28 years it has offered kosher catering. Now, says executive chef Joan Monfaredi, in addition to its exciting new range of pastries – including custom wedding cakes – the Park Hyatt has also expanded its services to provide off-site catering.

"It's really taken off," she says. "That's the fastest-growing portion of our business." The Park Hyatt has already brought kosher food to many hotels, private residences and other upscale venues like the AGO, Carlu and ROM. "We roll in with a truck and food and all the culinary staff, all the service personnel."

On-site, the most sought-after space is the Roof Salon, with its 18th-floor view overlooking the twinkling downtown core. Six flexible venues accommodate smaller events or receptions of up to about 250 people. The Mezzanine offers the sophistication of a fireplace and grand piano, while the mahogany and marble elegance of the Queen's Park Ballroom offers dinner for 35 or a reception for up to 600.

"We're a village within one building," says Monfaredi, with wedding specialists, waitstaff and banquet captains, along with complimentary table settings including linens, dishware, cutlery, stemware, show plates and votive candles. "You don't have to worry about where the ice is coming from, where glassware is coming from, china, cutlery, salt and pepper, bread vessels, tablecloths, chairs."

And with its on-site pastry shop, anything is possible. If a client says, "I'd really like to have Twinkies for my bar mitzvah," they get to work creating pareve delights that simply aren't available elsewhere. A contemporary wedding cake might feature tall tiers and simple lines, or elaborate pastillage flowers and white or dark chocolate fondant.

Savoury offerings are equally unparalleled. Monfaredi, who also creates menus for the award-winning on-site non-kosher restaurant Annona, brings all her expertise to the challenges of a kosher kitchen. "All our chefs work in both sides," she adds, and the quality of the kosher offerings reflects those skills and experience.

While most formal events offer a four-course dinner, stations can include "everything from pasta, risotto, carved beef rib-eye, chicken tagine, salmon, sushi, Asian wrap station, or roasted duck and Asian vegetables in a Chinese crepe."

Monfaredi is surprised that after so long, people still say, "We didn't know you guys had a kosher kitchen," but she assures clients that "we are as kosher as kosher can be."

Count on expert planning and sumptuous cuisine, including on-site kosher catering at Park Hyatt.

As an upscale hotel, wedding packages at the Park Hyatt include perks you might not get elsewhere – special overnight rates and a certificate to the on-site Stillwater Spa.

Perhaps a little closer to home is the newly renovated Terraces of Baycrest (416-785-2500, ext. 2477), which offers surprising convenience in a very comfortable setting. In fact, it may be Toronto's best-kept kosher event secret. "It's pretty well one stop," says Sharon Bizouati, supervisor of hospitality services. "We can look after everything."

Over the years, Bizouati has helped plan everything from bar and bat mitzvahs to weddings, engagement parties, family reunions, meetings, conferences, donor events and more for five to 500 people – all kosher.

A variety of spaces can be configured to your event's needs: a fireside lounge can host an intimate dinner for up to 90 people, while other areas accommodate larger groups. With a small synagogue on the premises, plus a serenely landscaped area perfect for a traditional outdoor wedding ceremony, the Terraces truly have it all.

In addition to seamless on-site catering, Bizouati says, "We can recommend musicians, linen, florist" – everything you can imagine to create the perfect event.

Baycrest Hospitality prides itself on its creativity and the quality of its food. For a wine-tasting event, hospitality staff worked with hosts to perfectly pair wines with bite-sized appetizers: a Chianti with a fragrant basil bruschetta, for instance, or a tuna-sesame tidbit to accompany a Pinot Grigio. Other delights included teriyaki salmon and savoury stuffed mushrooms.

Clients who simply wish to take advantage of the beautiful location, now with updated carpeting and drapery, are welcome to bring in any COR caterer to the Terraces' fully equipped meat kitchen. Its central Bathurst Street location is convenient and offers plenty of complimentary parking for any evening or weekend event.

At the heart of the community in more ways than one, Bizouati has been touched by her many referrals from thrilled clients. She's now even seeing a second generation of events from families who came to the Terraces for a bar mitzvah and are now coming to her to book the child's wedding.

No matter what you're looking for in a simchah venue, you won't have to go too far out of your way to find the choice that's just right for your event – surprisingly close to home.

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Gift baskets and BeaverTails can enliven an event

Barbara Silverstein
Special to The CJN

A tisket, a tasket, how nice to get a basket, especially when it's laden with tasty treats like nuts, chocolates and dry fruit.

If you're looking to send such a delectable basket, Baskets n' Stuf (416-250-9116) offers customized gift baskets and trays for all occasions, says Nili Dzaldov, owner of the specialty store located in the plaza at the southeast corner of Bathurst and Steeles (6237 Bathurst St.).

She says she founded the store 23 years ago to fill a niche in the kosher market. "I started when custom gift baskets just started being popular.

"At the time, there weren't any elegant kosher baskets."

Baskets n' Stuf has COR certification, so the baskets are all kosher, says Dzaldov, adding that she tries to use as many products as she can from Israel. "We also carry a variety of chalav Yisrael chocolates."

Some of the delicacies you might find in her gift baskets include chocolate rocks, chocolate pretzels, cookies, crackers, herbal teas and hand-made chocolate novelty items.

Baskets n' Stuf specializes in custom gift baskets and it also has a wide selection of giftware, says Dzaldov. "There are so many occasions for sending gift baskets. You can send them for all the holidays, get well presents, births, new homes and hostess gifts."

Because she also sells gifts, the baskets can be customized by using some of the gift items as containers, she adds. "A lot of the baskets can include a gift item like a platter or a bowl."

There's also different styles of gift baskets to choose from, says Dzaldov. "We do a selection of trays with goodies like nuts, chocolate and candies or dry fruit. We do chocolate platters and chocolate baskets filled with chocolates. We're very hands on."

She also does a lot of hotel welcome baskets for Jewish organizations and for out-of-town guests attending simchahs.

Baskets n' Stuf delivers, as well, says Dzaldov. " We can ship anywhere in Canada and the U.S."

The store also sells bouquets of helium balloons. Mylar balloons are an option, too.

For giftware, you'll find hostess gifts such as platters, bowls, dinnerware, tea sets, Judaica one-of-a-kind mosaics and more. All the gifts are wrapped at the store, as a complimentary service, says Dzaldov.

For a unique culinary experience, consider having a BeaverTails Pastry station at your next simchah, says Suzanne Steinberg, owner of the GTA BeaverTails Pastry franchise (416-890-9596 or 416-785-3313). "We're doing catering at parties, bar and bat mitzvahs, weddings and sweet sixteens.

"People want something different. They don't want the traditional sweet tables anymore."

Her company also has special equipment and dough prepared at a kosher facility so that she can offer a COR-certified product for kosher venues, she adds.

This tasty novelty food originated in Ottawa about 30 years ago and has been growing in popularity ever since, she says, noting that U.S. President Barack Obama helped put BeaverTails on the map when he brought them home for his daughters after his first official trip to Ottawa. "It's something tasty and a taste unique to Canada."

She has a mobile unit for serving BeaverTails at events such as the CNE and the Royal Winter Fair. Steinberg says the pastry is always prepared at the venue. "It is always served hot and fresh."

The pastry dough is made from yeast and whole and cracked wheat that is hand stretched in an oval shape to resemble a beaver's tail. It's cooked lightly in pure canola oil and then topped with sweet toppings such as cinnamon sugar, chocolate hazelnut spread, apple cinnamon, real maple syrup or vanilla icing.

Toppings such as crushed Oreo cookies, Reese's Pieces or fresh banana can also be added.

The tails are brushed with the toppings and wrapped in BeaverTail napkins, so people can walk around eating the pastry, Steinberg explains.

A new catering option is BeaverBites: the pastry is shaped in balls and served hot with ice-cream on top. The ice-cream can be drizzled with chocolate or caramel sauce and topped with crushed Oreos or candy. "It's an alternative to the traditional BeaverTail."

The pastry is also popular at corporate events, because it's something so Canadian, says Steinberg.

She notes that current U.S. Secretary of State Hilary Clinton tried a BeaverTail when she was U.S. first lady, but at the time, she didn't get the same media attention as Obama did when he sampled this novelty food.

In fact, Steinberg points out that BeaverTails were the only Canadian food requested at the annual international meeting of corporate leaders and politicians in Davos, Switzerland.

"BeaverTails were also served at President Obama's inauguration. It's a fun food and a tasty food."

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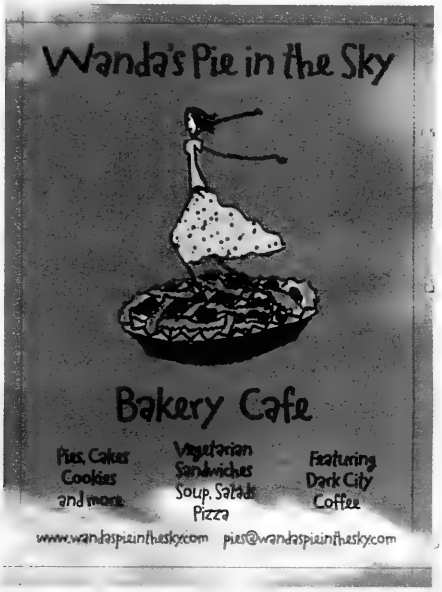

Women's clothes that give you a new look

Lauren Kramer
Special to The CJN

If you have any preconceived ideas about pre-owned clothing, leave them at the door when you visit Déjà Vu Boutique in Markham, at Main and 16th Avenue. This upscale store of gently used apparel is nothing like your neighbourhood thrift store. Designer clothes hang on the racks still bearing their labels from the dry cleaner and gowns that might cost $350 brand new are selling for half the price or less – and don't look worn in the least.

"Women are often surprised when they come into the store," confesses Theresa Lobraico, owner of Déjà Vu. "They don't expect the clothes to be in such great condition."

Passionate about fashion, she opened the store to solve a problem she knew many women had with their wardrobes. "You buy a new outfit, wear it once or twice, and then you don't want to be seen over and over wearing the same clothes," she says. "They're in great shape, it's just that you're ready for something new."

The boutique sells some new articles in its mix, but the hard part is discerning what's brand new and what is not, since all the clothes are in new condition.

"We're very particular about what we accept," Lobraico explains. "Clothes have to arrive on hangers, freshly laundered and ironed."

Many women arrive at the store with their daughters, and she's found shoppers in their 20s walking out the door with purchases alongside their mothers. The boutique caters to a demographic of female shoppers through age 75, and carries a selection of coveted designer labels that will make you reach for your purse. For more information call 905-472-9566.

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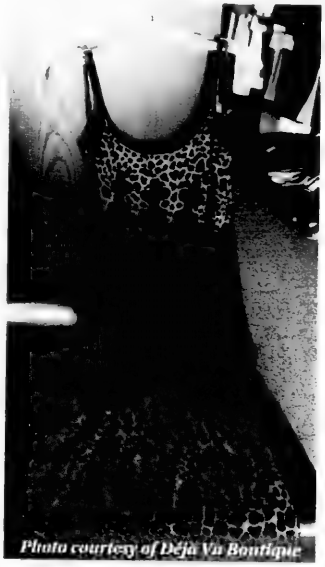
Chacok, in particular, takes whimsical versatility to a whole new level, says owner Ginette Beauchamp. "And at no time in Chacok's history is that more true than this season," she says. "Colour has always been her hallmark, but this spring/summer collection is her most spectacular in years."

A fuschsia grouping, in particular, draws gasps from in-store shoppers and window shoppers alike. The garments glow with a radiance that gives a mere mannequin life and breath.

For the woman who dares to be different, most pieces in this collection will provide a stirring statement at any event. Unlike traditional eveningwear, however, they won't go into your closet the morning after.



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The venue is popular for any simchah or event, including bar and bat mitzvahs, sweet 16s, corporate events, press releases and project launches, as well as charity events.

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The lounge, located on the second floor, can be used for private functions and offers a full audio-visual system and the ability to host DJs, 3-to-5 piece bands, interactive karaoke bands, dancers, etc. The venue is versatile enough to fit a small intimate gathering of 50 people or a 350-person standing reception. For larger parties, the entire restaurant can be rented out, and it can hold up to 500 people for a reception or 350 for a seated meal. Hard Rock Café is fully accessible, with wide doorways and elevators to get to upper levels.

The sales department at the Hard Rock Café is fully capable of helping party planners with every decision from the moment they choose Hard Rock as their venue.

"We help people figure out how they want to set up the room, choose their menu and refer them to outside vendors," said DeOliveira. "We are involved in the event from steps A to Z and are on site the day of until the last person leaves. We ask our clients to be guests at their own events and not worry about anything. It's our responsibility to make sure everything runs smoothly – your responsibility is to relax and have a good time."

One of the advantages of choosing Hard Rock as your venue is that you don't need to worry about decorations.

"I would guess that close to 98 per cent of our clients do not choose to bring in decorations. The room comes with a built-in theme of music and doesn't need anything else. These are people that have a love and appreciation for music, so it is already decorated for them" said DeOliveira.

Examples of memorabilia in the party room includes a bass guitar once played by Kiss rocker Gene Simmons and a corset worn by Madonna. "We have a mix of items from every genre of music, not just rock."

The menu for parties is endless and is designed by the clients themselves – they don't need to choose from a standard group package. For most events people will choose about six different menu items – two options each for a reception, dinner and dessert. Examples of adult main courses are beef teriyaki or grilled chicken marsala.

"From experience, we make extra of the children's meals – foods like chicken tenders, sweet potato fries or macaroni and cheese. The adults always gravitate toward these!"

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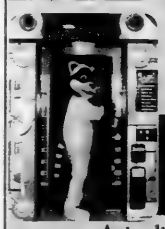

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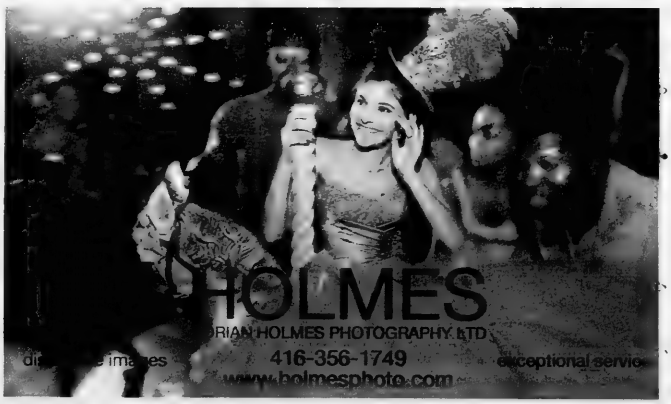

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Videos take you back to a simchah

Jennifer Libman
Special to The CJN

Personalized video is a valuable family heirloom that can transport people back to a simchah long after it has ended.

Josh Israel founded Video Productions by Josh (905-709-9277, www.videobyjosh.com) in 1979 and since then has filmed more than 3,200 Jewish events.

In the last 32 years, Israel has earned the reputation as one of the best videographers in the city. This is due to his commitment to high standards for the final product, his use of high-tech up-to-date equipment, his creativity and ability to capture important moments on camera, and his emphasis on client satisfaction and customer service.

Israel uses one of the best cameras on the market, one that shoots in high definition and is very sensitive to the lights in the room so he does not need to carry his own bright, glaring lights with him. "This makes taking the video much less invasive," said Israel. It also gives the final product much more clarity and colour. "It greatly improves the watching experience. This shift to high-definition is one of the biggest changes to videography in years."

High definition is one of the biggest changes to videography in years

Israel films 95 per cent of events personally and does all of the editing. "I go through all the film, inch by inch, to make sure all the important moments are part of the final product." The completed video is typically two to three hours long, and it includes an introduction, baby pictures, special effects and a soundtrack. The video closes with a flashback of the best moments of the video.

Israel books events about one year in advance.

For a unique video, party planners may be interested in Your Life Productions (416-762-4100, www.yourlifeproductions.com) which specializes in creating tribute videos for families and companies.

"By tribute video, we mean everything from a scripted, A&E-style biography, to a compelling documentary on a family business, to a hilarious TV news 'mockumentary,'" said Bob Pomerantz, president of Your Life Productions.

Your Life Productions has been creating tribute videos for nearly 25 years, after Pomerantz came up with the concept while working an overnight shift at the Toronto *Star*. "In the beginning, I was just dreaming of a job where I would get to write, but also get to sleep at night. Fortunately, other people believed in my idea, and one year later I was able to quit working nights and focus on these videos full time."

The tribute videos can be family legacies that are used as a memory for younger generations. These videos are often filmed in secret and revealed as a surprise for the honorees. "Imagine a video where someone has scripted your biographical past. The lights are turned down, and suddenly your life is being playing out in front of you. It's very powerful" said Pomerantz.

When clients approach Pomerantz about creating a tribute video, the first thing they will do together is figure out what key messages the client wants to convey. They will then decide who will be featured in the video. Pomerantz then will do research on the family, write a script, and then shoot the film and edit the final product to broadcast quality. The whole process takes from three to six months, and the tribute video is typically 15 minutes in length.

Some celebrities that have been featured in tribute videos Pomerantz had made include broadcaster Roger Ebert, actor Mr. T., singer Gordon Lightfoot and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Josh Israel
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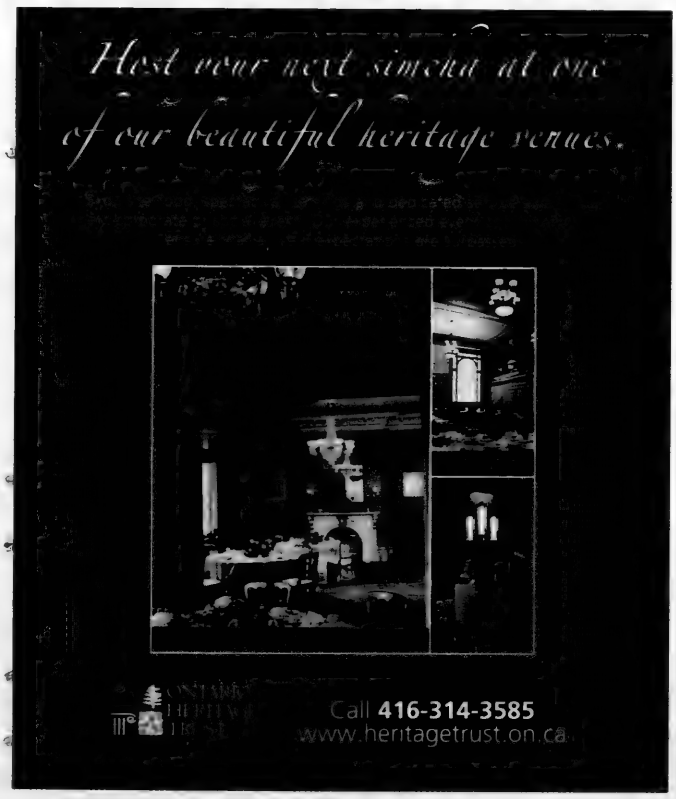

Matchmaker, Matchmaker...

Liana Shlien
Special to The CJN

Two seasoned Toronto expert go-betweens offer their modern approach to traditional Jewish matchmaking for the marriage-minded.

With many Jewish singles lacking time in their busy, career-oriented lives to find suitable potential life partners, more are doing what their bubbies and zaides would have done – turning to the services of a matchmaker in order to make a shidduch.

Eve Potok, founder of Soulmates, has been introducing Jewish singles to each other for more than 21 years. "It was divine intervention," says Potok, whose other passion besides matchmaking is Torah study.

Since successfully setting friends up in high school, Potok went online in 1995 with www.soulmates.net and now has established networking contacts worldwide.

"We're trying to create a oneness for Jewish singles," she says.

To complement its personalized and discreet matchmaking services, Soulmates recently launched a free Jewish dating application on Facebook: http://apps.facebook.com/soulmatesnet, in recognition of the growing use of social media by younger singles in particular.

Potok searches proactively on behalf of her clients, ensuring their optimal representation to eligible matches in ways a standard dating site can't always convey. By combining professional screening and far-ranging, trusted connections, Potok says her introduction service maintains an impressive 75 per cent success rate.

Jewish Connections Inc., is a personalized introduction service for professionals looking to meet like-minded individuals. Jewish Connections' vision is Jewish continuity in the community. Carole Linden's fascination with the dynamics of male-female relationships led to a professional matchmaking career that began in 1994 with her service, Jewish Connections.

Her mission is to connect Jewish people who share core values and seek a committed, lasting relationship.

Potential members receive a free one-on-one consultation upon completing online registration at www.jewishconnectionsinc.com, with no obligation to join.

Linden works exclusively with each member over the course of a year, offering unlimited introductions and referrals for the initial sign-up period.

"This is not assembly line dating. It's a well thought out process," says Linden, who offers support, date coaching and ongoing feedback over the course of the matches presented.

"Over the last 17 years, I have made thousands of matches and many have resulted in marriages and/or long-term relationships," Linden says. "Having an exact number is hard to say because, when people are in a successful relationship, they stop calling."

Both Toronto-area matchmakers serve Jewish men and women of a wide range of ages and affiliations who are ready to find their bashert.

How to avoid gift duplications

Everyone wants to buy the bride and groom the perfect gift. Unfortunately, this can be difficult since it's hard to know what the couple needs, and almost impossible to find out what other guests are purchasing so there aren't duplications.

Luckily, two Toronto linen companies help make this job easier by offering gift registries. A registry is a service provided by a company to assist engaged couples in the communication of gift preferences to their wedding guests. The couple can visit the store, create a list of items they want, and then the list is made public to their guests. Once a guest purchases something off the registry, the list is updated. This way, the couple won't receive duplicate or unwanted gifts, and the guest never has to worry about purchasing something the couple does not need.

David's Fine Linens (416-590-7311, www.davidsfinelinens.com), in the Bayview Village Mall, has been providing newlyweds with wedding gifts for more than 25 years. "We sell only the finest and most luxurious items" says David Sinai. "Every bride wants to receive our products."

David's Fine Linens sells towels, bedsheets, pillows, duvets, tablecloths and other household items. Everything is imported from Europe to ensure the highest quality. "These are some of the most high-end brands in the world. Our stuff is used by royalty," says Sinai.

"The benefit of using a registry is that you know you're getting the couple a gift they can use," says Sinai. "It really takes the guesswork out of buying a present. Every item in our store can be put on the registry – so if you follow the list, you can't go wrong." Sinai added that guests can choose to share the cost of a more expensive gift.

The bride or groom should make an appointment ahead of time with David's Fine Linens and select the items the couple wishes to receive as gifts. "This way, we can make sure they have one of our staff assist them through the whole process. Lots of brides want to choose a colour scheme for their homes – the registry lets people know what colours they choose."

Deblins Linens (416-782-2910, www.deblins.com) is another Toronto-based linen company that offers wedding registries. With a location in Toronto and one in Vaughan, Deblins Linens has been in business for more than 30 years. "Our stores are huge – over 10,000 square feet – so we have a huge variety of products," says Leona Schwalder, Deblins Linens administrative assistant.

Deblins Linens sells a variety of bedding, towels, tablecloths and pillows. "We import products from around the world," says Schwalder. "We seek out the highest quality."

Deblins has knowledgeable and loyal sales associates. "Most of our staff have been with us for over 10 years" says Schwalder. "This means they know the products intimately. They'll be able to tell you the difference between each brand of towels, and can make recommendations for people that need some assistance choosing a gift. It really makes buying a gift a good experience."

Deblins Linens offers customers points for every purchase they make. "People can either use the points they earn to buy a gift for themselves, or they have the option to donate points to the couple getting married," says Schwalder.

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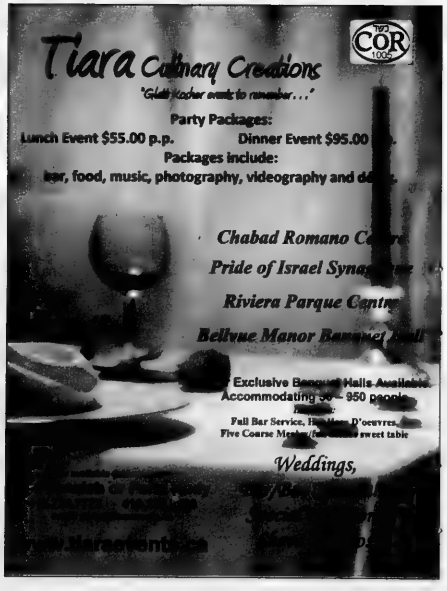


Beautifully renovated party venues at On the Park

Barbara Silverstein
Special to The CJN

A Toronto landmark is back in business. On the Park Events and Conference Centre is a recreation of the iconic Inn on the Park.

The ballroom and other party facilities of the former Inn on the Park have been preserved and are enjoying new life under new ownership. They make up a new venue called On the Park Events and Conference Centre (416-510-2002).

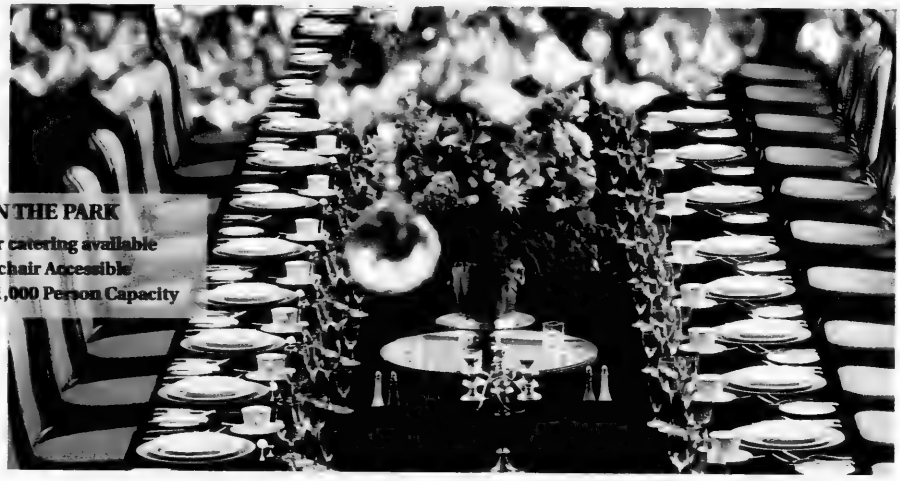
"We reopened two years ago," says general manager John Neretlis. "The space is all the same, but it's been totally renovated.

"People walking through comment on how fabulous the renovation was. The high point is the chandeliers in the foyer.

"It's hard to miss the four huge crystal chandeliers. They're eight feet tall, and 10 feet all-around. They're quite impressive."

A lot of money was put into the renovation, he adds. "All the rooms have audiovisual built in. The kitchen was redone. All the equipment is state of the art."

Six of the party venues from the former hotel have been preserved, he says, noting that the names of those rooms have not been changed.



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The largest space is the Centennial Ballroom, which holds up to 1,000 people for a cocktail party or theatrical event. The room can accommodate 850 people for a sitdown dinner.

There is a large reception area outside the ballroom, which is conducive to cocktail and hors d'oeuvres.

As in the past, kosher catering is an option, says Neretlis. "PR Creative Catering is the kosher provider.

"They do an excellent job. That's why we partnered with them. They provide a high-quality kosher experience. They're great guys to work with."

The décor of the Centennial Ballroom is neutral so it will work well with the colour theme of an event, but extra décor is not necessary, says Neretlis. "The way the room was done, it looks fantastic."

The Trillium Room, which is next to the ballroom, can be used for family celebrations and is commonly used for *bedeckens*. He describes the Harvest Room as "lighthearted." The room, which holds 200 people, is all glassed in. "When you look out see you can see the skyline. The CN Tower is in view."

On the Park Events also offers smaller rooms for more intimate family affairs or corporate events, says Neretlis, citing the Four Seasons Room as an example. The "boldly decorated room" can hold 60 to 70 people for cocktails or 30 for dinner.

He says the venue offers four to five star dining, which is a similar standard set by the Inn on the Park.

The kitchen can prepare menus, but everything can be customized. "It's one of the things we like to do. We're open right at the start.

"The sales staff bring in the executive chef to meet with the client. He's there and he's available."

The choice of menu depends on the event. "Sometimes our clients tell us, 'We want to have a buffet with fries and chicken fingers.'"

The facility is nut-free, and the kitchen also tries to accommodate special dietary needs of the guests.

On the Park Events and Catering provides a card with each invitation so guests can contact the venue directly about specific dietary concerns.

"If someone has a food allergy or other diet issue, we'll prepare a meal suited to their medical needs. As long as we know about it, we can prepare an excellent selection for them. It's all about client service."

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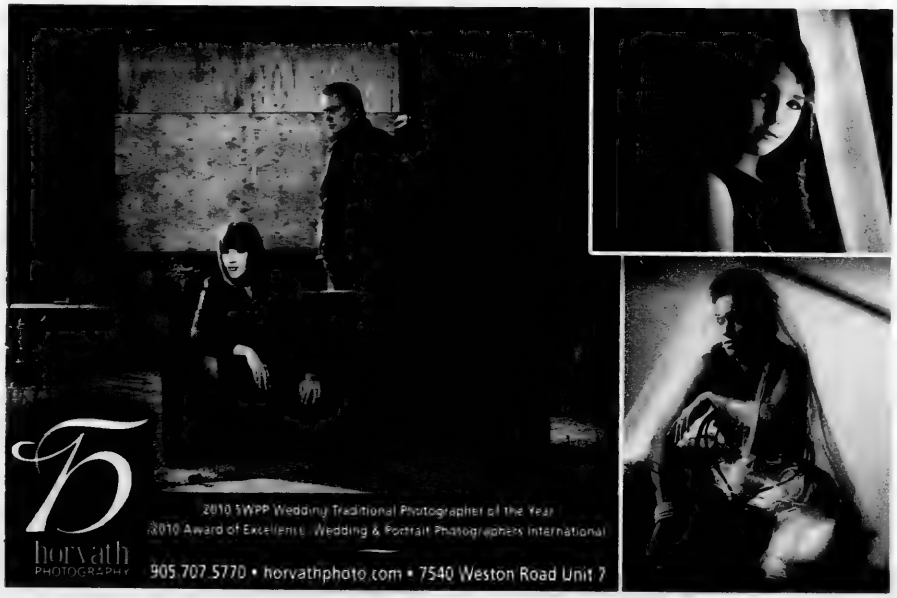
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New choices from trusted names

Jennifer M. MacLeod
Special to The CJN

The old-fashioned kosher butcher shop may be gone, but an exciting new trend is emerging in its place: the meat store with catering, offering new heights of gourmet prepared foods that will proudly take centre stage at any event.

Two local retailers can now cater an outstanding array of delicious food – building and securing their established reputation in Toronto's kosher world.

In association with Hartman's Kosher Meats, 24 Carat Events (24 Carat Events, 905-370-0262) strives to combine the best in kosher food with the best in event planning. Executive chef Mitchell Lipperman joins event-planning partner Amanda Murad, formerly of Daniel et Daniel, to create the kind of full-service event management that's rare in the kosher world.

Part of what makes 24 Carat Events special, says Murad, are its "exclusive relationships with name brands that are well known: Hartman's kosher foods, Yarden [charcuterie meat products] from Israel… exclusivity to the kosher franchising of Hero Burgers, Lettieri Coffee Bar."

Lettieri coffee will also be available in Hartman's new south location, on Bathurst Street between Wilson and Lawrence avenues. Because the location serves meat, all coffee products will be pareve.

Murad says that "Hartman's is known for heimish-style food, prepared foods… shivahs, Shabbat lunches." 24 Carat hopes to leverage that reputation into the realm of kosher events. As executive chef for Hartman's, Lipperman has created popular prepared foods, soups and sauces. Now, with 24 Carat, he'll bring that quality and reputation out of the retail setting into any venue, on any scale.

Lipperman is confident that he's up to the task. From his training at the Royal York Hotel to catering a film festival closing gala for 5,000 people in a tent, he says there's no limit to what 24 Carat is capable of.

√ Kosher Caterers

For one 500-person Zareinu fashion show at the ROM, the event began at 6:30 p.m. and he wasn't even allowed access until after 5 p.m. when the museum closed. With enough organization and preparation, there's nothing he can't do: even deliver the perfect prime rib hot and "menu-matched" to a non-kosher function.

In the new Hartman's location, 24 Carat's flavours will be available for takeout as well. "Twenty or 30 different items in prepared food cabinets," Lipperman says, in addition to a range of desserts and pastries made primarily on site.

Whether it's pastries or savoury foods, Lipperman emphasizes fresh, high-quality ingredients. "We offer the very best – that doesn't necessarily mean it has to be the most expensive. A great pasta salad is relatively inexpensive, but it has to have fresh ingredients. That is where we are going to set ourselves apart."

With a name like Glatt Kosher Centre (905-597-7571), you'd expect the highest kashrut standards, and you wouldn't be disappointed. But you might be surprised to find more than just the typical "takeout" foods. Owner Anat Porges, formerly of Perl's in the same Thornhill plaza location, is serving up tasty surprises for kosher events in the venue of your choice.

Glatt Kosher Centre isn't all about heavy meat meals, either. Porges now has a chef who strictly prepares kosher sushi. Because it's prepared in a completely separate area from meat products, all sushi is pareve. Classic selections like California Rolls, can also be ordered for catering. Other non-meat items include Mushroom Crepes and a Caesar Salad with pareve dressing, to round out the menu and satisfy every taste.

Expanded offerings don't mean Porges has stopped selling any of her customers' perennial favourites. Her low-fat barbecued chicken is just as popular as ever, and

a line of Chinese food is also still going strong. She adds that her chopped liver is "the best in town," an addictively rich and nostalgic taste for the customers who come from far and wide to buy it.

With summer coming up, your best bet might be choosing uncooked meat from one of the barbecue-ready marinated selections. There's a whole butterflied, seasoned, bone-in chicken that Porges says is "very nice – you just throw it on the barbecue."

If you're not sure whether a cut of meat will barbecue well, Porges and her knowledgeable staff can help guide you to an experience that will satisfy your unique tastes. "If you like it tender, quick cooking, slow cooking… which meat is going to be soft on the barbecue, like for shish kabob."

Whether for the barbecue or any special meal, if there's something you want, but you don't see it in the store, a rack of lamb, for example, just let her know – it can probably be specially ordered.

For catering anything from a shivah to a business lunch or an even larger event, almost anything on the menu is available – and more. Chinese selections like General Tso chicken, Jewish classics like Chicken Noodle Soup with Kreplach, contemporary choices like sushi or stir-fry: the choice is yours at a very reasonable price, for any group up to about 200 people.

Neither Porges nor Lipperman may be the old-fashioned kosher butcher your bubbies or zaides knew, but in their committment to kashrut and their expert attention to quality and flavour, their catering services bring a new and welcome dimension to the world of kosher meat.

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Living the low-price dream at The Israeli Source

Jennifer M. MacLeod
Special to The CJN

Keeping down the high cost of being Jewish – does it sound like a dream? It was for Chuck and Barbara Elnekave until February 2006, when the couple made the dream a reality, not just for themselves, but for the entire community, at The Israeli Source (905-482-2025; www.israelisource.com), their "big-box" 4,000-foot Judaica centre on Doncaster Road in Thornhill.

As the name suggests, the store specializes in Israeli items, though the selection doesn't stop there. Wedding glass Judaica by American artist Gary Rosenthal is always popular, incorporating shards of the glass broken under the chuppah into a keepsake the couple will cherish.

Books and practical items for Jewish life offer one-stop convenience. "Our whole store is one big catalogue of wedding gifts," Chuck Elnekave says.

Personalization makes almost any gift more meaningful, and there are some surprising choices. Anything from a challah board or cover to a siddur or kiddush cup can be customized for the recipient, usually in only about a week or two.

And for bar mitzvahs, don't stop at the fountain pen. What about a gift book, shofar or tzedakah box?

For a bris or a young child, there are Jewish baby books, stuffed Torahs, aleph-bet products – even "little tiny kippahs for the babies." A small kiddush cup with the baby's name is the perfect gift to grow into. The store also offers seasonal specialties for all ages at deep discounts.

It may be possible to find similar items elsewhere, if you go from store to store searching. But, Elnekave says, "The big difference with us is the price. We've been open just over five years, and in that time, we have saved our customers millions of dollars off the suggested retail prices."

Saving money is especially important if you're hosting a simchah. "Why spend more than you have to?" Elnekave comments.

"We're always adding in new items people can use for their parties."

These little touches can really add up unless you keep an eye on the bottom line – or let The Israeli Source do it for you.

Saving money doesn't mean locking yourself into fewer choices. The kippah combinations alone are almost endless, and with variations in fabrics, styles, sizes, colours and patterns, there are probably thousands of possibilities. "I could easily do thousands upon thousands of orders and not have a single one the same as the other."

There are even hand-crocheted kippot, a truly one-of-a-kind keepsake. Handmade in Israel, they can be readily customized in the colours and pattern of your choice. "If you can show us the design you want, we'll get it done." Even these are also surprisingly affordable.

As for benchers, there are Ashkenazi, Sephardi and chassidic texts to choose from in simple designs, or others that offer stunning photography or elaborate art designs. Other benchers feature "bonuses" like Megillat Esther, kiddush and *zmirot* (songs) for Shabbat and holidays, or a small siddur.

For a take-home gift they'll remember and use often, there's even a bencher pen – a regular working pen with a small pull-out scroll with all the words to *Birkat Hamazon*. "You can get them with a custom message printed on the outside." Worried your guests might already have one? Give a pen with a pullout version of *Tfillat HaDerech* (the travellers' prayer) or the Minchah/Ma'ariv service.

For observant guests at a weekday bar mitzvah, another new and exciting favour is a compact-style mirror, which can be personalized with the name and date. Male guests can use it to check that they have put on their tfillin properly.

Another interesting event keepsake might be a challah cover, with a custom-embroidered message guests would see each time the cover was used.

Most of the items in the store, especially benchers and Judaica items, come from Israel. Those available in Canada and in the United States are great products, but don't allow as much customization."

Sourcing through Israeli suppliers, Elnekave says, "allows the customers a lot more flexibility in terms of how they customize the products."

As with any warehouse store, The Israeli Source may have traded store esthetics for practicalities – supersized shelves and long aisles jam-packed with goodies. But with millions of dollars saved, Elnekave has delivered on his pricing promise. It's not just a dream – meaningful, unique and affordable Judaica is alive and well at The Israeli Source.

Teens make a difference

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

The Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto's B'nai Tzedek teen philanthropy program helps young people make a difference for others by establishing their own tzedekah funds.

Hannah Davis, now an 18-year-old kinesiology student at Queen's University, told *The CJN* that becoming involved with B'nai Tzedek at the time of her bat mitzvah was one of the best decisions she ever made, although she was skeptical at first.

She knew she wanted to donate her bat mitzvah gifts to charity, but she had in mind a one-time project, not a long-term involvement.

After her parents told her about the program, she went to an initial meeting with an open mind, she said.

What appealed to her was "the whole concept that this fund enables me every year to be able to give a significant gift. Even though I'm just a teenager and don't have a steady income, I'm able to make a significant charitable donation like many adults within the community."

Angela D'Aversa, assistant director of the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto, oversees the program, which is about eight years old.

"The ultimate goal of the [teen philanthropy] program is to engage kids at a younger age in tikkun olam and giving back to the community," she said. "It's so impressive to me to see how kids really do care about others, and how they want to give back."

As well as donating funds, participants and potential participants have the option of taking part in a twice-yearly social action day, when they learn about community agencies and pick one to volunteer at.

Sometimes, as a result, they pick one of the projects to donate to. Other ideas may come up at school or around the dinner table, she said. "Sometimes we suggest [something] that ties in with their interests."

A few girls have been involved with facilitating dance programs for children at a community centre in Sderot, and even donated their old costumes.

To set up a fund, participants must donate a minimum of $1,000. About 170 youngsters have started their own funds since B'nai Tzedek's inception eight years ago, and about 20 more are starting out with the program. "It's a good learning opportunity," said D'Aversa.

While a lot of kids are already "very savvy," she noted, others are starting out with less knowledge about donating money or how interest works.

"We want to help educate them about community needs, we want them develop their leadership skills, we want to make sure they have a lifelong commitment with tzedakah, and it gives them an opportunity to network with other teens who have a common interest. It really empowers them," D'Aversa said.

After participants enter university, they have other opportunities to continue their involvement with the foundation, she added. "That's what we want... They're our leaders for tomorrow."

For more information, call 416-631-5833, or visit www.bnaitzedek.ca.

Hannah Davis helps out at an event for B'nai Tzedek's Social Action Day at the Just-A-Second Shop run through Jewish Family & Child.

K Barketti and Edith's Fashions have you covered

Jennifer Libman
Special to The CJN

At any wedding, all eyes may be on the bride, but that doesn't mean her mother and the other important women in her life don't want to look beautiful as well. Luckily, there are stores in Toronto that specialize in women's formalwear so that everyone at the party can look their best.

K Barketti, 416-225-6733, has two locations, 434 Eglinton Ave. W. in Forest Hill and inside Square One Shopping Centre in Mississauga. It specializes in high-end, fashion-forward ladieswear specifically for mothers of the bride.

"We carry the perfect dresses for every occasion," said Terrie Walia, president of K Barketti. "We do a lot of custom work, so even if you think you can't find anything to wear, we will make it for you. Most stores don't have the design team we do."

Walia says the store carries a large selection of fabrics imported from Europe and has in-house designers to create the beautiful garments. "We're very popular in the Orthodox community, because we're able to easily create modest wear that is still elegant."

Walia says the upcoming trends to look for this fall are tweeds as well as grey and beige tones. "Of course, black is still the primary colour for evening wear."

For more formalwear, women can visit Edith's Fashions, (416-633-4222, www.edithsfashions.com) at its new location at 1113 Finch Ave. W., just west of Dufferin Street.

"Our store has 12,000 square feet of party dresses and evening gowns. There are just so many options, so much merchandise!" said Clare Nisker, Edith's artistic director and buyer.

Edith's specialty is mother-of-the-bride gowns, but Nisker promises she can find you something to wear to any event, whether it be a bar mitzvah, a gala or a charity dinner. The store also has casual dresses for guests at any event.

"One of the things that makes us stand out as a company is that we carry clothes that fit the average-sized Canadian woman" said Nisker. She explained that many formalwear stores in Toronto carry dresses only up to size 12, which is often too small, since the average woman in Canada is a size 16.

"These are beautiful women, who may have a bigger chest, waist or hips, but they still want to feel fabulous and look amazing. Edith's saw this was missing in the market, so we made it our goal to meet the needs of women of all sizes."

The store carries dresses and gowns from size 4 to 26 in-store and can custom order larger sizes.

Another reason Edith's stands apart from other formalwear stores is that is has one of the most up-to-date, technologically forward alteration facilities right on its premises.

"These are people with a fashion designing background. Since 90 per cent of women need some type of alterations on their dresses, it only makes sense that we do it for them on site," said Nisker.

In addition to dresses and gowns, Edith's carries all the accessories women need for their big night. "We have stunning jewelry that we import from New York and across Canada," Nisker said.

The store also sells shoes, undergarments including a line of Spanx products, and has an in-house hat designer.

"Since the royal wedding, she can't keep up with all the orders!"

Want party 'insurance'?

Jennifer Libman
Special to The CJN

Planning the perfect simchah isn't easy. With so many decisions to make, it can be a stressful experience, so after all that work, most people want to just sit back and enjoy their special night without worrying about the last-minute details. Fortunately, hiring an event co-ordinator can take the stress off the host.

Tamara Temes (905-770-7977) began her consulting business about 16 years ago after she got married. With her background in public relations and corporate event planning, it was a natural next step in her career. "I felt there was a need for a new kind of bridal and party consultant, one who would treat each of their simchahs as if it was as important as their own," said Temes.

She explained that choosing to use a party consultant is like purchasing an insurance package for your party. You are ensuring that your event, whether it be a bar mitzvah, wedding, or anniversary party, runs according to plan, and that if anything does go wrong, you have someone there who will quickly and efficiently find a solution.

Recently, Temes has launched a new initiative for those celebrating their bar or bat mitzvah. "What I'm doing is getting parents and kids excited about giving back to their community. We're putting the mitzvah back in bar mitzvah through donations or volunteer projects," said Temes.

"At the end of the day, this rite of passage in the Jewish religion is not about which DJ you booked or how many presents you got. It is about teaching our children, as they take this step into adulthood, that one of the most important mitzvot in our religion is performing acts of kindness." In the spirit of giving, Temes donates 10 per cent of her salary to the charity of her client's choice.

Above all else, Temes prides herself on her flexibility and believes that is what makes her stand out from other party consultants. "I go above and beyond the typical duties, and will do anything to help my client. I've written wedding speeches, gone dress shopping with clients – you name it and I will do it."

Another Toronto party consultant is Judy Stein (905-764-2728), founder of Judy Stein Consulting. Stein has been in the business for 35 years, since she was 18 years old, when she fell into the role. "I was working part-time in the jewelry business and sold a young couple their wedding bands. They told me they liked me and asked if I wanted to help plan their wedding. I figured I would give it a try, and before I knew it, word had spread."

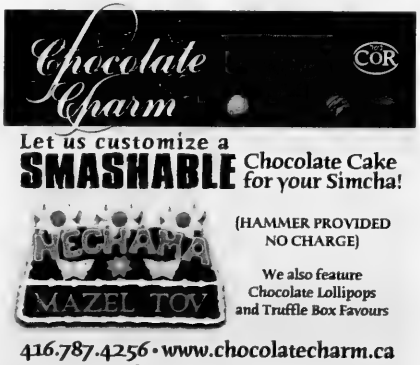
Stein explains that her philosophy about simchah planning developed over the years, as she watched her friends and family get married. "I looked around and would see consultants ordering their clients around and telling them what to do. I never do that. I listen to what my client wants, and while I will give my opinions, I make it clear that ultimately the choice is not up to me."

The good thing about Judy Stein Consulting, whether the work is done by Stein herself or one of her eight colleagues, is that by the time it's the day of the simchah, every detail has already been taking care of. "It's the most important day for my client, but... our work is done so you don't need to worry about anything."

If there is one piece of advice Stein can offer to soon-to-be-brides it would be to not let friends and family make you nervous about the decisions you've made, or the decisions you still need to make, about your wedding. "Everyone will try to give you their opinions and that can be overwhelming. Instead of getting stressed out, just answer them by saying, 'I've got Judy!'"

Stein said that using a timeline of what decisions and which vendors need to be booked, she keeps everything on track.

She added that often the biggest concern for a bride is finding her wedding dress. "In 35 years, I've never had a naked bride," she said, laughing. "I promise we will find you the perfect one at the right time."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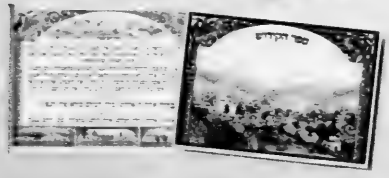

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Religion ban in daycare challenged

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — A coalition of Jewish, Catholic and Coptic Christian parents and organizations has launched a constitutional challenge to the Quebec government's banning of religious instruction in publicly subsidized daycares in the province.

The coalition says the directive, which went into effect June 1, discriminates against families who want their particular religion to continue to be the orientation of the $7-a-day Centres de la petite enfance (CPE) that their children attend.

CPEs that don't comply with the new rules will have their funding suspended or eliminated.

The coalition, called Quebecers for Equal Rights to Subsidized Day Cares, filed its case in Quebec Superior Court the day before the regulation was to come into effect and then called a press conference.

The coalition, which was formed two weeks ago, is endorsed by the Association of Childcare Centres of the Jewish Community, as well as by Federation CJA and the Association des Parents Catholiques du Québec. It also claims to have the support of more than 200 Quebecers of different religious and cultural backgrounds.

Danielle Sabbah

Represented by lawyer Marie-Josée Hogue, the coalition is basing its challenge on both the Canadian and Quebec charters of human rights.

In the interim, the coalition is seeking an injunction to delay the implementation of the directive until the courts hear and decide on the case. A decision on that was expected within a week or two.

"The Quebec government is acting against the best interests of our children and our communities, and is infringing on our constitutional rights by pushing ahead with incoherent and inapplicable directives to exclude the religious and spiritual dimensions of life from publicly funded daycare centres," said coalition co-chair Sandy Jesion, the father of a child in a CPE with a Jewish orientation.

The coalition is arguing that daycare is "an extension of the home" and that providers "essentially stand in the place of parents," so children should be able to go to a CPE that reflects his or her family's beliefs.

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Award-winning writers

The 2011 Helen and Stan Vine Canadian Jewish Book Awards were conferred last week in Toronto. Pictured from left are winning writers Judie Oron, Charles Foran, Tarek Fatah, Alison Pick, Robert Eli Rubenstein and Harold Troper. [Nick Kozak photo]. Please see related story on page 18.

QCNA honours *The CJN*

The Quebec Community Newspapers Association has conferred three awards upon *The CJN*. The paper won second-place designations for best overall newspaper and third place for best website. Staff writer Elias Levy won second-place honours for the best French-language news story.

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CANADA

Chief Backs Farber

TORONTO —Former York Region police chief Armand La Barge has endorsed former Canadian Jewish Congress CEO Bernie Farber, who is seeking to win the riding of Thornhill for the Liberals in the Oct. 6 Ontario election. Farber, who was with Congress for 27 years, including six as CEO, hopes to beat incumbent Progressive Conservative MPP Peter Shurman, a former radio broadcaster who has held the seat since 2007. Speaking at a campaign kickoff event last month, La Barge said Farber was a key resource for police on hate and antisemitism when he was chief.

Group Defies Baird

MONTREAL — A group calling itself the Canadian Boat to Gaza (CBG) said last week it will defy Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird's May 28 warning against "unauthorized efforts to deliver aid" to Gaza, which he called "provocative" and "unhelpful." The group said it will send a boat on the second "Freedom Flotilla" this month, adding that Baird was trying "to abdicate the Canadian government's obligation to ensure the safety of the Canadians who will be on board the flotilla... and to justify, in advance, any crimes Israel may commit against peaceful unarmed civilians." In May 2010, Israeli forces killed nine Turkish nationals aboard a boat in the Mediterranean that was part of a flotilla seeking to break Israel's blockade of Hamas-ruled Gaza.

WORLD

Union Backs Boycott

LONDON — For the third time since 2007, Britain's largest academic union voted for an academic and cultural boycott of Israel. The resolution passed May 29 at the University and College Union's (UCU) annual conference in Harrogate, Yorkshire. In voting for sanctions, UCU – which represents more than 120,000 British academics – ignored the legal advice it received after the first boycott vote in 2007 that a boycott would be unlawful and unworkable. Academic Friends of Israel, formed in 2002 to fight boycotts of Israel by British groups, condemned the vote.

Day School Closes

TOLEDO, Ohio — The only Jewish day school in Toledo, Ohio, is closing at the end of the school year this week due to a lack of enrolment. The David S. Stone Hebrew Academy, which serves kindergarten to grade 5, dropped from an enrolment of more than 100 students several years ago to 22 this year, the *Toledo Blade* reported. It was founded in 1968 and served all denominations. The United Jewish Council of Greater Toledo conducted a two-year study to explore ways to keep it open. Among the options was sharing the school with another faith group by holding secular classes together and religious classes separately. The number of Jews in the Toledo area is down from 7,500 in the 1970s to fewer than 4,000 today, but Jewish officials said there are more than enough local kids to populate the school.

Museum Saved

WARSAW — The museum at the Nazi death camp at Sobibor will remain open after the Polish government stepped in following the museum's June 2 announcement it would close due to lack of funding from the regional government. Poland's culture ministry said the museum will stay open and be run by the museum at the nearby Majdanek death camp. In January, the Sobibor facility is to become an independent state museum funded by the culture ministry. About 20,000 people a year visit Sobibor. Some 250,000 people, mostly Jews, were killed there in the Shoah.

Palin Sports Star

NEW YORK — Former U.S. Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin visited New York tourist spots wearing a large Star of David around her neck.Palin, who visited the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island June 1, said she wore it in honour of Jerusalem Day, but observers said she did it to drum up support among Jewish New Yorkers for a 2012 presidential bid.

Attack on Chassid Called Hate Crime

NEW YORK — The lawyer for a chassidic man badly burned during an alleged arson attempt in a New York chassidic village is asking the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate the incident as a hate crime.

Rabbi David Twersky

The May 22 attack in the village of New Square was "evocative of the Ku Klux Klan and Nazi Germany," lawyer Michael Sussman said in a recent letter to Attorney General Eric Holder, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman.

Aron Rottenberg, 43, suffered third-degree burns over more than half of his body when he confronted a man who was carrying a bottle of flammable liquid behind his family's house in the early morning.

Police later arrested Shaul Spitzer, 18, on charges of attempted murder, attempted arson and assault. Police say Spitzer was trying to set fire to Rottenberg's house.

Tensions are high in the Rockland County village, where the vast majority of residents pray at the main synagogue, led by the grand rabbi of the Skverer Chassidim, David Twersky. Rottenberg and others who pray elsewhere have suffered harassment and violence.

Spitzer is reportedly a live-in butler for Rabbi Twersky, who has condemned the attack.

In his letter, Sussman described the situation as, "Obey the Grand Rebbe or face harassment, violence and expulsion."

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Toronto man gives a gift of life

Eager to help in any way he could

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

When Nathan Disenhouse's friend, Jonathan Grossman, was diagnosed in 2009 with a rare blood cancer called myelofibrosis, Disenhouse was eager to help in any way he could.

With Grossman in desperate need of a bone marrow transplant, his family organized a bone marrow donor drive at Adath Israel Synagogue to find a genetic match.

Grossman's drive attracted 1,457 people who provided a cheek swab, with Disenhouse and his wife among those who provided samples.

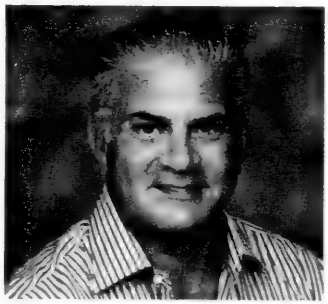
"My wife and I went to give a swab, and we forgot about it," Disenhouse said.

Despite finding a match, Grossman passed away later that year from complications from chemotherapy.

After mourning the loss of his friend, Disenhouse's decision to register himself with the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation was a distant memory – until he got a call in January informing him that he was a potential match for someone else.

After agreeing to do some preliminary blood work to confirm the match, Disenhouse got the unlikely news.

"When I was called and they told me I was a match, I was kind of over the top and I said, 'Wow, this is really happening,'" said Disenhouse, 52, the owner of Natel Management and Financial Services, a risk management company that provides clients with death benefit coverage.



Nathan Disenhouse

The first thing he did when he learned of the development was call Grossman's widow, Julie.

"I felt like I had to let her know that I might be able to help somebody else through the effort we made for her husband," he said.

Gift of Life, a Florida-based international public bone marrow, blood stem cell and umbilical cord blood registry, had matched Disenhouse with a 61-year-old man suffering from non-Hogkins lymphoma.

Since Gift of Life was founded in 1991 by leukemia survivor Jay Feinberg, the organization has registered about 185,000 donors, and more than 2,300 transplants have been conducted.

Feinberg was moved to start the registry when he was told that his best chance of finding a genetic match was through his own ethnic group – Ashkenazi Jews.

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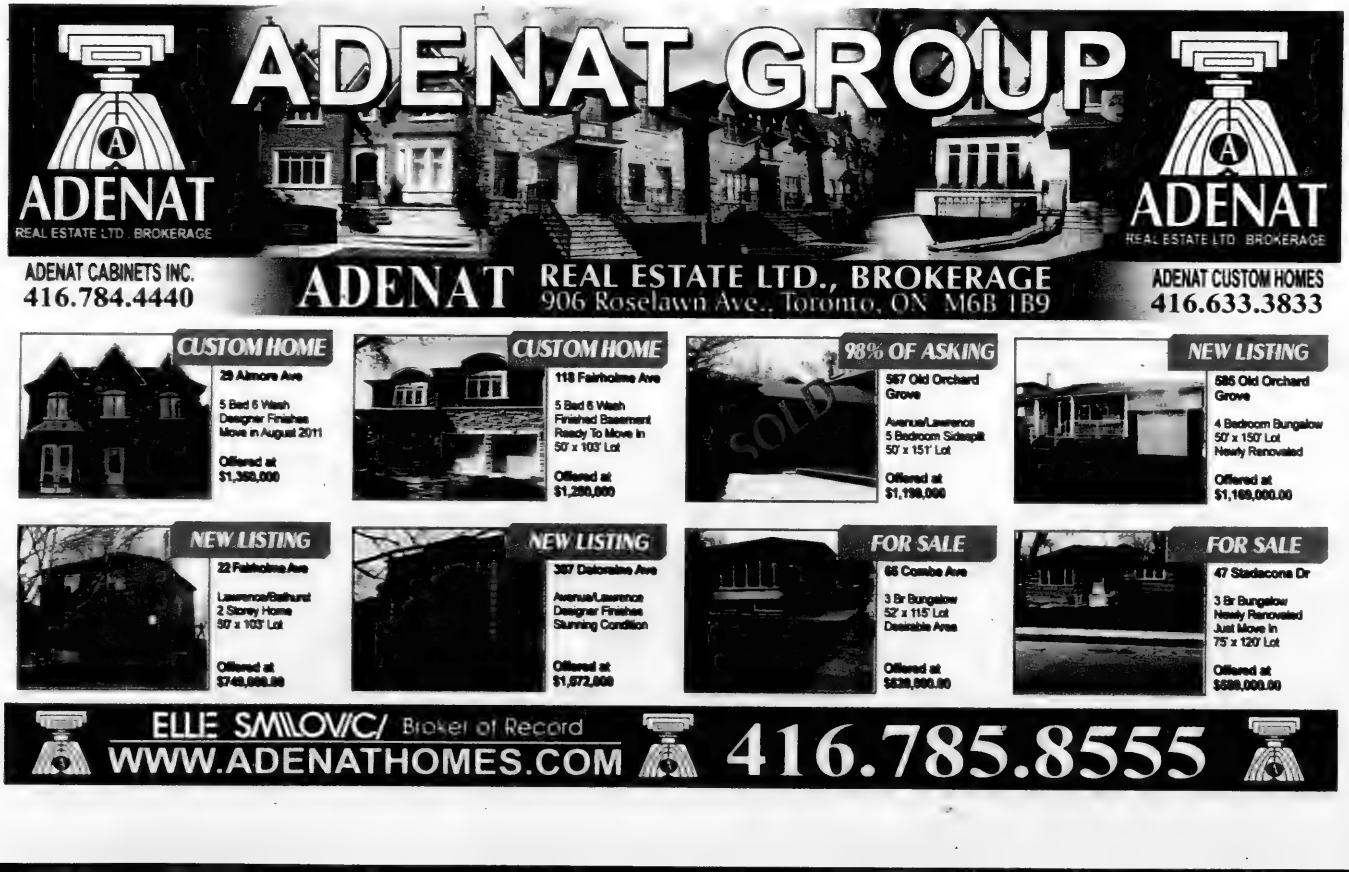

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Striving to change the world

Last month, *The CJN* visited the Peres Center for Peace in Jaffa. The centre is the "child"of Israeli President Shimon Peres. Indeed, it is his *ben z'kounim* (child of his old age).

A doting parent, Peres has invested a great deal in the centre. As with most parents, his aspirations for the centre soar like wings carrying prayers heavenward. And like most children, the centre bears the imprint of the parent: it has ambitious hopes for eventual peaceful coexistence between Palestinians and Israelis.

Founded 15 years ago, the centre's mission, its raison d'être, is to try to build a foundation for peace between Palestinian and Israeli societies *from the ground up* (my emphasis). The centre strives to plant seeds of trust between individuals. The hope, if not quite the plan, is that one day, those individual seeds will grow, mature and flower into a self-sustaining, everyday-replenishing orchard of respectful, civil relations between Israeli and Palestinian societies at large.

From the editor's desk...

The people who work at the centre take a long view of their work. They reject resignation and the defeatist shrug of the shoulder that to most Israelis are but rational reactions to the daily news.

"We are great believers in the human being," the centre's director general Ron Pundak told *The CJN*. "Eventually, change [coexistence and co-operation] will happen because it is the deep interest of both Israeli and Palestinian nations."

The centre's staffers are prepared to wait – considerably – to measure the success of their work, at least one or two generations.

Their willingness to wait stems from the fact that so much of the centre's programming involves Israeli and Palestinian youth.

The photo inset is typical of the centre's far-reaching potential for good, Tami Hay-Sagiv, director of the sports department, told *The CJN*. It shows Israeli and Palestinian girls at a football (soccer) camp that was actually held three years ago in Nova Scotia. It was no coincidence that Nova Scotia's ranking cabinet member, Defence Minister Peter MacKay, is part of the photo.

"Heritage Canada has been instrumental in supporting the girls football program for the last five years," Hay-Sagiv said. "Without the support of Canada, we couldn't really have a girls program.

"About 100 girls take part in the centre's sports programming. It is a real success story. The girls stay in the program on average for five to six years, and they generally remain friends. You can see the evidence on Facebook," Hay-Sagiv enthused.

In all, about 1,500 children from the ages of five to 17 participate in the Twinned Peace Sport Schools Program.

The "twinned" in the name derives from the fact that the program twins Palestinian and Israeli communities.

The Israeli communities are mostly from the relatively underprivileged former development towns of the south. The Palestinian communities are from the West Bank.

All the sports teams are mixed, i.e., Arab and Jewish. The children do not play against each other. They play with each other. They learn each other's language, the basic words of communication involved in the activity. There are also joint cultural activities for the children. "The key," Hay-Sagiv said, "is for the children to experience new things together."

The sports program is eight years old. It is one of seven broad categories of programs that bring individual Palestinians and Israelis together. The other programs are: Agriculture, Water and Environment; Business and Economics; Civil Leadership; Culture, Media and Arts; Medicine in the Service of Peace; and Youth Dialogue through Technology.

Of the lifelong lessons absorbed by the youngsters who take part in the sports programs, Peres has said, in his typically pithy, aphoristic manner: "No matter who you are, here is a world where you compete without hating, where you win without killing."

Encounters between the youngsters on the football pitch are a "good device for bringing about changes in attitudes among the children," Pundak pointed out. "It takes no time for them to ask the question: where were you these many years?"

The earnestness and dedication of the staff at the centre is impressive. They press on with their work despite what, in the main, they see or hear are contrary stories in the news each day. It is precisely because they want to change what they see and hear that they soldier on determined to create a new future reality. We wish them all success.

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U.S. pundits talk politics at local shul

David Gergen, left, Alan Dershowitz, centre, and Robert Gibbs

Laura Fixman
Intern

Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz; senior political correspondent for CNN, David Gergen; associate editor of the *Washington Post*, Bob Woodward, and U.S. President Barack Obama's former press secretary, Robert Gibbs, had a lively debate at a Toronto synagogue recently.

The four speakers touched on such topics as speeches about the Mideast conflict made by Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, events in Egypt and Libya, and the 2012 U.S. presidential election in front of a full house at Beth Tzedec Congregation on May 31. The panel was sponsored by the 2011 Spirit of Hope Benefit of the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies.

As to what wins elections, the four panel members agreed that domestic issues are of more importance to the average voter.

Dershowitz said that the creation of jobs will be the most important issue in the next election, and that international issues are always decided on domestic issues.

"Even Israeli elections are turned on a domestic issue," he said.

Gibbs agreed that domestic issues are important, but added that the assassination of Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden would have an effect on voters. He said for that short period of time, everyone, regardless of his or her political opinions, feels more confident about their country. He added that it was a positive change after months of debates on where the president was born.

"It injected a note of needed seriousness," Gibbs said.

Woodward said that uprisings in Egypt, Libya and other Mideast countries have the potential to define Obama's presidency, the way Sept. 11 did for George W. Bush, and that the situation in these countries can blow up at any moment.

"All of the situations in these countries are like powder kegs," Woodward said.

But he added that voters will care more about the fact that they don't have a job or that they can't afford things.

"He [Obama] has got to hook into the average person's struggles," Woodward said.

Dershowitz touched on this topic when he spoke about the fact that democracy doesn't always improve situations in countries such as Egypt or Libya.

"We don't know whether democracy in Libya will be better than the status quo," Dershowitz said.

He said westerners think countries ruled by democracies will be in favour of American values, but that isn't always the case.

Gibbs spoke about the importance of battling poverty and creating opportunity in the Middle East. He said that the revolution in Egypt was not only about getting the right to vote for a leader, but also about getting better opportunities for themselves and their children.

But Dershowitz gave well-educated and wealthy suicide bombers as an example of why raising the standard of living may not help the political situations in Mideast countries. "It's not a guarantee of peace if you educate people," he said. "There's not a one-to-one correlation between wealth and peace."

The speakers all had slightly different interpretations of Obama's recent speech about Israel.

Gibbs said Obama reaffirmed the United States' commitment to Israel. He said that his speech "endorsed a qualitative military advantage for Israel," by saying that Palestine must be a demilitarized state.

Dershowitz said the Israeli-Palestinian conflict couldn't be resolved unless both sides made what he called "wrenching sacrifices." He added that Israelis should realize that they can't hold on to certain settlements, and that the Palestinians need to give up on their right of return.

Gergen thinks that Obama shouldn't have made his speech about the Mideast conflict when he did (May 19). He said it was done to head off the UN vote in September on the issue of Palestinian statehood, but that it wasn't a good time or place (at the State Department in Washington, D.C.) to give a speech.

"They could have done this in a much more productive way," Gergen said.

Woodward said it's important to learn from the mistakes of the past to inform the choices of the future and that people should pay for their sins of the past.

"By not looking to the past, we guaranteed that never again would happen again and again and again," Woodward said.

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Academic confident about Israel's security

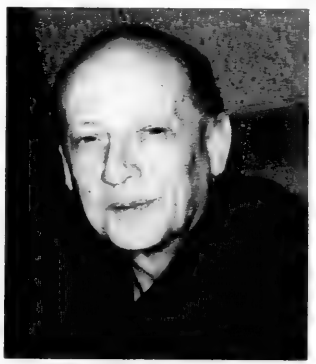
Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Gabriel Ben-Dor is a glass half-full kind of guy when it comes to evaluating Israel's strategic situation.

When he examines the key elements that go into determining the country's security position, he sees a wealthy nation with a booming economy, a strong currency, high-tech developments of all kinds, membership in the OECD, low unemployment, low debt, a strong sense of patriotism, over-subscription to army fighting units and more.

So when he's asked about this or that threat, he replies with some measure of confidence that Israel has the wherewithal to meet those challenges. "Israel has built in capabilities to deal with different situations," he said.

Ben-Dor, director of national security studies at the University of Haifa, was speaking June 1 before about 30 people at a lunchtime lecture at the law offices of Minden Gross. The event was sponsored by Advocates for Civil Liberties and the Canadian Jewish Civil Rights Association.



Gabriel Ben-Dor

Speaking on the political and economic aspects of Israeli security, Ben-Dor said Israel must address this issue while balancing costs versus results. No country, let alone Israel, can afford unlimited security outlays.

Israel must strike a balance between security spending versus the cost of other important social needs. A country's security status should also include consideration of its standard of living, he suggested.

On his basic message – that no country can devote unlimited resources to security – he noted that Israel's best economic performance correlated to its lowest defense expenditures. In the last 10 years, the country has devoted 6.5 to 7.7 per cent of its GDP to national security – it's even lower today, at around 6.25 per cent – "and the economy of Israel is booming."

Ben-Dor said Israel should continue to follow "the system" set out by David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, to ensure its national security.

Among the eight points referenced by Ben-Gurion were: using military force to repel existential threats; developing a qualitative edge in armaments; maintaining better educated and trained manpower; developing "a superb system of intelligence"; deterring aggression by making it too painful for its foes; to "go for the jugular" in armed conflict and aim for a decisive victory; maintaining nuclear ambiguity, and make friends with those who are also at odds with Israel's enemies, like India, Turkey, the Druze and Kurds.

In a question-and-answer session and in an interview with *The CJN*, Ben-Dor was more specific. Asked about the impending international flotilla – which includes a ship financed by Canadians – that will attempt to run Israel's blockade of Gaza, Ben-Dor called it "a provocation to heat up the political climate."

Israel is working diplomatically behind the scenes to persuade organizers to abort their attempt to enter Gaza by sea. He said there is no need to do so if the organizers are genuinely interested in providing supplies to Gazans. There are procedures in place – through Israel, Egypt or even Cyprus – to make that happen, he said.

"I think they're trying to embarrass Israel. I don't think it's really bona fide."

Ben-Dor said Israel is well within its rights to blockade Gaza. "International law recognizes blockades for countries at war, and Hamas admits it."

Asked about the international criticism Israel receives, particularly from Europe, Ben-Dor suggested leaders of Britain, Italy, France and Germany are "on good terms" with Israel. The OECD, largely controlled by Europeans, recently admitted Israel to its club because they saw "sufficient benefit to Europe."

Public opinion, he acknowledged, is anti-Israel, particularly on campus and in trade unions. However, that may be changing as Europeans increasingly worry about large Muslim populations in their midst who refuse to assimilate.

"Fear of Muslims" are turning many in Denmark, France, Italy, Britain, Holland and Belgium to "a more understanding of Israel's point of view."

Asked also how Israel can deal with enemies that don't even value their own lives, Ben-Dor said it must determine their weakest point and attack it. That means "hit the leaders who make the decisions in their pockets. Deny them resources."

If that doesn't work, then "targeted assassinations of people who initiated massacres of civilians" are in order, similar to what the United States did to Osama bin Laden, Ben-Dor said.

CELEBRATING ISRAEL (DAY)

With a children's village, live entertainment, a marketplace, and lots of kosher Middle Eastern and Canadian food, the 16th annual Israel Day Festival, held Sunday at Mel Lastman Square, presented by Na'amat Canada Toronto, offered something for everyone. Special guests included MP Jason Kenny and Consul General of Israel Amir Gissin.

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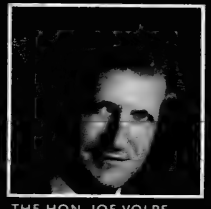

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The pathology that destroys dreams

A condition of permanent pathology grips the Palestinian people: an inbred, across-the-board aversion to truth. Ever since the Mufti of Jerusalem travelled to Berlin in World War II to join in propagating the Nazis' genocide of the Jews, Palestinian leaders have cultivated and then preyed upon their own people's ignorance. Now, a fourth generation of Palestinians suffers for the cynical manipulations and prevarications of their leaders and the leaders of the Arab world. The result has been to leave them functionally blind, incapable of seeing the myriad possibilities for their own advancement, as well as historically illiterate, unaware of the actual events that have brought them to their present situation.

And so, in rhyming complement to *nakba* day, when Palestinians are told to take to the streets to bemoan the founding of the State of Israel, their leaders this year added *"naksa"* day, on June 5, to publicly remonstrate against the anniversary of Israel's victory in the 1967 Six Day War.

That both anniversaries were the result of Jews defending themselves against life-or-death aggression aimed at them by Arab armies does not register in the minds of the *nakba-naksa* protesters. Aggression directed at Jews is simply part of the moral order of things in the Middle East. But Jews defending themselves is itself violence upon the aggressors' inverted moral code and a stain upon the Arab coat of honour.

Hundreds of protesters in Syria attempted on Sunday to overrun the border with Israel near Majdal Shams. Syrian TV reported that up to 23 protesters had been killed by IDF fire and more than 300 wounded in the resulting clashes. The IDF denied that it had killed anyone. Similarly, hundreds of Palestinians took to the streets near Qalandiyah, between Jerusalem and Ramallah. But no casualties were reported there.

"Like any country in the world, Israel has the right and obligation to guard and defend its borders," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said last week, well in advance of the impending *naksa* day protest.

Especially after the violent incursion at the very same spot in the Golan on *nakba* day last month, Syrian leaders knew that Israel would take all reasonable steps to defend its border. In fact, they were counting on it, certain that the ensuing violence would distract world attention away from the ongoing massacre and murder they were perpetrating against their own people. And yet, again, the Palestinians allowed themselves to be so derisively exploited and abused by the Syrians.

The pathology that infuses Palestinian society is pushing further away the dream of an independent state of their own, coexisting, of course, alongside the State of Israel.

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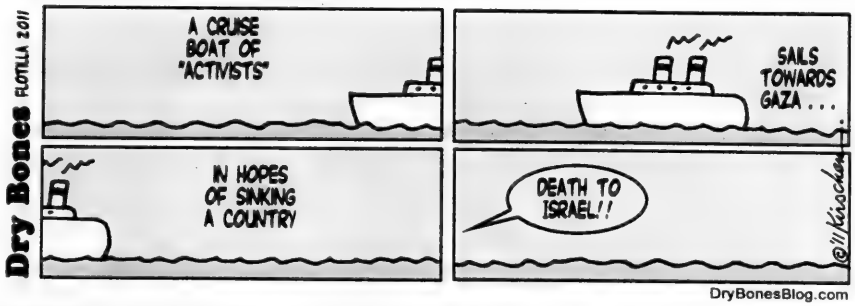
Israel immediately summoned its ambassador to Vienna home for consultations after Kurt Waldheim was elected president of Austria. Waldheim, a former UN secretary general, had been accused of war crimes, but he denied taking part in Nazi atrocities, despite having been a German army officer in World War II.



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Farber's candidacy in Ont. election (1)

Letter writer Michael Orr is upset that the former CEO of Canadian Jewish Congress, Bernie Farber, has decided to enter the political arena ("Neutral leadership to partisan position," May 26). He suggests that a person in Farber's position, coming from a non-partisan organization, should not be permitted to run for political office.

If we subscribed to Orr's thinking, Canadians would not benefit from the excellent pool of people from the Jewish community willing to stand for political office. For example, Liberal MP Irwin Cotler, former president of CJC and one of Canada's greatest parliamentarians, would never have graced the halls of the House of Commons. Former president of B'nai Brith Canada, Conservative Rochelle Wilner, would not have been allowed to run against Liberal Ken Dryden in the 2008 federal election, and Michael Mostyn, the immediate former director of government relations for B'nai Brith Canada, would have been forbidden to challenge Liberal Monte Kwinter in the upcoming Ontario provincial election.

Orr's thinking is flawed. Farber is a skilled, honest and decent man. Frankly, that Farber wants to enter the sometimes thankless world of Canadian politics should be applauded, not rebuked.

Michael Marmur
Thornhill, Ont.

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Farber's candidacy in Ont. election (2)

Bernie Farber has made the rumours official and is running for Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty's Liberals in my riding of Thornhill in the Oct. 6 election ("CEO takes leave after 27 years with Congress," May 26). Farber's career with Congress developed from his first job in 1984 as a advocate at Queen's Park to secure government funding for Jewish day schools. McGuinty has steadfastly refused to address the issue of inequality in the funding model and is comfortable with the status quo of full funding for his faith's Catholic schools while other communities pay education taxes to fund Catholic schools and struggle to find the private funding for their own children's education of choice. In your article, Farber states that "while the premier and I may disagree on this subject, I'll have the opportunity to speak inside the tent and try to effect change." I would remind your readers that Monte Kwinter, a Jewish MPP for McGuinty's Liberals, also supports more equality in education funding, yet has been unable to convince McGuinty to fairly address the issue in his many years in the Liberal caucus.

The Quebec model of 60 per cent funding for all non-public schools of all faiths is a reasonable compromise. The province funds general studies while families pay for religious and cultural studies through tuition. It is clear to me that change from within is extremely unlikely – in fact, any support for McGuinty suggests that to his supporters this issue is not important and that our community is easily divided.

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Thornhill, Ont.

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David K. Dorward
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Dundee, Scotland

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Comedy night sponsors

I would like to clarify the sponsors of the Young Professionals Comedy Night with Joel Chasnoff. The article "A Jew walks into a bar… mitzvah" (Heebonics, May 26) stated that the event was a UJA Federation of Greater Toronto event, but it was actually co-sponsored by 15 organizations, including various synagogues from across Toronto, as well as federation's Community Connect and Impact Toronto. All organizations were equal sponsors of the event. The event was intended to be an example of the entire community working together in unison toward a common goal, rather than each organization creating competing events. So often, we are focused on our individual organization's success that we forget that we are one community. For a complete list of sponsoring organizations, please visit www.fiveminutesoffame.org.

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The fallout from a Palestinian declaration of Statehood

Alan Baker

The international community has recently witnessed a series of widely publicized and authoritative declarations voiced by Palestinian leaders, according to which "the current peace process as it has been conducted so far is over" [Palestinian Authority Foreign Minister Riad Malki, March 22], and "the Palestinian leadership institutions [Palestine Liberation Organization and Fatah] have decided to submit a request to the United Nations for recognition of a Palestinian state within the 1967 borders, with its capital in east Jerusalem" [Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat – AFP news agency, March 20].

These declarations join an earlier plan by PA Prime Minister Salam Fayyad, announced in August 2009, to unilaterally declare a Palestinian state upon completion of the preparations for Palestinian governing institutions by September 2011.

In the face of a probable U.S. veto of any further attempts by the Palestinian observer delegation to the UN to attain a Security Council resolution recognizing a Palestinian state, the Palestinians are aiming to bring about the adoption of a "Uniting for Peace" resolution in the September 2011 session of the UN General Assembly. This resolution would be based on a procedure established in 1950 at the initiative of then-U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson in the context of the Korean crisis as a means of overcoming a lack of unanimity among the permanent members of the Security Council, which was preventing the council from fulfilling its duty to maintain international peace in the event of a perceived "threat to the peace, breach of the peace or act of aggression."

A General Assembly resolution adopted through the "Uniting for Peace" procedure would not provide the General Assembly with any powers beyond the recommendatory powers that it exercises in any other routine resolution. It would not be a mandatory resolution, but could only recommend collective or individual actions by states. It would not have the power to change the status of the territories, nor, in and of itself, to alter Israel's status vis-a-vis the territories.

The projected action by the Palestinians of declaring void the agreed-upon negotiation process, and proceeding to a unilateral process with the approval of the UN, could have a number of very negative consequences for the Palestinians and for the peace process, as well as for the international community. The following list suggests merely some of those consequences.

On the Palestinians

• The Palestinian action would be a clear violation of the assurance given by PA president Yasser Arafat in the first formal contact between Israel and the Palestinians, in his exchange of letters with Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin in 1993, according to which "all outstanding issues relating to permanent status will be resolved through negotiations." By leaving the negotiating table, taking unilateral action, and seeking to have the UN impose an outcome on Israel, the Palestinians are in fact undermining the very basis of the "peace process" and of Arafat's commitment.

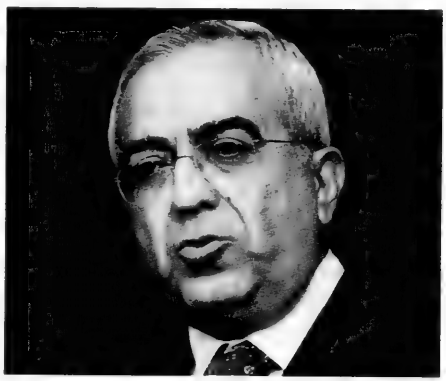
• The Palestinian action would be a clear violation of Article XXXI (7) of the 1995 Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement, by which the parties undertook not to "initiate or take any step that will change the status of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip pending the outcome of the permanent status negotiations." Since there is not yet any outcome to the permanent status negotiations, the Palestinian unilateral action runs directly against this commitment and renders it void, and as such opens up the option for Israel to undertake its own unilateral actions regarding the status of the territories, should Israel consider this to be necessary.

• In generating a fundamental breach of the interim agreement, the Palestinians would be responsible for this agreement's demise. Since the agreement serves as the legal basis and source of authority of the PA itself, its institutions, its parliament, courts, the office of its president, the president himself, and all powers and responsibilities, the PA leadership would, in fact, be placing in question the very legitimacy of its own existence, with all that that would imply.

On the peace process and the international community

• The Palestinian action of seeking to impose a solution through the UN would be incompatible with the terms of Security Council Resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973). Resolution 2424 specifically calls upon the parties to agree upon "secure and recognized boundaries," and thus, by implication, not to impose boundaries outside such an agreed process. Further to this, Resolution 3385 calls for "negotiations... between the parties concerned... aimed at establishing a just and durable peace in the Middle East."

• By seeking to bypass these resolutions through action in the UN with the support of the international community, the Palestinians are basically obliging the member states of the UN to remove the foundations from the entire peace process, which are based entirely on those two resolutions, as stated in all the agreements and memoranda signed between the parties and witnessed by members of the international community. It is questionable if the members of the international community could agree to be party to an action undermining such central and important Security Council resolutions that they themselves initiated and adopted.



Salam Fayyad

• Bypassing and voiding resolutions 242 and 338 would also have consequences on the yet-to-be-conducted peace negotiations between Israel and its neighbours Syria and Lebanon, by removing the central factors around which such peace negotiations are intended to take place.

• The precedent that this will create could have serious consequences for the credibility of other Security Council resolutions that determine outcomes of other disputes in the world, and render such resolutions completely voidable at the whim of any group of organizations or states that can recruit a majority in the General Assembly.

• Since the leaders of the United States, European Union, Russia, Norway, Egypt and Jordan are signatories as witnesses to the 1995 interim agreement, it may be asked how such states could support a Palestinian action in the UN that is clearly intended to undermine and frustrate that agreement. What value would there be to states and organizations signing as witnesses to important international documents if no credibility, reliability or integrity are attached to such witnessing?

For Jerusalem

The international community has consistently refused to recognize Israel's right to establish its capital city in Jerusalem pending a negotiated agreement on the status of the city. Hence, diplomatic missions are not located in Jerusalem, Israel's capital. In light of this, one might ask how member states of the UN will be able to support a Palestinian resolution affirming a Palestinian right to establish its capital in Jerusalem.

This would be a clearly one-sided act by the international community in violation of all declarations and commitments directed toward a negotiated settlement regarding Jerusalem. Furthermore, it would undermine the commitment between Jordan and Israel in Article 9 of the Jordan-Israel Peace Treaty, according to which: "In accordance with the Washington Declaration, Israel respects the present special role of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in Muslim Holy shrines in Jerusalem. When negotiations on the permanent status will take place, Israel will give high priority to the Jordanian historic role in these shrines."

On the refugee issue

Similarly, if, as the Palestinians have been intimating, they will seek to include a provision in a "Uniting for Peace" resolution affirming and imposing the right of return of the Palestinian refugees, this would, in fact, conflict with the relevant provision of Resolution 242 calling for "achieving a just settlement of the refugee problem." Assuming that the "refugee problem" refers also to the issue of Jewish refugees resulting from the Middle East crisis, then the unilateral determination regarding Palestinian refugees only would be discriminatory and violate Resolution 242.

It would also violate the relevant undertakings in the Oslo accords, specifically the 1993 Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements (Article V(3)) that determines that the final status issues to be negotiated (and not imposed by the UN) "shall cover remaining issues, including Jerusalem, refugees, settlements, security arrangements, borders, relations and co-operation with other neighbours, and other issues of common interest."

Imposing a UN determination regarding the refugee issue would be incompatible with and undermine the agreement between Jordan and Israel in Article 8 of their 1994 bilateral Treaty of Peace, according to which the refugee issue will be dealt with "in negotiations, in a framework to be agreed, bilateral or otherwise, in conjunction with and at the same time as the permanent status negotiations."

The potential confusion, disorder, and substantive damage of a Palestinian-motivated UN resolution – to the Palestinians themselves, to the peace-negotiation process, and to the credibility and reliability of the UN and international community in general – is likely to be immeasurable. While the beginnings of such a process might be clear, there can be no foreseeing the final outcome and the concomitant consequences.

The question remains whether the members of the UN who are being drawn by the Palestinians into this irresponsible and ill-advised exercise are fully aware of the damage it may cause.

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See related story on page 36.

How open is our tent?

I don't believe that Jeffrey Wiesenfeld ever anticipated that he would carry the day. And he surely didn't anticipate the firestorm his victory would set off. Wiesenfeld, of course, is the member of the board of trustees of the City University of New York, and the firestorm was triggered by his persuasive argument that Jewish American playwright Tony Kushner should not be awarded an honorary doctorate at CUNY's John Jay College of Criminal Justice June commencement.

CUNY, for years known as "the poor man's Harvard," is the public university system of New York City, currently serving almost half a million students. For more than 160 years, it has provided superb education to students who couldn't afford private tuition. It has a special place in the hearts of many New York Jews, who remember it as the university of choice for immigrants and their children when our parents and grandparents sought to better themselves.

In conferring honorary doctorates, universities publicly recognize people who have made significant contributions to society – though volunteerism, philanthropy, or cultural and professional accomplishments. In early May, CUNY's board of trustees convened to approve a slate of honorees proposed by the faculty. While in past years the trustees had rubber-stamped such slates, Wiesenfeld objected to Kushner's inclusion, describing him as an extreme critic of Israel, citing quotations from Kushner interviews that anti-Zionist Norman Finkelstein had mounted approvingly on his website.

The trustees voted against the proposed list of honorees. Then, removing Kushner's name, they approved it, voting to table Kushner's award until their next meeting, months after the June commencement.

I first read about what came to be called "l'affaire Kushner" the day after the trustees met, on a slew of higher education e-newsletters. Within a day, the *New York Times* began covering it. The overwhelming sentiment in these publications was outrage: politics have no place in the awarding of honorary doctorates; political "litmus tests" are a form of McCarthyism that have no place in a democratic society; Kushner's academic freedom was violated, and the academic freedom of those who put forth his name was stifled. One Yeshiva University professor wrote to CUNY asking to return the heretofore "cherished" honorary doctorate it had awarded her several years earlier, because she doesn't wish to be associated with an institution that "demeans" academic freedom.

Some columnists took aim at the decision-making privileges of academic trustees, one referring to them as "know-nothings and yahoos in governing universities whose commitments and obligations they do not begin to understand." And, in many columns – and particularly on anti-Zionist websites – the trustees' action was offered proof that the powerful pro-Israel camp silences all criticism.

A smaller number of columnists and bloggers defended the trustees' right to select honorees on the basis of a wide range

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in Toronto

of considerations. They faulted the "academic snobbery" of some of their colleagues and argued cogently that no one's academic freedom is violated in the awarding or withholding of honorary doctorates. Several noted that, like Wiesenfeld, they took issue with Kushner's views on Israel (although they faulted Wiesenfeld for relying only on out-of-context remarks mounted on a propagandist website without Kushner's authorization).

Even so, they described the board's exclusion of Kushner as "dumb," "inept," "unconscionably stupid," "bozos" – in short, a strategic fiasco. Kushner's name was put forth in recognition of his oeuvre as a playwright, but overnight, he became, as one blogger put it, a "martyr for free speech." Within a week of the trustees' meeting, a special session of its executive committee overturned the decision, voting to award Kushner the honorary degree after all. And while the whole incident might have initially been about writing and art, it's surely now perceived as the triumph of Israel's critics over their silencers.

Five years ago, Brandeis University also conferred an honorary doctorate upon Kushner, to the objections of many alumni. There, too, the university cited Kushner's accomplishments in the arena of culture and refused to allow his politics to be a barrier.

Perhaps because, as a professor of literature, I see the natural role of artists to be irritants, gadflies and critics who go against the grain, I can't find it in me to object to honouring Jewish artists. I like to think our tent can be expansive enough to contain even those who discomfit us.

Artistic creativity and interfaith co-operation

Christianity, like Judaism, regards the Hebrew Bible as Holy Writ. But the two traditions interpret the texts very differently. There's also a fundamental difference in the position and importance assigned to the books of Scripture. For example, the Torah, the first five books of the Bible so central to Judaism, is of lesser significance in Christianity.

To this very day, for most Christians the Torah reflects the "religion of law," which they identify as obsolete Judaism and assume to have been superseded by Christianity, the "religion of love" as hinted at by the Hebrew Prophets and manifest in the New Testament.

Similarly, the Book of Esther (which Jews know as the Megillah), although it doesn't even explicitly mention God, is very popular in Jewish tradition. By contrast, it's of minor significance in Christianity. The book may indeed be a work of fiction, not a historic account of an incident in ancient Persia, but this in no way diminishes its significance for us.

Its purpose is to show how Jews, when once again exposed to prejudice and mortal danger, were rescued by what they perceived to be divine intervention. A Jewish woman named Esther, the new queen of the realm, was the agent. Despite the vulgarity of the contest that brought her to the palace, the purpose of her being there was noble. The happy outcome deserved a celebration: Purim.

Both the traditional Christian distance from the book and the Jewish embrace of it are relevant to our understanding of the significance of the current exhibition at the

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Kelly Library at St. Michael's College in Toronto. Instead of seeking to judge it from the standpoint of Christian theology, the Megillah is viewed here as a significant document in Judaism. The display may be understood as an earnest attempt at outreach, consistent with the college's commitment to Christian-Jewish understanding.

Having been on staff there for many years, I can testify to the seriousness and the depth of this commitment. Thus the president of St. Michael's, Sister Ann Anderson, has herself for many years taught courses on Jewish worship intended to bridge the gap between the two faiths and to promote a better understanding of Judaism among Christians. She has also taken groups for extended study periods in Israel and often visits the country, where she has many friends.

As reported in *The CJN* last month, the exhibit consists of a recently completed illuminated manuscript in the form of a traditional scroll of the full text of the book. Its creator is Laya Crust, a Toronto-based and internationally recognized artist. Although the 32 colour illustrations that frame the text are in the Persian style of the 16th century, as a way of stressing continuity and relevance, many of the characters depicted are recognizably contemporary. The result is a multi-layered modern visual commentary on an ancient text made accessible to Christians no less than to Jews, even though it's written in Hebrew.

Female scribes, particularly in the Orthodox community to which Laya Crust belongs, are rare. However, hers isn't a feminist agenda, but the fruit of pure artistic creativity to be viewed and admired.

The only possible feminist aspect of the book is the story of Vashti, the queen who was banished because she refused to appear at the king's drinking orgy "wearing a royal diadem to display her beauty to the peoples and the officials." Esther, who came to replace her, got to the palace via a beauty contest and other tests that are inimical to feminist thinking.

Yet it's Esther who's the heroine of the story, because in the critical moment, she saves her people by exposing Haman, the man bent on liquidating the Jews. Although God may not be mentioned in the book, divine providence permeates it. Throughout history, many individuals have, despite themselves, been the agents of a higher calling. Esther was one of them.

The Scroll has been commissioned by Rabbi Shalom Schachter and his wife, Marcie Gilbert. Christians and Jews alike have every reason to be grateful for their initiative. It will not only enhance their own Purim celebrations, but give the Jewish and Christian communities a sample of a very impressive contemporary fusion of artistic creativity with interfaith co-operation.

The exhibition runs until June 18 at the John M. Kelly Library, 113 St. Joseph St. in Toronto. It's well worth a visit.

Assad promises reforms and shoots

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

It began with a whimper and may yet end with a bang. The civil unrest that has convulsed Syria since mid-March originated in the somnolent town of Dara'a, when security forces arrested a group of high school students who had scrawled anti-government graffiti on a wall. In protest over their incarceration, their parents and relatives marched to a government building demanding their release. The students, who most probably were galvanized by the popular revolutions in Tunisia and Egypt, were eventually released. But by then, it was too late.

The protests in Dara'a – a poor, flyblown burg near the border with Jordan – touched a raw nerve, spreading to the rest of Syria and mutating into a national protest movement that now poses a grave threat to President Bashar Assad's authoritarian Baathist regime.

The protesters, aided by such social networking sites as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, were demanding an end to martial law – enacted in 1963 following a coup by the Baath party – and calling for multiparty democracy, freedom of expression and assembly, a free press, an independent judiciary and human rights.

Emboldened by his concessions, some Syrians are even demanding the resignation of Assad, a 45-year old ophthalmologist who promised to institute political and economic reforms after succeeding his father, Hafez, in the summer of 2000.

Ten weeks after its eruption, the rebellion simmers and brews, boiling over on Fridays during Days of Rage demonstrations across the country. More than 1,000 protesters have been killed and 10,000 arrested, says the Syrian human rights organization Sawasiah.

The death toll would have been much higher had Assad followed in his late father's footsteps. Responding to an Islamic revolt centred in the city of Hama in the winter of 1982, Assad senior unleashed the full might of the army, levelling neighbourhoods and killing upwards of 20,000 of its residents in a campaign of retribution unprecedented in the annals of the modern Middle East.

Although the uprising was quashed, permitting Hafez Assad to continue ruling Syria arbitrarily in dictatorial fashion, the grievances festered.

Bashar, one of his sons, inherited his mantle. A man who previously appeared uninterested in politics, he pledged to transform Syria, a nation that has squandered its scarce resources jockeying for prominence and influence in the Arab world and fighting its arch-enemy, Israel.

Having promised to foster openness, Assad tolerated a climate of reform, dubbed the Syrian Spring. Private discussion groups sprang up in cities such as Damascus, Homs, Aleppo and Baniyas. The press was granted a modicum of leeway and new newspapers emerged. Petitions demanded the abolition of the state of emergency and the release of political prisoners.

Playing the role of a reformer, Assad was receptive to cosmetic changes, but nothing more. Indeed, he let it be known that western-style reforms were not in the cards. As he put it in his inaugural address, "We cannot apply the democracy of others to ourselves."

In essence, Assad – a member of the minority Alawite community that France favoured during the colonial period – sought to reform a stagnant and repressive system without relinquishing his iron-fisted control.

Above all, his goal was to preserve the primacy of the Baath party, whose platform glorifies Arab nationalism and unity and socialist economic policies.

Being a faux democrat, Assad soon extinguished the so-called Syrian Spring, clamping down hard on dissidents. In defence of the withering crackdown, his spokesmen claimed that reformers had abused the freedoms he had so kindly granted them and that they had attempted to sabotage the regime.

In what was taken as a definitive pronouncement, Assad's vice-president declared that economic reforms took precedence over political ones. Assad was and is an admirer of the China model of reform, which emphasizes the trickle down effects of prosperity at the expense of genuine political rights. Hewing to this template, Assad ushered in an era of economic progress, enabling private banks to be established and computers and cellphones to proliferate.

Politically, however, Assad had no patience for real change, which in practice meant that Syrians were mired in the antediluvian past, oppressed by draconian emergency decrees and regulations greatly circumscribing their right to vote, assemble or express and publish opinions contrary to the party line.

Syrians courageous enough to flout the stultifying status quo were dealt with harshly by the feared secret police.

Assad, having succeeded in repressing open dissent, thought he was immune to the turbulence that began blowing across the Middle East last December. In an unmistakable sign of his hubris, he told the *Wall Street Journal* that Syria lay "outside" the arc of crisis. "We are not Tunisians and we are not Egyptians," he asserted in a now embarrassing observation.

For a while, though, he was correct. So deeply embedded is the culture of fear in Syria that a Day of Rage in Damascus on Feb. 4 failed to attract any demonstrators. But 100 Syrians showed up at a peaceful candle-lit vigil near Egypt's embassy in support of Egyptian protesters.

Initially, Assad tried to fob off the protesters. Mindful of the upheavals in Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen, Jordan, Bahrain and Libya, Assad announced a 17 per cent pay raise for two million civil servants, hoping this gesture would persuade them to stay off the streets.

But after protests broke out in Dara'a and spread to Syria's main cities in contagion-like rapidity, Assad blamed the unrest on Islamic fundamentalists, criminals and even Israel, declaring that his first priority was stability. He has since adopted a carrot-and-stick strategy, promising reform while instructing his security forces to shoot demonstrators.

Bashar Assad

Iran, which crushed a homegrown rebellion in 2009, has rallied to Assad's side, sending trainers and advisers as well as riot gear and surveillance equipment.

In a bid to placate critics, Assad has replaced his cabinet and prime minister, sacked a regional governor, fired local officials, instructed the government to draw up a plan of reforms, closed Syria's first and only casino, permitted an Islamic party to create a satellite TV channel, and granted citizenship to Kurds. Most significantly, he has ended the state of emergency. Last week, he issued a general amnesty regarding political prisoners.

These concessions have neither mollified Syrians nor stemmed the tide of revolt because they are so shallow. The point to remember is that Assad, backed so far by the armed forces and the Sunni merchant class, maintains a monopoly on power.

Assad intends to tough it out, U.S., Canadian and European Union sanctions notwithstanding. Assad's cousin, Rami Makhlouf, a wealthy businessman, has suggested he will go down fighting rather than resign.

He is probably not bluffing. Assad does not want to find himself in the same humiliating position as Mubarak, who faces imprisonment and perhaps even execution.

But stunts such as sending scores of Palestinian refugees to breach Israel's border on the Golan Heights on Nakba Day can only provide a temporary distraction. Assad's day of reckoning is surely approaching.

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Teen receives Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Laura Fixman
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Nina Fainman-Adelman, 17, had to face her lifelong fear of dogs while working toward a Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award.

The award, founded by Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, is presented to Canadian recipients by the Governor General. Given to young people aged 14 to 25, the award recognizes personal achievements in the categories of physical fitness, community service, skill development and adventurous journey.

Fainman-Adelman said that although her adventurous journey, a dog-sledding trip through Algonquin Park, was difficult because she was facing her greatest fear, it was also very rewarding.

"It was a huge relief," Fainman-Adelman said. "It gave me the perspective to face my other fears."

Nina Fainman-Adelman

Fainman-Adelman heard about the award from a friend shortly before she turned 14. She began the bronze level of the award, as early as possible, at 14, and received the gold on the earliest possible date, on her 17th birthday. She said she has changed a lot since she began the process for the bronze level of the award three years ago.

"It gets you out of your box," she said. "I learned that high school is about exploring many different opportunities."

At the awards ceremony last month, Fainman-Adelman was chosen to give the thank-you speech on behalf of all the recipients. She was nervous about speaking in front of Gov. Gen. David Johnston, but she found it was a positive experience to meet him.

"Even though he's in such a high position, he could connect to everyone," she said.

She doesn't know many people who are aware of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, but she wants to tell other young people about it because she thinks it's something they should try for. Working toward the award would especially benefit people who focus only on their grades, she said.

"It's about enjoying the journey, and not just about having something nice to put on your resumé," Fainman-Adelman added.

After completing the bronze and silver levels of the award, Fainman-Adelman wanted her activities for the gold award to be more challenging. She said that in addition to facing her fear of dogs, she challenged herself in the physical fitness category by earning her brown belt in karate. She also ran for president of her high school, North Toronto Collegiate, this year, and she credits the Duke of Edinburgh's Award with giving her the courage to do that. She found that she enjoyed what she did for the gold award more than what she did to get the bronze or silver.

"I felt that everything I did to get my gold was more meaningful to me," she said.

One of Fainman-Adelman's dreams is to attend Oxford University to study law. She said that since the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is well-known in England, having received one might give her an advantage when applying to law school. She would like to attend Queen's University for her undergraduate degree. But, she said that the award helped her realize that there is more to life than getting good grades to get into the right university.

"Before I was stuck in a certain plan I had for my life," she said. " This award helped me open up to different possibilities."

The best part about the awards ceremony for her was a chance to be among other young people who have had amazing accomplishments and to be recognized by the British royal family, she said. She added that she owes her achievements to her supportive family and friends.

"There were a lot of people who backed me up," she said. "They were very important and helped me overcome a lot of obstacles."

For more information on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, go to www.dukeofed.org.

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GENERATIONS MEET: Students in grades 4 and 5 at the Leo Baeck Day School welcomed their grandparents and special guests to the school as they participated in the L'Dor V'Dor project sponsored by the school's Nachas Club. Several weeks ago, students e-mailed black and white scanned copies of family photographs of previous generations that were digitally scanned and printed on a canvas. Grandparents were invited to take part in a hands-on art project along with their grandchildren that included drawing portraits of each other which will be mounted on the canvas. Pictured are Arlene Heller and granddaughter Raigan Spector.

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'If I can save a life, I'll save a life'

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He soon realized that Jews were not well represented in the existing registries and quickly moved to remedy the situation.

While Feinberg found a donor four years later and made a full recovery, his commitment to facilitating matches for other cancer patients has never wavered.

Disenhouse, who is involved with a number of Jewish organizations – serving as the president of the Jewish National Fund in Toronto; as a member of the board for Camp Ramah; and as an investment committee member for the Reena Foundation – said that the idea of a Jewish bone marrow registry resonated with him.

After giving Disenhouse the option to back out of the process, Gift of Life sent him information about the two options – stem cell or bone marrow donation – and the side effects and risks associated with both.

Disenhouse, who opted for stem cell donation, said the decision to go ahead with the process was a no-brainer.

"If the shoe was on the other foot, I would hope someone would be there for me. But I know of a lot of people who have been found to be matches and don't go through with it for whatever reason. I said, 'I'm a healthy male, thank God… and if I can save a life, I'll save a life.'"

In April, he was flown to New York City, put up in a hotel and registered at the New York Presbyterian Hospital: Cornell Weill Medical Center for a physical and pre-screening.

Once he received a clean bill of health, Disenhouse was visited every day for a week in his hotel room by a nurse who administered injections of Neupogen, a drug that increases the production of white blood cells.

The drug mobilizes stem cells to travel from the bone marrow into the bloodstream. Through a process called

Nathan Disenhouse donated his blood stem cells through Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation.

apheresis, the stem cells are collected by putting the blood through a cell-separating machine that filters out the stem cells, which are then infused in the recipient.

Disenhouse said that except for receiving the Neupogen shot once a day for a week, leading up to the donation, he and his wife were free to explore New York City.

Disenhouse said the actual donation, which took seven hours, was the easiest part of the whole process.

"When you get these Neupogen shots, you realize how it takes over your body. It's an anti-cancer drug. It's what a cancer patient would get [to increase his/her white blood cell count]."

He said the main side effect he suffered from was stiffness in the lower back, but it wasn't anything that immobilized him.

"I figured that whatever was happening with my body, it was part of the process… I wasn't too worried," he said.

"The only nervousness I felt was, 'What if I go down for the physical and there is a problem?' Because once you're scheduled to do a physical, they start prepping the patient."

Preparing a patient to receive the donation requires destroying the patient's existing immune system using chemotherapy and radiation, which in itself can be fatal.

"So if you back out, he's toast," he said.

Disenhouse, who doesn't know anything about the recipient besides his age and ailment, said if the opportunity ever presented itself, he would love to meet him.

While he realizes that privacy laws will most likely prevent him from meeting him, he would just like to find out how he's doing.

"I'm curious about how it went and I hope to find out next week. That will satisfy me from the point of view that it worked."

He said it is customary that donors bring get-well cards for the recipients which are delivered to them by Gift of Life staff.

As the JNF Toronto president, Disenhouse felt it was appropriate to give the recipient a certificate that said 18 trees were planted in Israel in his honour.

Although Disenhouse understands that people might be nervous about donating bone marrow or stem cells, he insists "that there is nothing to be afraid of," and that Jews have "an obligation to step up to the plate and do what they can."

But the recipients of the donations are not the only ones receiving a gift, Disenhouse added.

"The rabbis tell me, 'now you're going to go straight to heaven,'" he said with a laugh.

For more information about Gift of Life, visit www.giftoflife.org.

ART EXHIBIT: Bnei Akiva Schools held its third annual art exhibit. Students Rachel Rhodes, left, and Samara Nathanson, right, from Ulpanat Orot display their work with their teacher, Rochelle Lipson. *[Rebecca Ansel photo]*

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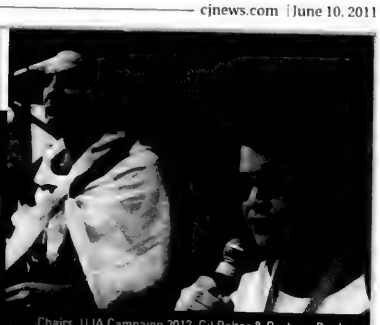
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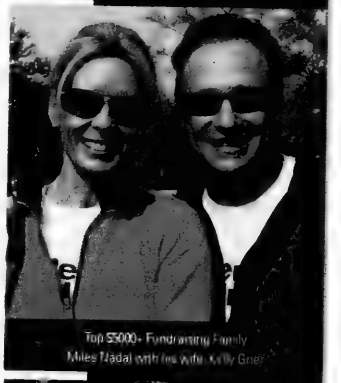
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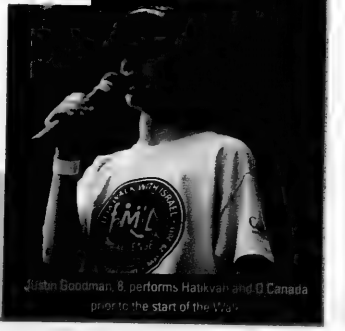
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גידי קורן וחברים

הנס של תיאטרון המפגש

אם מישהו היה אומר לי שתיאטרון המפגש ימלא שלוש הצגות של "בוסתן ספרדי" בסוף השבוע האריך הראשון של הקיץ- הייתי אומר לו שהוא החזה. אבל כך היה- לא נשאר כסא ריק אחד בשלוש הצגות רצופות, ואני יודע על רבים שחיפשו כרטיסים ולא הצליחו למצוא. ככה זה- להצלחה יש שותפים רבים והכשלון יתום היא. יתירה מזה- היו לי חששות מהמחזמר הזה- כי למרות הצלחתו המסחררת בשנות השבעים- גירסאות מאוחרות יותר לא הלהיבו ולא הצליחו.

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המפיקה תמי ברמן, שעושה דברים בלהט שאין דומה לו, שאוהבת תיאטרון בכל נפשה, ושחשוב לה שתהיה לנו קהילה שעושה דברים משמעותיים ולא רק קונה כרטיסים למופעים שבאים מישראל.

גליה סרנר, ראש הדסק הישראלי, שבשקט, מאחורי הקלעים השיגה את תמיכת המוסדות, והיתה הכוח האמיתי מאחורי היכולת למלא שלושה אולמות.

וכמובן, במאית הבית , יעל פיינגולד, שמגיעה ממונטריאול לחודשים ארוכים כל שנה ומצליחה לעשות נסים עם קבוצת מתנדבים. חלק גדול בהצלחתה של יעל נעוץ ביכולתה הנפלאה לשלב בין מספר מצומצם של שחקנים מקצועיים (דתי פרידמן, אודלי בתר, אריק אינגר ודפנה צור) ושורה ארוכה של שחקנים חובבים מוכשרים וחדורי מוטיבאציה.

דתי פרידמן הוא גיבור סיפור ילדותו של הנשיא נבון ואודלי היא אימו, וכך, נוכחותם המקצועית והדינאמית לאורך כל ההצגה נותנת למחזה יציבות מקצועית והנאה רצופה, והיא עוזרת לשאר השחקנים להיראות במיטבם, איש איש בתפקידו.

דתי נושא על גבו את ההצגות של תיאטרון המפגש בכשרון ובחן, ויכולתו גם לשחק וגם לשיר מוסיפה רבות . אודלי, כמו דתי, מגיעה לתיאטרון עם רקע תיאטרון מקצועי, ויכולתה גם במשחק וגם בשירה, בשילוב עם אישיות חמה ויופי טבעי, גורמת לקהל לחכות לרגע שבו היא תחזור לבמה. אריק אינגר ביצע תפקיד בלתי נשכח של מגיד העתידות המרוקאי, וסחף מן הקהל גלי צחוק רועם.

שוש קבסה הוציאה מן הצופים דמעות של צחוק כרווקה הנצחית שמתייצעת במגיד העתידות. חיים נובאק הרשים בתפקיד המשעשע של הערבי של שבת שבא להוציא את הנחש מקנקן המים, ומיכה בוצר כגבאי בית בכנסת שמאיר את השכונה לתפילת סליחות. מאוד ריגשה את הקהל עירית בוחניק היפה, כזונה הירושלמית שמגורשת מן העיר על ידי הדב הקדוש.

בהצגה התגלו מספר זמרים מדהימים, כולל ערן קמר ששיחק את חזקיה, ומייקל דרעי שהדהים את הקהל בקולו ובגרסתו ל"אוודתו". ההצגה הצטיינה כל כך גם בגלל התפקידים הקטנים אך מצויינים של הסבתות (רינת אלקיים, אסתי בלמואלד, יעלי בן חיים וליאורה כן), נעמה סגל כמטילדה, רוני בראלי כסלומון, איתי זילברבוים כליאון ואיתם אורי קורנבלט, דניאל בן חיים, הנער נוף פסטרנק שהגיע לא מזמן מרמת הגולן והילד המקסים איתן דוברובסקי. כל אלה יצרו אווירה של כיף על הבמה שסחפה את הקהל הרב שהגיע. מילה מיוחדת לדפנה צור, גם על משחק נהדר וגם על שירה שחשמלה את האווירה. על המוסיקה היתה אחראית אלונה יחזקין שהוציאה מעשרים השחקנים תוצאות מקצועיות של ממש, כשהקהל מצטרף פה אחד, ולידה הניטריסט המחונן נסים ממן.

וכמו בכל הצלחה- הרבה אנשים מאחורי הקלעים- קלייר וקסמן עוזרת ההפקה, רונית אייזנמן הכוריאוגרפית, אורלי כהנה רפפורט מנהלת הבמה ועינת ברק שיצרה את הכתוביות באנגלית.

מעבר למשמעות המיידית של תיאטרון קהילתי מוצלח שמקרב את הקהילה הישראלית של טורונטו לשורשיה, מדובר כאן בנדבך נוסף במאמציה של תכנית המפגש, שנתמכת על ידי הפדראציה היהודית של טורונטו. הקהילה שלנו צריכה לדאוג לעצמה ולא לחכות פאסיבית רק לדברים שמגיעים מישראל.

אבל שישאר בינינו.

Jewish apps

There's no slowing down the number of Jewish and Israeli apps being released for the iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch. Here are some new ones I'm enjoying that are free or cheap. They can run on all three devices unless noted otherwise. And some have been optimized for the iPad's larger screen.

Jerusalem Post (free) – Israel's most famous English-language newspaper (finally) has its own app. There's a lot of excellent free content here, along with the opportunity to purchase premium content. And where else would you find a newspaper app whose content is divided into major categories, including Opinion, Jewish World, Lifestyle, Iranian Threat, Features and Sports? I do wonder why the *Post* didn't take the opportunity to launch a version optimized for the iPad. **[http://bit.ly/jhapp1]**

Israel Hayom (free) – This Hebrew language paper is available for iPad only. You get a complete paper at your fingertips – in full colour with striking graphics and a traditional newspaper experience. Each page fits on the screen, and with a couple of strokes, you can enlarge the font size to make it very legible. Even the ads looking amazing. **[http://bit.ly/jhapp2]** And you can enjoy *Israel Hayom* online even if you don't own an iPad. **[http://bit.ly/jhapp3]**

Special Prayer ($.99) – There are plenty of siddurim, real and virtual, available but not too many have the prayers you'll find in this app: "18 unique daily prayers that were chosen with the intention of providing you with the most relevant meaning to your personal wishes." They include a prayer for longevity, a prayer for finding a wife/husband, a prayer against the evil eye, a parent's prayer and, conversely, a children's prayer for their parents. The interface is slick with the prayers presented in Hebrew, English and phonetic (transliterated) Hebrew. **[http://bit.ly/jhapp5]**

Jewish & Digital

Mark Mietkiewicz

Tanach Bible ($1.99) – Veteran Jewish software companies Redlex and Davka have teamed up to produce an excellent electronic Tanach. It works fine on an iPhone but shines on an iPad's larger screen. You can display text in the original Hebrew next to the English translation or alongside the classic commentary by Rashi. The search function lets you look for the occurrence of any word anywhere in the Tanach in English – and in Hebrew, if you have that language activated on your device. A print function would be nice, but the app is well worth the price. **[http://bit.ly/jhapp8]**

Israel Flights (free) – Another app that has a modest goal and delivers on it very well. Get status information about all flights en route to or departing Ben-Gurion Airport. The app seamlessly collects data from all relevant airlines – along with weather information at the destination – and presents it in a logical format. **[http://bit.ly/jhapp9]**

Finally, I want to once again give a big thumbs up to http://JewishiPhoneCommunity.org . As new Jewish apps are being released, this is the site to visit to find software for your iPhone and iPad, as well as for your Android and BlackBerry-based phones and tablets.

Do you have a favourite Jewish or Israeli app? Tell me about it and I may mention it in a future column.

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Reaching us emerging adults

In my synagogue, the place to be is Tot Shabbat. The attraction isn't singing *Bim-Bam*, the animated stories told by the energetic leader, or the adorable parade of stuffed Torahs. The draw is the social scene. As parents stand in a circle around the tots, invitations are extended for Shabbat lunch, plans are made for Saturday-night pizza, and notes are compared on movies and sports. Tot Shabbat is the social hub of the synagogue.

Jewish education is tied to life's stages. Youth movements, summer camps and day schools cater to adolescents. Hillels and Birthright attract college students. For young families, nurseries, playgroups, and Tot Shabbat engage both children and their parents.

Tying programs to age cohorts works. We build community and affinity with those with similar experiences. Having a high school crush, choosing a university, cramming for finals, child rearing, and caring for aging parents are profound events that bind together those who experience them concurrently.

Cohorts and life events, however, are changing faster than our community. As one example, federation young adult divisions target people ages 25 to 40. A generation or two ago, when there was a seamless movement from college to marriage to parenthood, this grouping worked, uniting individuals undergoing similar stages in life. Today, demographics have changed. More Jews are attending graduate school and engaging in other experiences between college and career. The average age of marriage has risen, as has the age of child bearing. The differences between a 25-year-old and a 40-year-old have been exaggerated by demographic and cultural shifts.

Class Act

Daniel Held

This is where I lie, in a cohort boxed out of Hillel and Birthright, but without children to take to Tot Shabbat. Jeffrey Arnett, a researcher in psychological development, calls us "emerging adults." Our experiences differ from those in cohorts younger and older. We are post-college, young professionals or graduate students, single or married without children, establishing our first home outside a dormitory or our parents' house. Attending events with college students is infantilizing, and we won't allow bedtimes and babysitters to dictate our social calendar.

There are a variety of programs to reach out to this cohort. Birthright's alumni community, Toronto's JUMP – the Jewish Urban Meeting Place, and a number of synagogue efforts seek to reach emerging adults. While these are important efforts, the hodgepodge of programs needs to be buttressed by a systemic shift in understanding emerging adulthood. Just as we think systemically about the Jewish, educational, and social needs of teens, college students and young families, we also need to consider the unique need of emerging adults.

We are seeking community on our own terms, often outside the framework of existing institutions. We are more likely to go to a class in a friend's living room than in the synagogue. We want our voice to be heard, but cannot pay the entry fee required by many committees. We want to merge our Jewish community with our social network, our Jewish lives with our postmodern living.

Tot Shabbat is fun, but it's alienating for emerging adults. While the lackadaisical may say "they will return when they have children," pragmatism forces us to re-engineer our thinking to address this new stage in active and creative ways that will establish a continual pathway of Jewish involvement from college to emerging adulthood to young families.

Hillel's Socalled concert

Hillel Ottawa partnered with Barrymore's nightclub on May 20, to help support a Jewish musician who is on tour to promote his most recent CD.

Josh Dolgin, who goes by the stage name of Socalled, is a fusion artist whose work is heavily influenced by klezmer, the traditional music of Ashkenazi Jews. But he blends his hip-hop stylings with classic klezmer, as well as drum and bass, and ultimately, he will try and incorporate any musical genre he can think of – and then throw something on top of that.

As for the lyrics, some of them make reference to Jewish traditions. Socalled's second album, released in 2005, was called *The So Called Seder: A Hip Hop Haggadah*. The artwork on this album is a piece of matzah rotating on a record player, and it represents one way Socalled attempts to embody his Jewish roots through his music. For this album, Socalled partnered with the eclectic combination of Theodore Bikel and rapper Killah Priest.

Socalled recently released his brand new album, *SleepOver*, and then began touring. When the Ottawa show was being planned, Hillel was given the opportunity to partner with World Famous Music, an Ottawa music promotion company.

Alexandra Izso spearheaded the event for Hillel – she had a connection with a promoter from World Famous Music who let her know of the upcoming show. As soon as she heard about it, she decided to pitch the idea to Hillel. The rest is history.

The Hillel students who attended the show were privy to a style of concert that can only be described as unique. Asher Farber, a recent graduate of the School of Music at the University of Ottawa, was one of the Jewish students who attended the event at Barrymore's.

On Campus

Justin Dahan

Jewish musicians in this day and age are something of an enigma. "There are Jewish musicians who have established a great following among Jewish youth, such as Matisyahu or even the emerging Maccabeats," Farber said, "but Jewish youth need to continue to demonstrate their interest and appreciation for upcoming Jewish music and culture."

The show itself, Farber said, was more than just music. "His show included jokes, Yiddish rhetoric, Jewish-style melodies, and even magic tricks."

This event helped open the eyes of Jewish students in Ottawa to a new genre of music, something that has mixed a new-school sound that they are accustomed to with a mix of Jewish music that their ancestors listened to.

Some may not have been prepared for such a radical mix of music. "I thought it was a weird mix of music. The genres kind of clashed," said Dan Goldstone, a British student who spent the past year at the U of O on exchange.

Socalled's style of music is not for everyone, as it's a cacophonic combination of various genres, although those who are fascinated by it tend to genuinely enjoy it. Bringing these types of events to Ottawa and the Jewish student population helps to broaden the horizons of the students who go to them.

Together, we are stronger

Every day of my life is an exciting one. I am eager to wake up and see what I can do to make myself a better person and the world a better place. These days, however, there is another reason that I am even more excited: the Vancouver Canucks are in the Stanley Cup final.

When I moved to Canada, I became a big hockey fan. Living first in Montreal, I was a fan of the Montreal Canadiens.

In the yeshiva where I was studying, there was always a sense of excitement during the hockey season. Guy Lafleur used to live across the street from the yeshiva, and it was always "an event" when we saw him driving out of his garage in his fancy car.

Sephardi Window

Rabbi Ilan Acoca

Then, when I moved to Vancouver, I became a Canucks fan.

I was thinking recently about a possible connection between the book of Bamidbar (Numbers), which we began to read recently, and hockey. Could there be any link between them? And, if so, what can we learn from it?

The book of Bamidbar begins with the counting of the Jewish people. Whenever the Jewish people were counted, they gave out a certain coin, and by counting the coins, one would know their precise number. Once, in the time of King David, the people themselves were counted directly – not by coins – and a great plague ensued.

Even today, when we count individuals for a minyan or the like, we don't count "one, two, three…" but rather, we say the words of a verse containing 10 words through which we will know the number of people present. Why do we have this practice of not counting people directly?

Rabeinu Bahya (in mid-13th-century Spain) explains that when people are included in a group, they have the merit of the entire group and are thereby strengthened and protected. When an individual becomes separated by being counted directly and individually, then he is on his own, and he must rely on his own deeds and merit. Even when we pray for sick people, we always include the individual with the entire nation by saying, "*betoch she'ar cholei Yisrael*" (among all the sick of Israel), so that they may have the healing strength and merit of the whole nation.

The same principle applies to hockey or any other team sport. We are part of a team, and our success depends, in large measure, on our encouraging and supporting one another.

In an interview, Roberto Luongo, the Canucks' goaltender, said that even though he had made some mistakes during the last series, he always received words of support from his teammates and coaches, which encouraged him and provided him with the desire to continue playing as well as he possibly could.

Although we are individuals, unique and separate, our strength lies in our being part of a greater whole – the Jewish People. Rather than standing out and apart from the community, let us join together as one people, putting our differences aside, and thus enjoying the blessing of all B'nai Yisrael as we move forward performing God's will.

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Jewish themes dominate at book awards

Bill Gladstone
Special to The CJN

Six books on Jewish themes were honoured at the Helen and Stan Vine Canadian Jewish Book Awards last week, and while that is fewer than in most previous years, the 23rd annual ceremony seemed to achieve a new level of maturity and to reach further beyond the Jewish community than ever before.

One reason may be that the Koffler Centre of the Arts-hosted event was held in a substantial city venue – the spacious and well-appointed Bram and Bluma Appel Salon of the Toronto Reference Library – as opposed to the Jewish institutional spaces of previous years, thus giving it a patina of cultural relevance for a much wider audience.

Also, it didn't hurt that comic author and raconteur Michael Wex, himself a former prize winner for his nonfiction book *Born to Kvetch*, was the wry master of ceremonies. Wex's Yiddish-inflected witticisms added immensely to the evening's entertainment quotient, as did Brian Katz's richly coloured musical segues on keyboard.

But it was the distinctive excellence of the prize-winning books and authors that really made the evening shine.

Tarek Fatah, whose book *The Jew Is Not My Enemy: Unveiling the Myths that Fuel Muslim Anti-Semitism* (McClelland & Stewart) won the Politics and History prize, received a strong ovation for his rousing political comments about the dangers of Islamofascism and the rush of many nations to bully and condemn Israel and the Jewish people.

Antisemitism today "is far more a danger to the rest of humanity than it ever was in Hitler's worst time," Fatah said. "Because today we are dealing with nuclear bombs in the hands of a people who believe in life that comes only after death. And that is why I wrote this book."

The prestigious fiction prize went to Alison Pick for *Far to Go* (House of Anansi), a Holocaust story focusing on an affluent and secular Jewish family in Prague. Raised as a Christian, the now-Jewish Pick explained that she found out by accident that her father was Jewish, that her great-grandparents had died at Auschwitz, and that her grandparents came to Canada and began a new life that didn't include Judaism. "This family secret has informed my entire writing career," she said.

Judie Oron, author of *Cry of the Giraffe* (Annick) which won in the Youth Literature category, told an equally amazing and dramatic story as a screen beside her displayed two photographs of her adopted Ethiopian-Jewish daughter, Wuditu, taken "before and after slavery." As she tells in the book, Oron went to the war-torn country and bought the child out of slavery with "a few tattered, dirty" bills of Ethiopian currency.

Robert Eli Rubinstein won in the Holocaust Literature Category for *An Italian Renaissance: Choosing Life in Canada* (Urim Publications), a memoir of the physical and spiritual rejuvenation of his parents, Hungarian survivors of the Holocaust.

Harold Troper took the Jewish Scholarship prize for *The Defining Decade: Identity, Politics, and the Canadian Jewish Community in the 1960s* (University of Toronto Press), which traces the "blooming" of the Jewish community in the decade when it reached its maturity, and fully engaged with the national community at all levels. Hy Bergel, who gave the award to Troper, described the book as "a compelling history, presented with energy, clarity and purpose."

Charles Foran, a journalist and author of eight previous books, won in the Biography and Memoir category for *Mordecai: The Life and Times* (Random House Canada). Foran, who is not Jewish, said one of the most challenging aspects of the project lay in "getting both the basics and the essentials of Judaism right." He thanked editor Louise Dennys as well as the late Richler's wife and children for their invaluable assistance.

The evening also included a poignant tribute, delivered by Wex, to the late Chava Rosenfarb, the last of Canada's original generation of post-war Yiddish writers, who died in 2010.

BABY CHICKS

Senior kindergartners at Robbins Hebrew Academy Beth Tzedec campus were excited to watch the hatching of baby chicks and are looking forward to taking care of their eight babies in the coming weeks.

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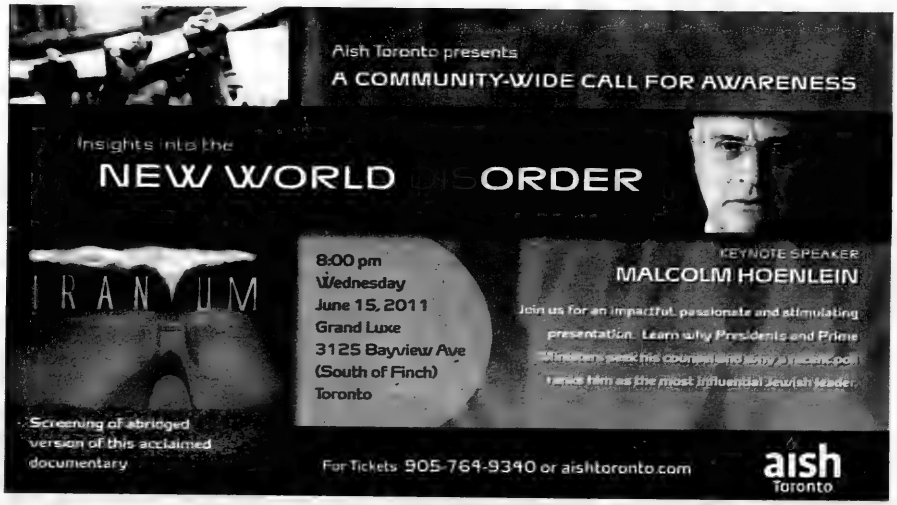
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Lesbian artists to speak at Darchei Noam

Laura Fixman
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Gabriella Goliger's *Girl Unwrapped* is a novel about "Toni Goldblatt's taboo desires conflicting with the expectations of her Holocaust-scarred parents," her website says, "and the conservative mores of her time."

Gabriella Goliger

Goliger, along with musician Justine Appel and filmmaker Barbara Center, will speak at an event called Proud, Jewish and Lesbian: Expressions Through Art, on June 12 at 7:30 p.m., at Congregation Darchei Noam in Toronto.

Girl Unwrapped is set in Montreal in the 1960s, when Goliger grew up, but that isn't the only reason she chose to set the book in that time period. She said she wanted to show the difference between the conservative early 1960s and the liberation that happened later in the decade.

"I wanted to revisit that time, re-examine it and bring it alive," Goliger said. "A lot changed in such a short time."

Although Goliger has much more in common with her main character, Toni, than being a Jewish lesbian, she worked hard to make sure Toni was different than her. She said that Toni has a lot more difficulty keeping herself hidden, which, for artistic purposes, makes her a better character.

"In terms of the agony in feeling almost like you're born absolutely wrong, I can say I went through that," Goliger said.

The response to *Girl Unwrapped* has been positive so far, with favourable reviews and good feedback from readers she's met. She attributes that to everyone being able to find something to relate to in her novel about the struggles of growing up.

"I've had people who are neither Jewish nor lesbian tell me they can relate to this book," Goliger said.

When she spoke about her book to a group of elderly Jewish women, she wasn't sure how they might respond. They ended up being very interested and gave her a very warm welcome.

"I took it as a sign of how much the world has changed on the topic of gay identity," she said.

Goliger is working on a new book set in Palestine in the 1930s and '40s, about a young Jew who falls in love with a British policeman. She said in some ways it's more difficult to write than *Girl Unwrapped* was, because she never lived during that time, but in other ways, it's a lot easier to write, because the subject matter isn't as personal.

"I struggled with writing *Girl Unwrapped*," she said. "The subject matter was very close to home so I had to work to find a certain distance."

Goliger said she gained confidence after finishing *Girl Unwrapped*, her first novel, because she no longer had to figure out how to write a novel.

Even if her first novel hadn't been as successful, Goliger said she doesn't write for money or success. "I do it because I feel like my life won't have meaning unless I keep doing the things I have passion for," Goliger said.

She didn't intend to write *Girl Unwrapped* with a particular message, but she said that the book's message is positive. She said it shows how the "other" is also "us," and by doing that, it breaks down barriers within communities.

"It heartens me to see that Jewish communities and other communities are opening up to embrace those who once felt excluded, and I want to be part of that process," she said.

Proud, Jewish and Lesbian: Expressions Through Art is sponsored by the Jewish Diversity Committee of Darchei Noam, in co-operation with Kulanu Toronto. For more information, go to www.darcheinoam.on.ca. To learn more about Gabriella Goliger, visit www.gabriellagoliger.com.

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Gay Israeli Arabs seeking asylum here, lawyer says

Ron Csillag
Special to The CJN

Canada continued to accept refugees from Israel last year, but one immigration lawyer says almost none of those granted asylum were Jews and most were Israeli Arabs facing persecution for their sexual orientation or for refusing to take part in terror attacks.

Figures obtained by *The CJN* from the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) show that of 484 refugee claims from Israel finalized last year, 56 were approved – an acceptance rate of 12 per cent.

The acceptance rate from Israel the year before was just five per cent.

The IRB rejected 324 claims in 2010. The rest were abandoned or withdrawn.

Ottawa's acceptance rate for refugees from Israel has been dropping steadily since 2005, when it was 31 per cent.

The IRB doesn't release reasons, whether political or religious, for granting asylum, but Toronto immigration lawyer Guidy Mamman says "virtually all" those from Israel who win asylum in Canada these days are non-Jews.

That's in stark contrast to years past, when this country granted refugee protection to Jews from former Soviet republics who immigrated to Israel, then springboarded to Canada, a favourite destination.

Through the 1990s, these claimants typically alleged that while in Israel, they faced discrimination and were denied jobs and housing, even threatened and harassed, because of mixed marriages or questionable status as Jews.

Canada's acceptance of these claimants led to friction with Israel, which argued that as a multicultural democracy, it did not produce refugees. Israel said such claims were spurious and designed simply to gain entry to other countries.

But the days of former Soviets seeking asylum here are over, Mamman said.

Now, "it's mostly Arab males resisting terrorist activities" and who have Israeli citizenship, he said.

He said refugee claims from Israel generally fall into three categories: Arab men, whether Muslim or Christian, fleeing pressure to carry out terrorism; Arab males based on sexual orientation, and Arab females who are in "problematic" relationships, including marrying outside their clan, those who spurn arranged marriages, or who are in a same-sex relationship.

Gay Arab men "aren't alleging persecution," Mamman noted. "They're terrified of returning."

Other Arab males "can face tremendous pressure to participate in terrorism, especially those who can pass for Jews." Any Arab who sells land to Jews or is even suspected of collaborating with Israel can face grave danger if returned there, Mamman said.

There are still some Israeli Jews who claim refugee status in Canada, "but for reasons that are not related to fear of persecution" if they're returned, Mamman explained. These can be Israelis who overstay their visits or face criminal charges back home. The law says they can stay in Canada pending a hearing, he said.

The board has a separate category of claimants from "Palestine." These claimants may have resided in the West Bank or Gaza.

IRB numbers on Palestine show that in 2010, 73 per cent, or 80 claimants of the 110 finalized, were granted asylum. The success rate in 2009 was 62 per cent.

Edward Corrigan, a London, Ont.-based immigration lawyer who handles claims from Palestinians, said most successful claimants have alleged they were pressured into spying for Israel, putting them at great risk, or fled Gaza because they were involved with the West Bank-based Palestinian Authority and Fatah movement.

The Israeli Embassy in Ottawa had no comment on the latest IRB figures.

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Ottawa seniors mark bat mitzvahs

Diane Koven
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — For five residents of the Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge, it was definitely a case of "better late than never." In a moving and elegant ceremony, they all affirmed their commitment to living a Jewish life.

On May 22, the chapel at Hillel Lodge was filled to capacity for the bat mitzvahs of Bernice (Battia) Seward, Helen (Chaja) Trachtenberg, Shirley (Sheindl) Winer, Anne (Chana Sara) Bokhaut Koffman and Flory (Pemhilla) Benbaruk.

Family, friends and fellow residents watched with pride as each of these women – aged 79 to 91 – took part in a ceremony that didn't even exist when they were 12 years old, the traditional age when today's girls celebrate their bat mitzvahs.

The women had spent several months studying with Cantor Daniel Benlolo, who prepared them for this day and introduced each to those assembled.

Accompanied by music by volunteer keyboardist Aviva Lightstone, each woman was escorted into the chapel on the arm of a family member and took her seat at the front of the room. One by one, each read a favourite psalm – in English, French and Yiddish. They read a selection of prayers as well, and Benbaruk delighted the audience with a beautiful rendition of *Yerushalayim Shel Zahav*.

Following a candlelighting ceremony, the women stood under a large tallit held up by family members and received a blessing. All of the women were presented with a framed certificate of bat mitzvah before joining their family and friends for a reception.

Ballet star finds new home in England

Maureya Lebowitz
[David Cooper photo]

Myron Love
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — After four seasons dancing with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet (RWB), Maureya Lebowitz is moving on.

She left for Birmingham, England, at the beginning of June and made her debut with the Birmingham Royal Ballet – better known to some readers perhaps by its former name, the Sadler's Wells Theatre Ballet – in a production of *Coppelia* on June 6.

At 21, Lebowitz is one of the youngest soloists in the history of the Birmingham Royal Ballet company. The other soloists, she noted, are all 10 to15 years older than her.

Lebowitz came to Winnipeg 10 years ago, at age 11, from her home in Montana to study ballet at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School. She made her professional debut in the Nutcracker in 2001 and joined the company in 2007 as an apprentice. At 18, she became the youngest dancer in RWB history to perform the role of Juliet, in *Romeo and Juliet*. Over the past season, she was second soloist.

"I have always been interested in watching other companies and in pursuing other opportunities when the timing was right," she said. "Over the past few months, everything fell into place for my move to Birmingham."

Lebowitz herself started the ball rolling last fall after the RWB toured Israel, coinciding with the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg's mission last November. (Lebowitz had been to Israel the year before on a Birthright Israel trip.)

With a couple of weeks of free time, she decided to go to England, catch some plays and ballet, and arrange some auditions. She tried out for the Royal Ballet, the English National Ballet and the Dutch Ballet in addition to the Birmingham company.

"I was a little nervous, as I was going to be dancing with dancers I have idolized," she said. "But once we started doing the warm-ups, I felt quite comfortable."

Lebowitz will have very little time to settle in Birmingham, because the ballet company was to leave on its first tour this week. The dancers were to perform in Manchester, then return to Birmingham in mid-June. At the beginning of July, the company will be performing in Ireland. After that, there will be a five-week break.

"Birmingham will be very different from the RWB," she said prior to her departure. "It will be a new challenge, one I am looking forward to."

At the same time, she expressed her appreciation for the RWB. "I was nurtured at the RWB and given incredible opportunities," she said. "It's thanks to the RWB that I am able to spread my wings."

She also values the many relationships she made in Winnipeg and at the RWB, in particular with ballet director Andre Lewis. "I look forward to coming back from time to time as a guest artist," she said.

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Quebec daycare relgion ban challenged

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The CPEs should not be regarded, the group believes, as part of the public school system, which was deconfessionalized in 2000.

"It would confuse my daughter if she were not allowed to talk about what she sees or does at home at her daycare," Jesion said.

Asked whether there is a justification for eliminating religious instruction from the CPEs, given that they have long waiting lists and those with a specific religious orientation are not likely to be the choice of families that do not belong to that religion, Jesion said these points must be balanced against all parents' equal right to government benefits.

"When a government decides to create a benefit, such as a subsidized daycare program, it cannot discriminate in the application or distribution of that program," he said.

The association represents 16 Jewish daycares with an enrolment of 2,875 children. It does not represent CPEs in the chassidic and haredi communities, nor private daycares that receive some government subsidization and are also subject to the directive.

A government website lists more than 30 CPEs located in synagogues, Jewish schools or other community institutions.

Sandy Jesion, right, announces a court challenge of Quebec's banning of religion in publicly funded daycares. With him, are Isabelle Couet, far left, and Danielle Sabbah.

The coalition says there are about 100 CPEs that have a religious orientation, including CPEs in the Muslim community. The CPEs rely on public funding for about 80 per cent of their budget.

The coalition's legal argument is based primarily on Section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which protects against discrimination.

It also cites the freedom of religion guarantee in Section 2(a), as well as the life, liberty and security guarantee in Section 7. Similar provisions exist in the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms.

"The Supreme Court of Canada has recognized that, in the parental context, the first of these rights includes the right to transmit one's religion to one's children," said the other co-chair, Isabelle Couet, a Catholic parent. "The second right includes making fundamental decisions about children's upbringing."

The coalition also says that the directive, which was issued by Family Minister Yolande James on Dec. 17, is "vague and arbitrary."

The new regulations mean the end of any educational activity the government considers to be the inculcation of a belief or dogma, or the practice of a specific religion. Cultural activities or symbols that are part of a religious tradition are permitted. For example, a Christmas tree or Chanukiyah may be displayed, but their religious origin or significance must not be taught.

The coalition says making the distinction between the religious and the cultural is difficult, and they wonder whether government inspectors are equipped with the knowledge to draw that line.

In fact, it says, CPE directors and educators themselves aren't clear on what conforms with the directive and what does not.

Danielle Sabbah, the association president, noted: "We can recount the story of Moses saved from the stream, but not recite the 10 plagues of Egypt against the Pharaoh, because that recitation supposes the miraculous intervention of God and that brings up faith... If I tell a child that Shabbat is special because God rested on that day, am I contravening the law?"

Federation CJA is supporting the challenge both morally and financially, said president Jack Hasen.

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Arab Spring could spawn Islamist winter

Since the Arab world's revolts (not full-blown "revolutions," as they've largely been described) exploded on the scene more than four months ago, numerous articles have appeared questioning whether they will actually lead, as many in the West assume, to liberal democracy.

There's a world of difference between mere majority rule – which might result in a tyranny of the majority – and democracy with the protection of human rights for all. With rare and episodic exceptions such as Egypt in the 1920s and '30s, during which European models of constitutional democracy achieved limited success, Arab countries have traditionally been ruled by authoritarian regimes of one form or another.

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

Will the "Arab Spring" break this pattern once and for all and usher in a genuine freedom revolution? Even among the hopeful, there is deep concern that the prospects don't look nearly as promising as they did in the early days of the Tahrir Square protests in Egypt.

While liberal reformers in Cairo captured the hearts and minds of western journalists, they have not successfully organized for September's parliamentary elections. Nor do polls show that they command a popular base of support. By contrast, Islamists, both from the Muslim Brotherhood and the more extreme Salafists, are well entrenched and highly organized. By some estimates, these factions could capture more than 50 per cent of the seats. They could also be the dominant force to write a new constitution, likely reflecting their drive to inject traditional Islamic values in government, and eventually try to impose Sharia law.

Bernard Lewis

Muslim Brotherhood spokespeople claim to the West that they support liberal values of freedom, tolerance and pluralism – and even the protection of minority rights (foremost for women and Christians). However, the party platform (written in Arabic) reflects a different vision, consistent with the religiously traditional values of the majority of Egyptians themselves.

The PEW Center study of Egyptian political attitudes, released in late April, found that while a majority of Egyptians support multiparty elections, 62 per cent think the country's laws should "strictly follow" the Qur'an. Only 39 per cent give high priority to women having the same rights as men, and just 36 per cent think it's very important that Christians and other religious minorities enjoy freedom of religion.

During the past couple of months, *New York Times* reporters Michael Slackman and David Kirkpatrick have written in detail about threats from Islamists and Egypt's military (whose Supreme Council has ruled the country since president Hosni Mubarak's ouster) to liberal reform.

On June 1, Kirkpatrick drew attention to repressive measures military authorities have taken against those pushing for democratic freedom. This includes the arrest and torture of reform advocates; the sentencing of one such blogger to three years in prison; the forcing of female demonstrators to undergo humiliating "virginity tests" as a way of thwarting charges of sexual abuse by soldiers, and the intimidation and censoring of Egyptian journalists.

In a May 29 opinion piece in the *Times*, Prof. Timur Kuran argued that "viable Arab democracies... will not emerge anytime soon" since preconditions for democracy, including civil society and its institutions, are lacking in the region. Kuran drew attention to the deeper structural features inherent in Islamic-based Arab society, where "the concept of the [secular] corporation" is largely absent.

On this important but rarely mentioned subject, Malise Ruthven, a noted writer on Islam, commended (in the April 7 *New York Review of Books*) the following insight from Bernard Lewis, quoting from his recent book, Faith and Power: *Religion and Politics in the Middle East.*

"What is entirely lacking in the Middle Eastern political tradition is representation and what goes with it – the idea that people elect others to represent them, that these others meet in some sort of corporate body, and that that corporate body deliberates, conducts discussions, and, most important of all, reaches decisions that have binding force... this absence, derived from a feature of the Islamic Sharia law, which has no concept of legal personality, goes to the heart of the 'democratic deficit' of many Middle East polities, where family, tribe, coterie, or sect tends to subvert the authority of public institutions at the expense of civil society."

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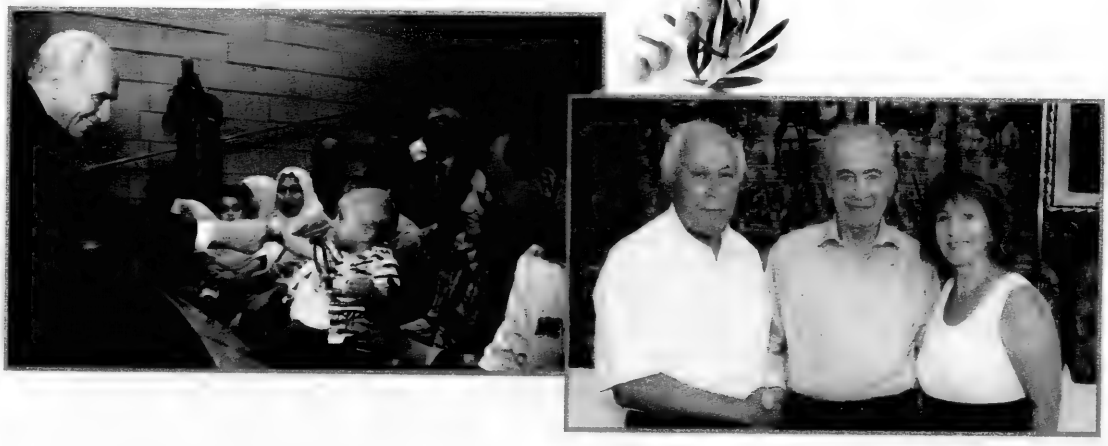

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Sisters honoured for 1946 graduation

Laura Fixman
Intern

The University of Toronto was a much smaller place in 1946 when Frances Blugerman and her sister, Marion Garmaise, graduated from the school of social work.

The sisters were honoured at a ceremony May 27 in Convocation Hall that recognized alumni celebrating the 55th to 80th anniversary of their graduation.

"There were graduates from all faculties, and some of them were over 100 years old," Blugerman said in a joint interview.

In their graduating class, there were 23 students, most of them women. Seven of the women, like Blugerman and Garmaise, were Jewish and originally from out of the province.

Blugerman said she came to Toronto because there were no social work schools in Winnipeg.

Garmaise said she wanted to go to a school of social work with a good reputation. A school of social work was opened in Winnipeg the year she left, but she chose to go to Toronto instead.

Both were happy with the quality of the education they received.

"We learned so much about people and social conditions," Blugerman said. "It's stayed with me to this day, and I'm 93 years old."

"We not only learned in the classroom, but we also learned a great deal in discussions," Garmaise, now 89, added.

After their graduation, the sisters took somewhat different paths. Blugerman quickly got a job with Jewish Family and Child Services in Toronto, where she helped find homes for orphans emerging from displaced persons camps in Europe. She also worked at Baycrest as the supervisor of central intake for social services for over 30 years.

She said she had no trouble finding a job. "At the time, social workers were very much in demand."

Blugerman was also one of the people interviewed in the film *Children of the Storm* by Jack Kuper, about the Jewish refugee children who came to Canada under the postwar Canadian Jewish Congress war orphans project. These were some of the children Blugerman helped at the beginning of her career.

Garmaise began her career at the then-Young Men's Hebrew Association (YMHA) and Jewish Family and Child Services, both in Montreal, where she also helped refugee children. She and her husband then went to Wales for two years and returned to Montreal, where she worked for the Jewish General Hospital and then taught at the McGill University school of social work for 19 years. They later moved to Chicago, where she continued as a hospital social worker at Mount Sinai Hospital. She currently lives in Toronto.

The recent ceremony here was conducted by Chancellor David Peterson. Blugerman described it as warm and charming. "It was very touching to be honoured in this way," she said.

Garmaise added that "it was very interesting to see how many women graduates there were, even in the '30s and '40s."

Both were pleased that their children, Trudy and Brian Blugerman, and Ian, Leslie and Cindy Garmaise, were there to express their pride in their mothers.

While in school, the sisters shared a room and a course of study. What Blugerman liked was that it was a positive environment to learn in, and she got to meet a good group of people.

"It was a very comfortable experience as a student," she said. "There were no problems."

Garmaise said she didn't feel terribly outnumbered as a Jewish woman there and she feels it was a much better experience than attending university in Manitoba for her undergraduate degree had been.

What she liked best about studying in Toronto was the fact that she was on her own and had the freedom to do what she wanted.

"Exploring the big city was pretty fun too," she said.

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A special resolution will be presented for approval to extend the term of the current chair of the Baycrest Board of Directors by one year.

By-laws No. 4 – 2011 and No. 5 – 2011 of the Baycrest corporations will be presented to Baycrest members for approval. By-law No. 4 removes the voting rights of *ex officio* directors who are Baycrest employees or appointed medical staff. By-law No. 5 adds the Chief Nursing Executive as a non voting *ex officio* director and changes the name of the Program and Quality Committee to the Clinical Strategy, Quality and Safety Committee.

Israeli gets Trudeau scholarship

Compiled by CJN Staff

McGill University doctoral law student Claris Harbon of Israel has been awarded a prestigious $180,000 Trudeau Foundation Scholarship in recognition of her work on civil disobedience by women and minorities, and its impact on legislation.

She is one of 14 Canadian and foreign students recognized May 18 by the Trudeau Foundation for their work in areas including environment, international affairs, responsible citizenship, and human rights.

Claris Harbon

In addition to the financial prize, Trudeau Scholars benefit from the expertise of Trudeau fellows and mentors, accomplished individuals in both the academic and non-academic worlds.

Before coming to McGill for her doctorate, Harbon worked with disadvantaged groups in Israel, such as Jews of Arab origin, Israeli Arabs and Palestinians, and Ethiopians, as well as women and children.

Harbon is seeking to further social justice and change through the use of the law in innovative ways.

"Becoming a Trudeau Scholar is important to me as I am in the process of developing a voice within academia, and becoming a scholar in such an embracing and encouraging foundation is exciting," said Harbon.

Harbon was involved in the founding of Tmura, the Israeli Legal Centre Against Discrimination. She was also a founder of Itach, Women Lawyers for Social Justice, and she is a board member of Achoti, a feminist Mizrachi organization for underprivileged women.

"We are thrilled that Claris, an O'Brien Doctoral Fellow at our Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, has been nominated as a Trudeau Scholar. Her work on women's rights is innovative, comparative and deeply important in its exploration of civil disobedience and resistance to oppression in the everyday lives of women", said Colleen Sheppard, McGill law professor and the centre's director.

The independent Trudeau Foundation was established in 2001 to commemorate the late prime minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau by his family, friends, and colleagues. In 2002, the Government of Canada endowed the foundation with a donation of $125 million following a unanimous vote in the House of Commons. In addition, the foundation benefits from private sector donations in support of specific initiatives.

JERUSALEM CELEBRATIONS: Mara Barsky and the Grade 1 class at Netivot HaTorah Day School join the school in celebrating Yom Yerushalayim with the help of musicians Shlomo Katz and Jono Landon. *[Rebecca Ansel photo]*

A ROARIN SUCCESS: Samuel Beber, left, and Halle Purther, members of the Toronto Heschel School Players, took part in the production of *A Lion King* for the school community.

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FAMILY MOMENTS

Mazel Tov

The Canadian Jewish news

Mazel tov to Malvina Klein on your 100th birthday, May 15. With all our love, your nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Mazel tov Ruth & Max Goldberg on your 60th anniversary. Love, Gail, Mike and Richard, Susan, Chuck, Joanna and Sari, Carol, Jeff, Jonathan and Laura.

Mazel tov Harvey & Shirley Anne Haber on your 50th wedding anniversary! Love, Stuart, Michele, Russell, Sari, Sean, Carly, Kevin, Sandra and all your grandchildren!

Mazel tov Arnie Dubrow on receiving a BA in religious studies. We're so proud of you. Love, Paula, Mendy, Lainie, Tara and their families.

Mazel tov Zoe Leiba on your bat mitzvah. Mom & Dad, Zachery and Zander bubbie & Zadie Leiba, Nanny & Poppy Witt, and great-grandfather Louis Bakerman.

Happy fifth birthday Joshy! We love you! Have a happy and healthy year ahead! Love always, Mommy, Daddy, Ashley and the whole family!

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What's New

By LEILA SPEISMAN

Social Networking @ The Canadian Jewish News
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Saturday, June 11

MARCH OF THE LIVING

Kehillat Shaarei Torah will have its March of the Living participants speak about this year's trip. Morning services will begin at 9:15 a.m. with the speakers following. All GTA March of the Living alumni friends are invited.

Sunday, June 12

MACCABI FAMILY PICNIC

Come with family and friends to Maccabi Canada's Family picnic. A day of food, sports, activities, swimming and a live DJ for your entertainment. The fun takes place at Camp Robin Hood, 11-4 p.m. For information, 416-398-0515, ext. 201, or www.maccabicanada.com.

LADIES TALENT NIGHT

Westmount Shul presents the 2nd annual Under the Stars talent night featuring local performers. Desserts will be served. $12. 8 p.m. 10 Disera Dr., Unit 250.

GAMES FOR JEWISH SINGLES

Fun social evening for Jewish gentlemen and ladies. Groups for 21-39 years and 40-69 years., 7:30 p.m., Beth Torah Synagogue. Admission $8. Early bird bingo, 7:30-8 p.m.

WRITING CONTEST

Ve'ahavta's creative-writing contest coffee-house awards ceremony, Congregation Habonim, 3 p.m. Listen to poignant and powerful live readings from contest winners about life on the streets of Toronto. Call 416-964-7698 for information.

ZAREINU MOVEATHON

14th annual Zareinu Moveathon festival, Downsview Park, includes a full day of entertainment, food, games and rides for the family as well as a 2-km. walk, 5- and 10-km. run and 20-km. bike ride. www.zareinu.org.

REUNION

Nagillah chapter, Jewish Women International reunion. For information, call 416-638-2716.

Monday, June 13

TIKKUN OLAM TALLIT PROJECT

Join Temple Har Zion for a Tikkun Olam Tallit Project session with Australian Judaica artist **Larraine Larri**, sponsored through the World Union of Progressive Judaism. In a workshop session, attendees will learn more about ritual art. The finished tallitot are gifted to emerging communities affiliated with WUPJ, 7:30 pm at the temple. For more information, call 905-889-2252.

Tuesday, June 14

HANDWRITING EXPERT

Temple Har Zion's daytime program committee presents handwriting expert **Elaine Charal**, who will enlighten us with the secrets revealed in our handwriting. Don't miss a chance to have your own handwriting analyzed. Bring your own lunch at noon; coffee, tea, cookies provided, program begins at 12:30. Members: $3; non-members: $5. For information, call the temple office. 905-889-2252.

June 13 is the deadline for the June 23 issue, and June 20 is deadline for June 30. Phone 416-391-1836, ext. 235; fax 416-391-0829; or e-mail whatsnewcjn@gmail.com. This week's What's New was done by Carolyn Blackman.

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POWER OF THE PEN
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2011
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LUNCH & LEARN

Beth Tikvah Synagogue presents **Marilyn Lightstone**, host of the New Classical 96.3 FM radio show *Nocturne*. She is also a visual artist – mostly in the field of fine-art photography, and Genie Award winner. By reservation only: hotline. 416-221-3433, ext. 352, or e-mail helen@bethtikvahtoronto.org.

Wednesday, June 15

INTERGENERATIONAL JAZZ

Baycrest presents jazz for juniors and spirited seniors. An opportunity to meet your neighbours of all ages and backgrounds through enjoying jazz together. A concert for Baycrest clients, community members and kids aged 3-13 years. Baycrest Winter Garden Court, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Show, share and kvell. The highlight of the year: members display and discuss pieces made since last summer, Shaarei Shomayim, 8 p.m. Guests welcome, $5.

Thursday, June 16

DANCE NIGHT

Women's International Dance Night, Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 7:30 p.m. $10 (at door). Proceeds to Crib Canada, working with Efrat, Israel, to provide baby items to women in need.

SHAAR SHOLOM

Shaar Sholom Brotherhood presents **Capt. Michael Fitzerman**, who will talk about his role in Afghanistan and Jews in the Canadian army, 7:45 p.m. Free. Call 905-889-4975.

Other News

HOLOCAUST DATA

Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, and Canadian Jewish Holocaust Survivors are compiling a definitive database of Holocaust survivors living in Canada, through a grant from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. If you, your parents, grandparents or someone you know is a Holocaust survivor, complete the form available on the website: www.holocaustcentre.com/About/Canadian-Holocaust-Survivors-Database. Call **Efrat Daniel Porat**, 416-635-2883, ext. 5259, for more information.

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD

June workshops: pre-registration required. Call **Shawna Sidney**, 416-638-7800, ext. 6215, or www.jfandcs.com.

Making Brownies, Not Mud Pies: A recipe for creating empathy and preventing bullying. June 15, 7-8:30 p.m., 35 Madison Ave. Space limited.

High-conflict divorce: Workshop for parents wanting to develop strategies and techniques to deal with a high-conflict situation. Not for individuals in abusive situations. June 15, Promenade Mall, Suite 313, 6:30-9 p.m.

SPANISH TORAH CLASSES

Rabbi Abraham Bartfeld conducts Torah classes in Spanish, Wednesdays, 9 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph of Thornhill shul. Call 905-886-7935.

WALKING TOUR

The Pape Avenue Cemetery Tour goes through Toronto's oldest Jewish cemetery, established in 1849. The cemetery is located in the east end of Toronto and belongs to Holy Blossom Temple. Participants will be exposed to the rich history of this cemetery, as well as stories surrounding the individuals who were buried there. The tour will examine Jewish burial customs, as well as the artistic imagery that was engraved on the gravestones. Sundays June 12 and Aug. 28 at 11a.m. Cost, $20, $15 for students and seniors. To register or for more information, call 416-635-2883 ext. 5170, e-mail oja1@ujafed.org or pay online at: www.ujaevents.com/registration/cemeterytour2011.

RIDE FOR KIDS

On June 26, the Zareinu Moveathon's Ride for Kids with Special Needs will host a fully supported athletic experience for enthusiastic cyclists willing to take on a 50-, 100- or 162.5-km. challenge along the Niagara Escarpment. A fundraiser for the Zareinu Educational Centre of Metropolitan Toronto, a day school for kids with special needs. See www.moveathon.com.

FOR SENIORS

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the **Park**. (55+). **Valerie**, 416-395-7881. Half-price membership special. Casino Rama, Wednesday, June 15; Sunday dance, June 26, 7 p.m. Complimentary exercise class, June 6 with qualified instructor, 10 a.m. Call to register. Ongoing activities Thursdays, social bridge 12:30 p.m. and line dancing, Thursdays 10 a.m. Seniors woodworking, skilled craftsmen, repairs, etc. Call 416-630-6487.

Bernard Betel Centre, 416-225-2112. Tuesday, June 14: lecture, "Filmmakers of Our Time, 10-11:30 a.m., $3 members, $6 non-members; Thursday, June 16: wellness lecture, "Insight into Eyesight," 1:30-2:30 p.m.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell, 416-630-9444.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday afternoon socials. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl**, 416-635-6317, or **Marcia**, 416-932-1229.

Miles Nadal JCC Active Seniors. 416-924-6211, co-ordinator **Phyllis**, ext. 155. Thursday, June 16, 1:30 p.m., curator guided visit to museum exhibition at Beth Tzedec Congregation, *100 Years of Musical Prayer: Cantors of Toronto*, and highlights of the Cecil Roth Judaica collection. Meet 1:30 p.m. at the synagogue for tea, followed by museum program, 2 p.m.

Wagman Centre, 416-785-2500, ext. 2275. Entertainers of the Wagman Centre looking for energetic seniors. Now working on a program dedicated to the 1950s – folk tunes, crooners' songs, rock 'n' roll. Contact **Judy Ross**, 416-733-0580.

Baycrest BRAVO Study

Can volunteering help with healthy aging? Baycrest is conducting a research study to measure the effect of doing volunteer work on the cognitive, physical and emotional health of retired volunteers. Individuals aged 55 or older, not working and not in another formal volunteer position (informal volunteer roles such as family caregiving are OK) and willing to contribute three volunteer hours per week at Baycrest over a 12-month period are invited to participate. Contact the Baycrest Volunteer Office, 416-785-2500, ext. 2572, or e-mail bravo@baycrest.org.

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.

Mini Camp at the Prosserman JCC with **Deborah Maes** and **Monique Shapiro**, July 5, 12, 19 and 26. Ages: 18 months and up. 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Mini Deborah's Sing-Along session, ages birth-4 years, July 5, 12, 19 and 26, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

For more information on these programs, call **Monique Shapiro**, ext. 4012

Shalom Singers choir always looking for singers. Rehearsals, Thursdays 10-11:30 a.m. Must be a social member. Annual fee $45 plus HST.

Joker's Club, appropriate for all adults. Meets next on June 15, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call **Janet Klein Slavin**, ext. 4259.

MILES NADAL JCC

750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211, www.mnjcc.org.

Sunday, June 12, from noon to 6 p.m., Festival on Bloor at Spadina. Free. Enjoy live music, theatre, fitness demos, children's activities and over 80 local vendors and businesses. Presented by the Miles Nadal JCC and the Bloor Annex BIA.

MNjcc Active 55+ Choir meets Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m. No experience necessary. $3 drop-in. Info: music@mnjcc.org or Gillian at ext. 266.

What's New is now online. You can find it at cjnews.com

BIBLE CONTEST: The national Chidon Hatanach Bible contest took place last month in Montreal. From left, boarding the bus to Montreal, are Natan Snowbell, Grade 6; Shira Diamond, Grade 6; Eli Diamond, first-place middle school division, Grade 8; Rebecca Buckler, top 10, middle school division, Grade 8; Ben Buckler, top 10, high school division, Grade 11; Danny Buckler, Grade 6.

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Schwartz, Herbert	May 27/11	Private
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Mandlsohn, Aaron	May 28/11	351 Betty Ann Dr
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Ebner, Taisia	May 31/11	12 Rockford Rd
Bersudska, Glykel	May 31/11	536 Conley St
Spivak, Yeva	May 30/11	Private
Sauerbrun, Emil	June 1/11	784 Centre St

Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel

Ed Glinert	May 21/11	11 Wembley Road
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Dr. Michel Kady	May 21/11	192 Old Forest Hill Rd.
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Robert Lawrence	May 25/11	1900 Sheppard Ave. E.
Harry Eckler	May 25/11	49 Prince Charles Drive
Herb Sporn	May 25/11	225 Bamburgh Circle
Sam Siegelman	May 27/11	484 Steeles Avenue W.
Ruth Gold	May 27/11	268 Ridley Blvd.
John Zeiler	May 27/11	70 Bannatyne Drive

Hebrew Basic Burial

Lisa L. Wilson	May 28/11	4455 Bathurst Street

The unveiling of **Jerry Koven** ז"ל was held on Friday June 3, 2011 in Saint John N.B. He has been terribly missed by his family: wife Marcia Koven, daughters Diane Koven (Ottawa) and her children Jeremy and Zahava, Charlotte Koven (Toronto) and her daughters Rachel and Sarah, son Andrew Koven and Lynn Lurie (Short Hills) and their children Barnett and Franny and daughter Sherry (Koven) and Robbie Sheffman (Victoria) and their daughters Rebecca and Sunny.

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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, **Marilyn Black z.l. née Goldberg.** On Monday May 23, at 6:50am at NYGH after a short illness. She will be deeply missed by her brother Geoffrey, Children David & Michelle Black, Laura & John Shapiro, Stephanie & Bryan Wine, her grandchildren Lyndsey & Ashley Wine & Kyra & Julian Black. & her many friends & relatives. Donations can be made in Marilyn's name to The Association For The Soldier's Of Israel Canada.

Watch this space each week for monument dealers & shiva caterers

Grilling season starts now

Daphna Rabinovitch
Special to The CJN

I am hopelessly hooked on grilling. All year long actually, but especially from May until well into October. I adore the musky taste of food hot off the grill, kissed as it is by smoke on the outside, tender, juicy and moist on the inside. I particularly appreciate not having to turn on my oven during the summer months, keeping my house cool as can be.

The recipes that follow are simple and straightforward, packed with flavour and a minimum of fuss. The chicken burgers are great with or without the caramelized onion topping and the coffee brown sugar barbecue sauce is equally divine over chicken kebabs. Feel free to use chopped roma tomatoes in the salsa if you can't find cherry tomatoes. Happy grilling!

CHICKEN BURGERS WITH THREE KINDS OF ONIONS

Burgers
1 bunch green onions, sliced, white part only
1 large shallot, finely chopped
1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
1 tsp. dry mustard
3/4 tsp.each Italian herbs and salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 egg
1 lb. ground chicken

Topping
1 tbsp. olive oil
4 large onions, sliced
1 tbsp. balsamic vinegar

In bowl, combine green onions, shallots, bread crumbs, mustard, Italian herbs, salt, pepper and egg. Mix in ground chicken until well combined. Form into 6 patties. (Patties can be covered with plastic wrap and refrigerated for up to 8 hours. Bring to room temperature for 30 minutes).

To make topping, heat oil in non-stick skillet set over medium low heat. Stir in onions and vinegar. Cook, stirring often, for about 30 minutes or until onions are softened and caramelized.

Place patties on greased grill over medium heat; cook, turning once, for about 12 minutes or until no longer pink inside. Serve topped with caramelized onions. Makes 6 servings.

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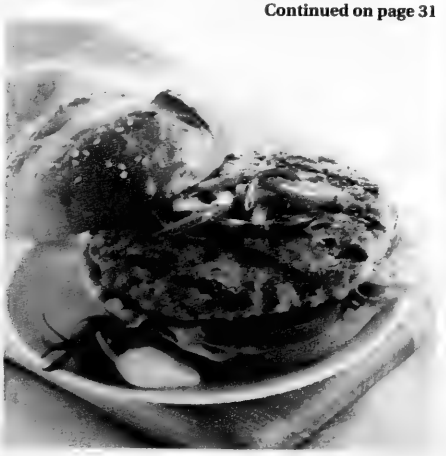

Heat up the barbecue

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GRILLED CHICKEN WITH TWO TOMATO AND AVOCADO SALSA

Salsa

1 lb. mixed yellow and red cherry tomatoes, halved
1/2 cup julienned oil-packed sun dried tomatoes
1 large ripe avocado, diced
3 tbsp. drained capers
3 tbsp. sherry vinegar
3 large cloves garlic, minced
2 tbsp. chopped fresh thyme
1 tsp. Dijon mustard
3/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/3 cup olive oil

Chicken

6 skinless, boneless chicken breasts, butterflied
2 tbsp. chopped fresh thyme
1 1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
2 tbsp. olive oil

In large bowl, combine cherry tomatoes, avocado and capers. In separate bowl, whisk together vinegar, garlic, thyme, mustard, salt and pepper. Gradually whisk in olive oil until emulsified.

Pour over tomato mixture, tossing gently until well coated. Mixture can be made ahead and stored at room temperature for up to 8 hours.

In small bowl, stir together thyme, salt, pepper and olive oil. Brush over chicken breasts. Cook on greased grill over medium heat, turning once, for 8 to 10 minutes or until no longer pink inside. Serve topped with heaping mound of salsa. Makes 6 servings.

MIAMI RIBS WITH BROWN SUGAR COFFEE BARBECUE SAUCE

2 tbsp. olive oil
1 large onion, chopped
4 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup chopped fresh coriander
2 tbsp. honey
1 tbsp. chili powder
1/2 tsp. cumin
1/4 tsp. hot pepper flakes
1 1/2 cups canned tomatoes, pureed
1/4 cup brewed strong coffee
1/2 cup chicken broth
1 tbsp. tomato paste
3 lb. miami ribs

In large heavy saucepan set over medium heat, heat oil. Add onions and garlic; cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until softened. Stir in brown sugar, coriander, honey, chili powder, cumin and hot pepper flakes, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Pour in tomatoes, coffee, broth and tomato paste.

Bring to boil; reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 15 to 20 minutes or until reduced to 2 cups. (Can be covered and refrigerated for up to 4 days).

Place ribs on greased grill over medium high heat. Cook for 4 minutes. Brush with barbecue sauce, turn and cook for 4 more minutes brushing with sauce occasionally. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Is the "un" in unmarried the only difference? Property division comes of age.

Family Matters
by
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Recently, it has become easier for many unmarried spouses to claim a share in their partner's wealth once the relationship dissolves. Ground-breaking decisions in the Supreme Court of Canada (SCC) in April have granted a substantial financial settlement to one of two unmarried couples and laid the groundwork for many others. A new system evaluating property rights upon "common law" marital breakdown has entered the world of family law.

In Canada, we are accustomed to a married spouse acquiring interest in their husband/wife's property after separation. Not so the unmarried partner. Such a partner is not automatically entitled to any property, regardless of substantial time residing with each other or having children. Ontario family law offers legal rights for the children of unmarried couples: spousal support may be available if a child was born after one year of cohabitation, or alternatively, three years of living together even without children. However, property division is not necessarily awarded in any situation.

Until the recent SCC decisions, these valuable property rights were acquired through evidence—linking the cash or efforts expended in direct relation to the specific item. For instance, unmarried spouses claim that they "deserve" financial benefit from the other's property because, for one, they have acquired the other's property or have improved the partner's property value—this argument applies to both the residential home and their partner's business. What type of evidence could they advance? Cash purchases, mortgage, utility or property tax payments, or any form of labour on the house — these factors could make them an "owner" in the property. This "unjustly enriched" argument would be advanced to demonstrate that the increase in property value occurred as a result of any or all such investments. A court order must be granted to give the partner the right to be considered an "owner" of the property, despite her name being absent from the title on the home or business.

Take the case of a common law spouse of 20 years who contributed to mortgage payments or to the down payment on the house, or contributed her time and labour towards its renovation or improvement. She must provide proof of how much she advanced or quantify the value of the services she provided to acquire a court order that would grant her a percentage interest in the home's value or the shares of the business she worked for or in which she invested (unregistered in her name). What's more, she would have no right to the value of her husband's successful contracting, professional or any other business, or to any of the shares of his RRSPs unless she could provide proof that she supplied services for that specific business and was not properly paid for those services. Without such evidence, the court would not typically factor in her contributions despite the fact that she was responsible for the lion's share of the domestic and child-rearing duties, thereby "freeing up his time" to generate substantial wealth.

Enter two significant cases in April of this year: Kerr v. Baranow and Vanasse v. Seguin. These judgments addressed the issue of contribution. In the Seguin case, the judge clearly and unequivocally stated how domestic participation is integral to financial success, and subsequently should be rewarded: "Mr. Seguin could not have made the efforts he did to build up his company but for Ms. Vanasse's assumption of these [household and child-rearing] responsibilities. Mr. Seguin reaped the benefits of Ms. Vanasse's efforts by being able to focus his time, energy and efforts on [his successful business.]" So the judge held: The common law wife was entitled to share equitably in the entire wealth of his property. In a nice turn of phrase, the judge called Mr. Seguin the "CEO of the finances" and Ms. Vanasse the "CEO of the kids". Meanwhile Judge Cromwell introduced a new term for these couples who aren't "couples" in the classic sense: "Joint Family Venture" has entered the legal lexicon.

The innovative term is accompanied by legal tests that the partner must meet to –qualify, but no longer does the court have to quantify the monetary value of duties like child-rearing or any other service in a lengthy union—especially if it is in relation to a specific property like a house or a business. The court now evaluates more subtle elements in the marriage: mutual efforts, economic integration, actual intent to share their wealth, priority in raising a family, as well as contributions each partner made to the wealth of the family.

Of course technical terms must be defined. The more sticky "intent to share their wealth" is determined by both conduct as well as explicit statements to that effect. Assessment of "contribution" to their wealth is evaluated by other factors not employed before: intangibles that broaden the ability of many unmarried women to make such claims as "contribution", especially after lengthy relationships. Most of these novel factors that the courts are now using emerge from housekeeping and child-rearing functions that contribute to the accumulation and development of wealth acquired by the other spouse.

Welcome to a brand new world. With the right evidence this recent SCC decision blurs the disctinction between married and unmarried couples in certain cases, especially after lengthy marriages in "traditional" relationships. The unmarried spouses whose names are not "on title" or on the shares of their spouse's business might now realize more rights than ever. For those considering moving in with a partner, it means proceeding cautiously, unless one has a Cohabitation Agreement which may protect those in the event of separation if it is drafted properly. Didn't get to the altar? The absence of that ring on your finger doesn't protect you quite as much anymore.

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School toy project helps kids with special needs

Cara Edell
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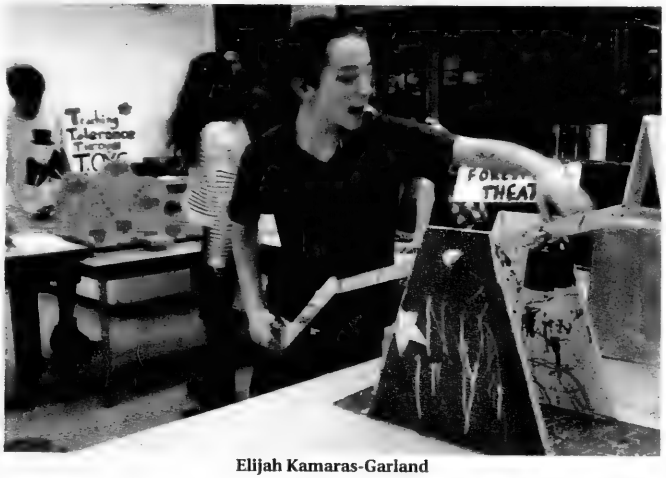
More than 300 students from eight Toronto-area schools are creating toys and games for children with special needs.

The participating grade 5 to 9 classes are part of the Teaching Tolerance Through Toys campaign, which launched its third year in March. The program is part of an awareness project developed by the Zareinu Moveathon, an annual festival that raises more than $1 million dollars for the Zareinu Educational Centre.



Elijah Kamaras-Garland

"We're thrilled to see the campaign expanding into more and more classes in 2011," said Mitch Parker, principal and clinical director of Zareinu, a school and treatment centre for children with physical and developmental challenges.

"The enthusiasm and initiative of these students is an indicator that they can embrace a curriculum that includes learning about children with special needs. Enabling students to understand the challenges resulting from disabilities is the first step toward accepting these children as their equals."

The campaign provides students with a hypothetical case study about a child at Zareinu. It describes a disability such as autism spectrum disorder, Down syndrome or cerebral palsy and explains the challenges that a child with the disorder faces.

Through art, math, science or general studies, students must design a toy for their assigned case study. The step-by-step process includes investigating, planning, creating and evaluating the success of their toys.

The students also keep a weekly journal of their progress that incorporates their personal reflections on the experience. They will reveal their toys to the public at the Zareinu Moveathon festival on June 12 at Downsview Park.

"There's an incredible need for a program like this. It's an experience that participating students will remember for a lifetime," said principal Bill Waldman of Forest Hill Junior and Senior Public School, which is part of the program.

"This is a truly unique way of teaching a sensitive but critical topic. With bullying being a serious issue in our communities, this is one way of teaching students that we shouldn't fear or isolate those that are different."

Sonya Budd, Zareinu Moveathon coordinator, said the campaign "provides the opportunity for students to learn tolerance for their peers that are different from them. Whether the difference is physical or not, it teaches respect of others and acceptance of being different."

When the students arrive at Zareinu for a tour, the children "just blossom," she said. "The [Zareinu] therapists guide them on their projects and our students are so thrilled to have visitors that have brought toys for them to interact with. It happens to be incredible every time."

Budd said students at the participating schools have told her "they can hardly wait until next year when it is their turn to participate [in the program]."

At Forest Hill Public School's Grade 8 graduation two years ago, Budd was further reminded of how meaningful the campaign is. The valedictorian commented in her speech on the impact of the program and said it was "a highlight of her year."

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MRI may detect autism: Israeli scientist

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Autism and related developmental disorders may, in the coming years, be diagnosed in children as young as one year old using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), says an Israeli scientist.

Ilan Dinstein of the Weizmann Institute of Science is leading a study that is scanning the brains of sleeping toddlers from as young as 12 months to close to four years.

Dinstein was a guest speaker at an event organized by Weizmann Canada to raise awareness of research at the institute and how it is benefiting humanity.

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IDF to use 'all defensive means' to protect borders

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JERUSALEM — Israel Defence Forces Chief of Staff Benny Gantz said Monday that Israel must remain on high alert, following the violent clashes that erupted a day earlier along the border with Syria.

"We must remain alert and prepared," said Gantz. "The IDF is prepared to use all the defensive means at its disposal to prevent terrorist attacks and large-scale attempts to breach the border."

Syria said on Monday that 23 people were killed in Sunday's "naksa day" rally, commemorating 44 years since the 1967 Six Day War. Israel captured Syria's Golan Heights in that conflict, as well as the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

An IDF investigation into the violent clashes on the border with Israel revealed on Monday that troops had been limited in their use of sniper fire, shooting only a few live bullets at the protesters trying to breach the border.

Senior IDF officials told *Ha'aretz* that the army's operation was carried out in a way to reduce the number of injuries among the protesters.

According to the IDF inquiry, a number of Syrian protesters had been killed when Molotov cocktails that the protesters had been throwing set off an anti-tank minefield, near the border town of Quneitra.

Palestinian and foreign peace activists at Qalandia, between Jerusalem and Ramallah, set an Israeli flag on fire during a naksa day protest marking the 44th anniversary of the Six Day War on June 5. ***[Flash90 Photo]***

The IDF said that since all the casualties were on the Syrian side of the border it was unable to provide an exact count, but it expressed great skepticism about the Syrian figures. Soldiers fired "with precision" at the bottom half of the bodies of the protesters, the army said.

The army accused the Syrian government of creating a deliberate provocation in an effort to divert world attention from its ongoing bloody repression of pro-democracy protests at home.

In contrast to nakba day, when the IDF was caught unprepared, the IDF prepared for mass infiltration attempts along every possible border on Sunday. The IDF had also reinforced the border with extra barbed wire and deepened the ditch between the double fence.

Syrian police officers in the area simply stood aside and let the marchers pass. The protesters were accompanied by crews from Syria's government TV station.

The violent clashes prove that the Palestinians are not interested in a solution based on 1967 borders, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday. Rather, they are interested in a solution based on 1948 borders he added.

The U.S. State Department responded to the violence by saying that Israel "like any other sovereign nation, has the right to defend itself."

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French propose peace plan before UN showdown

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PARIS — French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe offered Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu a proposal last week aimed at breaking the Israeli-Palestinian deadlock before the expected showdown at the UN General Assembly in September.

In a first for the wider international community, the French initiative incorporates the position that the goal of negotiations is "two states for two peoples," not just "a two-state solution."

The French proposal would revive the talks based on the following principles.

The border issue would be discussed based on the 1967 borders with agreed land swaps, in keeping with U.S. President Barack Obama's speech.

Security arrangements for both sides – Israel and the Palestinian state – would be negotiated.

The negotiations would begin with a discussion on borders and security arrangements, while talks on the refugees and Jerusalem would be put off to a later date.

The document states explicitly that the negotiations' goal is "two states for two peoples," not just "a two-state solution," as the international community and Palestinians have put it. This approach is significantly closer to Netanyahu's demand that the Palestinians recognize Israel as "the nation state of the Jewish people."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, right, with French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe in Jerusalem.
[Avi Ohayon/GPO photo]

Contrary to the international community's former position, the proposal does not stipulate that Jerusalem would be the capital of both states, but only that the Jerusalem issue would be solved via negotiations.

The French document was given to Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas last week during his meeting with Juppe in Rome, where President Shimon Peres met with Abbas last Thursday.

Juppe made it clear to Netanyahu and Abbas that he wanted their comments on the proposal within the next few days.

Juppe said that if both sides responded favourably, France would be willing to convene a peace conference in Paris next month to resume the direct talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, a French diplomat said.

Both Netanyahu and Abbas said they would reply to the proposal within a few days. A senior Israeli official confirmed that Netanyahu had received the document and was examining it.

Netanyahu told Juppe that Israel is demanding that negotiations be based on an Israeli military presence on the Jordan River, the recognition of Israel as the Jewish state and acknowledgment that Palestinian refugees would not return to Israel, the official said.

Netanyahu also said the talks would not be resumed with a unity Fatah-Hamas government that did not recognize Israel and renounce terror. Juppe hinted to Netanyahu that the proposal was approved by the U.S. administration and other major European Union countries, the official said. He said the initiative was intended to present an alternative to the Palestinians' unilateral move to seek full UN membership in September.

If no progress is made in the peace process by September, France would consider recognizing a Palestinian state, he said.

The French initiative comes a week and a half after Netanyahu's speech in the U.S. Congress, which disappointed the American administration as well as key European Union members – France, Germany, Britain, Italy and Spain.

Senior European diplomats said Netanyahu's speech did not deliver the goods that could block the Palestinian move in September.

The five large EU states are trying to persuade the Americans to convene a meeting of the Quartet's foreign ministers to present principles to resume the peace negotiations, including the principle to conduct the talks based on the 1967 borders with land swaps.

The Quartet – the United States, United Nations, EU and Russia – will also call for a peace conference in Paris. The Europeans believe this could dissuade the Palestinians from asking the United Nations to recognize the Palestinian state and return to the negotiations.

Ha'aretz has learned, however, that the White House and U.S. State Department are also working on ideas to stop the Palestinian move in September, even if they don't persuade the sides to resume negotiations.

Ottawa prof ordered extradited for Paris shul bombing

Compiled by CJN Staff

Former Ottawa sociology professor Hassan Diab has been ordered extradited to France to face murder and attempted murder charges in connection with a deadly 1980 shul bombing in Paris that killed four people.

Ottawa Superior Court Justice Robert Maranger made the ruling Monday morning. It gives federal Justice Minister Rob Nicholson final say on transferring Diab to France.

But Diab's lawyer told reporters his client will appeal the decision. Diab had been living at home while on bail, but was immediately taken into custody after the ruling.

Diab, a Lebanese-born sociology professor who has taught at both Carleton University and the University of Ottawa, is alleged to have planted a bomb in a motorcycle saddlebag outside Paris' Rue Copernic synagogue in October 1980 that killed four passersby and wounded more than 40 others.

French police allege five men from the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine were responsible, and they fingered Diab as being in Paris at the time with false papers and living under an assumed name. They allege Diab made the bomb and planted it in the motorcycle.

He was arrested in November 2008 in Ottawa.

Handwriting analysis provided by France showed a high degree of probability that the Lebanese-born Diab signed a Paris hotel slip under a false identity, which was also used to purchased the motorcycle used in the bombing. Defence experts challenged the validity of the French handwriting evidence, which his lawyer said called into question whether Diab could be handed over to French authorities.

Diab, 57, has denied all charges against him, citing mistaken identity, and said the accusations were motivated by his Middle Eastern heritage. He maintains he was a student in Beirut at the time of the bombing.

The case could ultimately reach the Supreme Court, because it has set a number of precedents in its challenges to extradition law, the *Ottawa Citizen* reported.

"We are gratified that authorities in France and Canada pursued this case even 30 years after the murderous attack on the synagogue in Rue Copernic," Canadian Jewish Congress president Mark Freiman said after the ruling.

"This sends an important message – that diligent, committed authorities will never cease in their pursuit of justice against possible perpetrators of terrorism and in support of victims of terrorist acts."

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A snapshot of new Jewish identity in central Europe

Ruth Ellen Gruber
JTA

BUDAPEST — A generation after the fall of communism, Jews in central Europe feel comfortable where they live but are concerned about antisemitism.

They like to visit Israel but don't want to move there. And they feel that they don't have to be religious to be a "good Jew."

These are some of the findings in *Identity a la Carte*, a landmark study of post-communist Jewish identity, affiliation and participation released last week.

"The most important feature for the post-communist generation is that Judaism is no longer experienced as a stigma that needs to be concealed," said Marcelo Dimentstein, operations director for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee's (JDC) International Center for Community Development, which commissioned the study.

"On the contrary," he said, "this is a generation that is proud of being Jewish and has positive feelings about it."

Carried out in 2008-09 by a team of leading demographers, *Identity a la Carte* is the most wide-ranging and in-depth comparative examination of Jewish life and attitudes in central Europe since the Iron Curtain came down more than 20 years ago – central Europe's version of the decennial U.S. National Jewish Population Survey. In fact, one of the demographers on the *Identity a la Carte* team, Barry Kosmin, directed the 1990 NJPS.

The European identity study focused on Jewish adults in five key countries that have witnessed a post-communist Jewish revival: Hungary, Poland, Latvia, Romania and Bulgaria.

The main objective, the report's authors said, was to help Jewish community leaders and organizations that work in central Europe, the JDC among them.

"It is very important that a Jewish organization wants to get real data and wants to face the reality in which it has to work," Hungarian sociologist Andras Kovacs, who coordinated the survey, told JTA. "It's important that Jewish organizations discover the importance of real data."

Luciana Friedman, president of the Jewish Community of Timisoara, Romania, said that "as applied research, it will inform and enrich our policy and programs."

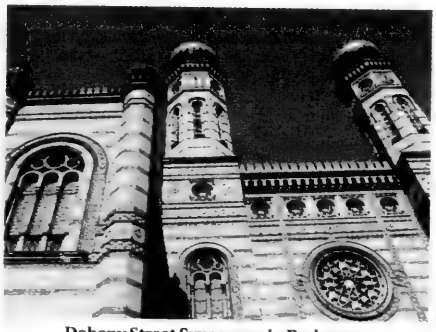
The research that went into *Identity a la Carte* concentrated on several key areas, including religious observance, Jewish identity, antisemitism, Israel, Jewish knowledge and organizational affiliation.

The survey sample was made up of 1,270 Jews aged 18 to 60 living in urban centres, where most of the Jewish population in each country resides. Face-to-face interviews were carried out based on a common questionnaire for all the countries. Identical criteria and terminology were used in all five countries, where Jewish populations range from 5,000 in Bulgaria to 100,000 in Hungary.

The survey's results are presented in a dense, 200-plus-page report full of charts and analysis that reveals both commonalities and sharp divergences from country to country.

Some results confirm assumptions, such as findings that Jews have higher levels of education and better standards of living compared to fellow non-Jewish citizens. Other results challenge preconceptions.

In all countries, respondents said that Jewish identity was more important to them today than it was in their childhood: 81 per cent in Poland, 73 per cent in Hungary, 66 per cent in Bulgaria, 63 per cent in Romania and 62 per cent in Latvia. About one-fifth of the total respondents said their Jewishness had been concealed from them in their childhood home. At least one-third of respondents in each country – and more than half in Poland and Romania – said they were more involved in Jewish life now than five years ago. Between one-quarter and one-third of respondents said they wish to be more active in the future.



Dohany Street Synagogue in Budapest.

"The strength of Jewish identity, when contrasted with the mixed backgrounds of participants, is something that's quite surprising," Dimentstein said.

In all five countries, however, religious observance was found to play a minor role in the formation of Jewish identity, with cultural, educational, social and other "non-religious communal activities" ranking higher.

"A majority of respondents in each country agree that someone can be a good Jew without participating in organized Jewish life," the report said.

Israel's role as an identity factor was deemed "significant" for more than half of the respondents in each country, except for Hungary.

But while respondents maintained close connections with Israel – 85 per cent have travelled to Israel and 66 per cent have visited several times – only 15 per cent to 22 per cent were considering making aliyah.

Respondents in all countries expressed concern about antisemitism. But at the same time, the report said, antisemitism "plays a relatively minor role in the formation of Jewish identity throughout the sampled countries."

Only in Hungary, the study said, did a majority of respondents foresee a significant increase of antisemitism in the future. Nearly half in Poland said they believed the level of antisemitism would fall.

In fact, respondents had generally optimistic views of the Jewish future in Europe.

Most respondents believed that European Jews "differ greatly" from Jews in Israel and America. Respondents who said they believe their Jewish community will continue to thrive in the next few decades consisted of 46 per cent from Romanian respondents, 55 per cent from Poland, 64 per cent from Latvia, 74 per cent from Bulgaria and 87 per cent from Hungary.

High numbers also agreed with the statement that Europe today "is a safe place for Jews to live" – 57 per cent in Latvia; 59 per cent in Poland; 61 per cent in Romania; 67 per cent in Bulgaria; and 77 per cent in Hungary.

Contrary to expectations, most of the survey respondents in each country were affiliated in some way with organized Jewish life.

"We had hoped to have a two-thirds majority of non-affiliated Jews in the sample, but this did not prove possible," Kovacs said.

"It was not a problem to contact non-affiliated Jews in Hungary and Latvia," he said. "But it was very difficult in Poland and Romania, if such Jews exist, as the network is broken. They have no links to the Jewish community."

Strategically speaking, Kovacs said, this means that future outreach programs there targeting non-affiliated Jews "could face extreme difficulties."

Israel Briefs

Shipping magnate dies

Sami Ofer, one of the two patriarchs running an Israeli shipping firm embroiled in an Iran scandal, died last week in Israel at age 89 after a long struggle with an undisclosed illness. Two companies owned by Ofer and his brother, Yuli, appeared last month on a U.S. list of entities to be sanctioned for dealings with Iran's energy sector. In one case, a company was alleged to have been involved in providing a tanker to Iran. Additionally, at least eight ships belonging to Ofer companies are alleged to have docked in Iran in recent years. Israel's attorney general is investigating the charges, which the Ofer brothers have vehemently denied.

Still no gas from Egypt

Egypt has not resumed supplying gas to Israel, despite a month ago repairing a pipeline that was attacked by terrorists. Egypt's oil minister said the need to secure the pipeline against future attacks, not politics, were preventing the resumption of supplying gas to Israel. U.S. investors in the East Mediterranean Gas Co., which owns the pipeline, have taken legal steps against the Egyptian government to make sure that gas flow resumes to Israel. Egypt supplies Israel with more than 40 per cent of its natural gas needs to produce electricity.

Border fence goes up

Construction has been completed on the first permanent section of a border fence between Israel and Egypt. The fence will be nearly 135 miles long when it is completed in mid-2012. A decision to speed up construction of the fence was made by the Ministry of Defence just days after Egypt opened its Rafah border crossing with Gaza in the Sinai.

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Israel weighs Palestinian statehood options

Linda Gradstein
JTA

JERUSALEM — While U.S. officials are running a full-court diplomatic press against the Palestinian bid for UN recognition of statehood this September and officials at international Jewish organizations are trying to convince foreign leaders to oppose statehood, the Israeli government appears to be taking a different approach: acceptance.

Last week on Monday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told a Knesset committee that there is no way to stop the UN General Assembly from recognizing Palestinian statehood.

"It would be possible to get a resolution that the world is flat" in the UN General Assembly, Netanyahu said in a jibe at the body, where anti-Israel resolutions have a virtual automatic majority. The Palestinians routinely have relied on the bloc of Arab and Muslims states and their allies in the non-aligned movement of mostly Third World countries to pass anti-Israel resolutions.

A senior Israeli official close to the prime minister said Israel is not particularly concerned about a vote for a Palestinian state in the General Assembly.

"We have very low expectations of the General Assembly," he said. "Every year they pass at least 20 anti-Israel resolutions, including one condemning Israel for attacking the Iraqi nuclear reactor in 1981."

Rather, the Netanyahu administration is relying on the fact that General Assembly resolutions do not have international legal standing and that in the UN Security Council, where resolutions do carry the force of law, the United States would veto any such resolution.

But Israel remains concerned, the official said, that the Palestinians will use a General Assembly resolution to harden their positions against any compromise with Israel.

For now, Israeli officials are focusing on trying to limit the diplomatic damage that a General Assembly resolution could cause.

"The president of the General Assembly said that even if a resolution passes, this isn't statehood," said a former Israeli ambassador to the United States, Zalman Shoval, who accompanied Netanyahu on his recent trip to Washington. "But there will be negative repercussions. Countries will certainly use it for anti-Israel propaganda. They may even try to take economic steps against Israel, like divestment."

Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak has gone even further, warning of a "diplomatic tsunami" in September.

During the previous Israeli government, when Ehud Olmert was the prime minister and Livni the foreign minister, she held many meetings with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. According to recent statements by Olmert and Abbas, they made significant progress on the issue of the future of borders of a Palestinian state.

Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. *[File Photo]*

Most Israeli analysts say it is unlikely that peace talks will be renewed before September.

"I think Netanyahu knows that any political initiative for restarting peace talks is a non-starter and that the Palestinians have no intention of returning to negotiations," said Yossi Alpher, a former Mossad official and the editor of the joint Israeli-Palestinian website Bitterlemons.org. "His strategy is to hunker down and not to rock the boat."

Israeli officials say their strategy to achieve a peace agreement with the Palestinians is the same as it always has been.

"The only way to achieve peace is through Israeli-Palestinian negotiations," Israeli government spokesperson Mark Regev told JTA in an interview. "There can be no outside imposed solution that will work. Everything else is at best a mirage, and a one-sided vote at the UN could well set back the peace process decades."

There is growing concern in Israel that violence could return to the region after the Palestinian action at the United Nations in September, including a third intifadah, or uprising. There have been campaigns online calling for a third intifadah, including a page on Facebook that was removed by the social media company.

Former Shin Bet security chief Yuval Diskin, who retired this month, said he is "very worried" about what may happen after a unilateral Palestinian declaration and warned the situation could quickly deteriorate. A recent survey by the Israel Democracy Institute found that 70 per cent of the Jewish public in Israel expects a new wave of violence following September. A majority, 58 per cent, believed that the PA would encourage the violence.

Israeli a possible successor to Strauss-Kahn

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JERUSALEM — Fitch, which ratified Israel's A/Stable credit rating a couple of weeks ago, did not have time to factor in the possibility that Israel would lose Stanley Fischer.

Actually, even if the credit rating agency had known that the respected Bank of Israel governor might be named the next chair of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), replacing Dominique Strauss-Kahn, it wouldn't have changed its rating. Credit rating agencies base their ratings on economic fundamentals and forecasts, not the identity of state officials. But in their heart of hearts, the Fitch analysts would have known that Fischer's departure would be a new entry on the list of Israel's economic risks.

Fischer remains a superb governor of the Bank of Israel, perhaps the best ever. The fact so many economic sources have crowned him the best candidate speaks for itself. His hand guided Israel to safe harbour through six years of economic upheaval.

The Israeli economy was growing before the great economic crisis and was damaged much less than any other Western country. Then as the crisis began to wind down, Israeli economic growth resumed. The labour market is buoyant and unemployment is low, a state of affairs the rest of the West can only envy.

But Fischer brought Israel much more than decision-making powers of an experienced, talented economist. Because he's an American, because his children don't work in Israel and because he came to the job with a reputation built up abroad, he became the first truly independent governor of the Bank of Israel.

He was independent of the politicians, the tycoons, academia and potential employers for himself and his children. That in and of itself made him extraordinary: He was free to shape the economic agenda as he saw fit, boldly going into areas no central banker had gone before.

That's how he got Bank Hapoalim Chair Danny Dankner dismissed for mismanagement of the bank, despite the belligerent resistance of tycoons and their pet media outlets. He also tipped the scales on the battle over the state's royalties from gas – Fischer, not the prime minister.

Stanley Fischer

Fischer has become, in effect, Israel's prime minister for economic affairs. He leads the battle against soaring housing prices. He warns the loudest over the state of education in Israel and the state of the poor. There is practically no area, other than foreign policy and defence, where he hasn't allowed himself to intervene. That's how it is when you're perceived as the only responsible adult in government, when you have a local and international reputation unmatched by any of your predecessors. And thus his personal reputation has come to reflect on Israel.

But who could replace him?

As far as is known, Fischer would very much like to lead the IMF. He is 67. It would be a glorious end to a brilliant career. When accepting a second term as governor of the Bank of Israel, he hinted he might not see it through, which had the pundits wondering if he hadn't cocked an eye at another job, like president of Israel when Shimon Peres retires.

Until the deal is closed, Fischer isn't saying that he even wants the IMF job. When asked about such things, he always answers that he doesn't comment on jobs he hasn't been offered.

Fischer served as the IMF's first deputy managing director from 1994 through 2001. He headed the economics department at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was U.S. Federal Reserve chair Ben Bernanke's thesis adviser. Factors that could damage his chances include his age – Fischer is 67 – and the fact an American already heads the World Bank. Fischer was born in Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) and became an Israeli citizen in 2005 when he took the job as governor of the central bank.

If he's offered the job, Israelis will face a dilemma. On the one hand, one would like to thank him for his brilliant time in office and take pride in having an Israeli lead the IMF. But can a successor be found who would be independent and daring like him?

Given the paralysis of the political system and its dependence on big business (and party centres), Israel needs an independent governor for its central bank more than ever, a person whom the narrow interest groups can't touch. As the soccer fans in the stands howl when a favourite player gets an offer from a foreign team: "Stanley Fischer, stay, stay, stay."

Chip-maker to open R&D centre in Israel

Guy Grimland
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JERUSALEM — Computer chip-making giant Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) is expected to announce the opening of a research and development centre in Ramat Gan.

The new centre will be located in the area of the Israel Diamond Exchange.

The R&D centre will build on the work of Israeli startup Graphic Remedy, acquired by AMD in October 2010 for $5 million (US). Graphic Remedy, founded in 2004 by Avi Shapira and Yaki Tebeka, specialized in simulation and debugging software for graphics applications and computer games.

AMD did not buy Graphic Remedy for the purpose of turning it into an R&D centre, said Ben Bar-Haim, general manager of AMD Canada: his company had been looking for good technology and found it at Graphic Remedy. When AMD bought it, the Israeli startup had just five employees. The Ramat Gan facility will be one of 15 AMD development centres around the world.

Bar-Haim said it was the talent and high quality of the employees it found in Israel that led AMD to decide to open the Israeli location. The company intends to expand the centre, but it's not clear how many employees will be hired, he said.

"It won't be an office with thousands of workers. We have not come to compete with Intel in terms of numbers," Bar-Haim said. Intel, the No. 1 chip maker in the world, is AMD's biggest rival in the manufacture of microprocessors and other chips. "The goal is to find the right people," he added.

When asked whether AMD was late in coming to Israel compared to other global high-tech giants, Bar-Haim said AMD is an international company and there are talented people all over the world. Nonetheless, you don't open a development centre everywhere, "but when you find the right formula you do it. And we found that formula here in Israel."

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EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER: MORDECAI RICHLER MAKES COVER OF *READER'S DIGEST*

Yes, that's an **Andy Warhol**-like image of revered Canadian writer **Mordecai Richler** gracing the cover of June's *Reader's Digest*, at news stands and grocery checkouts everywhere.

"The Wild Early Days of a Canadian Icon" reads the cover copy. The mini-mag features a lengthy section titled *The Summer of Love and Hate*, excerpted from author Charles Foran's recent award-winning biography, *Mordecai*.

The piece focuses on Richler's "salty, sexy days of early 1950s Europe" (where the budding young writer-in-exile first discovered that he could leave the country but would never be able to get the country – and specifically his Montreal-Jewish roots – out of his blood).

The current issue of *Reader's Digest* also features a significantly shorter piece on *William Shatner's Wit*.

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Focus on Richard Rodgers: Steppin' Out Theatrical Productions presents *The Sweetest Sounds: A Celebration of Richard Rodgers*. Rodgers, of course, wrote numerous renowned musicals including *Oklahoma*, *The Sound of Music*, *South Pacific* and *Carousel*. Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts, June 8 and 9. 905-781-8811, www.rhcentre.ca

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High Decibel Concert: Ashkenaz Foundation and Committee for Yiddish present **Yiddish Princess** from Brooklyn, New York, and **The Barons of Tang** from Melbourne, Australia. "Shtetl hits the metal" as Ashkenaz offers an eardrum-rattling concert with two electrifying bands. $15 in advance, $20 at the door; students $12. Revival Bar, 783 College St. Thursday, June 16, 9 p.m. 416-979-9901, www. ashkenazfestival.com

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Cantorial Arts in Toronto: Active Seniors of the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre offers a curator-guided visit of *100 Years of Musical Prayer Cantors of Toronto*, an exhibit currently on view at the Beth Tzedec Congregation's Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum. Thursday, June 16, tea at 1:30 p.m., tour begins at 2 p.m. 1700 Bathurst St.; please enter via rear entrance. 416-924-6211, ext. 155.

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Names in the News: Pianist **Michael Berkovsky** will be playing **George Gershwin**'s

Michael Berkovsky

The Barons of Tang

Rhapsody in Blue with the **Philomusica Orchestra** conducted by **Erhei Laing** in a concert of the Chinese Artists Society of Toronto (CAST). A Juilliard graduate who lives in Toronto, Berkovsky was born in Russia and lived in Israel before coming to Canada. He has performed widely from New York to Israel. He is the only non-Asian artist in the CAST concert. Glenn Gould Studio, 250 Front St. W., Sunday, June 12, 7:30 p.m. $28 to $48. 416-872-4255, www. roythomson.com

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Musical Events

•The 2011 Brott Music Festival features some 18 musical events in Hamilton, Burlington and area, and a concert in Toronto. Visit www.brottmusic.com for details.

•Chabad Markham presents *An Evening with the Stars*, featuring **Mica Shachet**, a "child prodigy singing sensation" from Ranana, Israel, and lead singer of the **Kinderlach**; and the **Toronto Jewish Male Choir**. Markham Theatre, 171 Town Centre Blvd. Tuesday, June 28, 7:30 p.m. General admission $25, VIP tickets $100. VIP cocktails with the stars at 7 p.m. 905-886,0420, ext. 221, www.chabadmarkham.org

•Attila Glatz Concert Productions presents *I Believe, A Holocaust Oratorio for Today*, with music and lyrics composed by Canadian composer **Zane Zalis**, and a cast of more than 200 musicians, choirs and soloists. The 90-minute piece "tells an inspired story of the inextinguishable will to survive," and is composed of words and music in 12 movements. Roy Thomson Hall, Oct. 25, one performance only. $45 to $135. Visit roythomson.com or www.ibelieveproject.org for details.

Documentary on newly observant pop musician

Kathryn Kates
Special to The CJN

The band Men with Babies auditioned four years ago for North By Northeast (NXNE), a local festival that combines music, film and interactive conferences.

The group, led by eccentric frontman Menachem Feuer, failed to make the cut, but in an ironic turn of events, a documentary about the group will screen at this year's NXNE.

Feuer is a newly observant Orthodox Jew, and in *Shlemiel*, a 25-minute documentary, filmmaker Chad Derrick tells his story. Derrick shot the documentary over a five-year period, following Feuer into Toronto's chassidic community, into nightclubs and back to his hometown in New York's Adirondacks.

Derrick knew Feuer's wife, Kinneret, through mutual friends. When the two bumped into each other at a Matisyahu concert, she suggested to the filmmaker that he do a documentary on her husband.

"Like Menachem and Kinneret, I took on more Jewish observance at around the same time they did, around young adulthood," says Derrick. "So, we had a shared sense of values and commitment to this lifestyle. So, I explored a lot of my own questions through what specifically Menachem was going through as well."

Derrick thought Feuer was a compelling frontman and, through the documentary process, realized how compelling a character Feuer was on film.

"I wasn't sure exactly what story we were going to end up telling," says Derrick. "I didn't go into shooting this film with a script. I went in with a sense of direction, but there were a lot of questions of what story was eventually going to be told. I was content to let the process of following him tell itself to a certain extent. I didn't know if the film was going to focus on the life of the band and if they were going to be successful or not, or if this was going to be a movie about fathers and sons because of his relationship with his dad, which was also fascinating. For me, it became a story about Menachem's spiritual journey."

Men with Babies frontman Menachem Feuer, left, with filmmaker Chad Derrick.

Derrick would like to have it screened at Jewish film festivals and documentary festivals. He would also like the film to be screened throughout North America, to be part of discussions covering important subjects to him, including the challenges faced by newly observant people of faith, such as the Feuer family and his own.

"The film is about the navigation that takes place living in these worlds of religion, culture and art, while staying true to ourselves and the people we were before we became religious. Menachem never left behind the person he was before he became religious. It was always important to him, and that really motivates the choices he continues to make."

Derrick, who is married to graphic artist, Atarah, and is the father of two sons, Razi, 6, and Elisha, 3, spent 12 years working in the documentary film and television industry and has several short documentaries to his credit.

His film *Mao Lounge* was screened at the 1997 Toronto International Film Festival and around the world. In addition, Derrick worked at Vision TV and is currently an associate producer on CTV's *W5*, where he has helped produce more than 30 documentaries.

Shlemiel will be screened at NXNE 2011 on June 19 at 2 p.m. at the National Film Board of Canada's Toronto Mediatheque. For information, visit www.shlemiel.net. NXNE 2011 runs from June 13 to 19 with 650 bands, 50 stages and 60 films and 75 interactive conference sessions. For more information, visit www.nxne.com.

The search for the next Jewish star

Laura Fixman
Intern

Jews from around the world between the ages of 16 and 26 who think they have what it takes to become a famous singer can prove themselves by competing in the Hallelujah Global Jewish Singing Contest.

Those who have entered the contest so far, by uploading a video of themselves to YouTube singing any song in any language, are from various countries including France, Russia, England, Australia, the United States and Canada.

On June 15, 30 finalists will be chosen to go to Israel for a three-week tour, during which they will take singing lessons from top Israeli artists. The tour's final stop will be in Ramat Hasharon, where they will perform in a concert that will be broadcast on Israeli national television.

The contest's winner will record a single with a major Israeli artist to be played on the radio in Israel. He or she will also receive a scholarship, offers of career advancement and opportunities to perform for Jewish communities around the world.

Nicole Raviv is a 17-year-old Montrealer who entered the contest in hopes of advancing her singing aspirations. Raviv attends Dawson College where she's studying health sciences, but she said singing is her true passion.

"To be able to perform in front of thousands this summer in Israel along with the chance to possibly record with an Israeli artist is incredible," Raviv said.

She heard about the contest in the Israeli newspaper *Yediot Achronot* and immediately began practising for her audition video.

"I believe I have trained my whole life for something like this to come along," she said.

Raviv said although she'd like to win, being in the top 30 would be a great learning experience.

"If I don't win, I would gain experience with all the trained professionals I would work with and will experience what it's like to be in such a competition," she said.

Another Montreal teen who entered the contest is 17-year-old Moriel Shahin, who is also studying health sciences at Dawson College. She heard about the contest from the Facebook status of a friend who auditioned.

Shahin said that the contest encompasses so much that she loves. "I love Israel, and I love meeting people from around the world," she said.

Shahin chose to sing the Leonard Cohen song *Hallelujah* for her audition because of the name of the contest and because she said she sounded really good doing it.

"I feel like I put emotion into the song, and I feel like I have a connection to it," she said.

Shahin said that the opportunity to travel around Israel and learn from professional singers would be as good as winning the contest, and that she feels more impressed by her competitors than competitive with them.

"It's so cool that I'm looking at the video of someone from halfway around the world," she said. "Some of them are really talented."

Another contestant, 24-year old University of Calgary student Katia Jitlina, decided to enter the contest because she wanted to bring music to others, and also because the act of singing makes her happy.

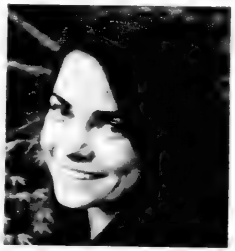
"I think there must be some kind of endorphins that come out of it because it always puts me in a good mood," Jitlina said.

She said that she sees the contest as a learning experience, and she would like to learn from the Jewish vocalists from around the world that she would meet if she was chosen for the top 30.

"Taking every opportunity I can to make myself a better musician is very important to me, and that's how I look at this contest," Jitlina said.

These contestants can be supported by "liking" their videos on the Hallelujah Global Jewish Singing Contest Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Hallelujah.Star.

Katia Jitlina



Moriel Shahin

Nicole Raviv

Dancer, jewelry designer turns to visual arts

Cara Edell
Special to The CJN

Toronto's Marla Buck said she is "making the world a more beautiful place, one person, one message, one paint stroke at a time."

The former dancer and jewelry designer began taking art classes two years ago and has already transformed her passion into a budding career.

After the Canadian artist Charles Pachter spotted Buck's work at an exhibit in April, he asked the painter to submit a piece for a large-scale charity auction.

Buck was thrilled to donate her art to *The Autists*, a fundraiser for the Geneva Centre for Autism, held on May 17 at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. Her painting, which she described as "a satirical knock of a few things," was one of the most hotly bid on items, fetching $3,000 for the cause.

"Very few pieces sold, so I was prepared for the worst, but it felt really good, most of all after finding out that it was purchased by people who embody what it is to be a light unto nations," Buck said.

Lola Rasminsky, founder and director of the Avenue Road Arts School, where Buck takes courses, said: "She now thinks of herself as a professional artist and is delighted with this turn of events."

Buck's work will be on display next at the school's annual Adult Art Exhibit at the Women's Art Association in Toronto on June 14 and 15. She said she would also like to do a show featuring her prayer boards.

"These are messages taken from Talmud and ethics classes I take with [ethics expert] Adrienne Gold and Rabbi Aaron Glazer and from various other words of Torah wisdom I've gathered from speakers and readings."

The phrases are written on wooden panels "because years ago I purchased some African art and one of the pieces was the Qur'an written on a bread board," she said. "Apparently, that's how to teach the Qur'an – bread and cheese five dollars extra."

Buck said she was recently at a funeral where the poem *Everyone Has a Name*, written by Holocaust survivor Zelda Schneersohn Mishkowsky, was read aloud.

"My show would be a series of life stages illustrating the poem. In every instalment vision, I would want each piece to sit like a tombstone, with the prayer boards in one straight line, on all four walls. This is how I get inspired. A seed in the air. You have to be open to catch it and let it take root."

Buck said art is her identity. Six months into starting classes at the Avenue Road Arts School, she broke her back and realized her calling. "I decided that once I recovered I had to pursue my creative destiny with abandon, because clearly that was what I was put on this earth to do, and I would find a way to make my mark and effect change."

Buck's creativity was first cultivated at age 17, when she went to Paris to study mime with Etienne Decroux, teacher of Marcel Marceau, Jean-Louis Barot, Jessica Lang and other actors. "It was a remarkable pedagogic study of corporal language, and began my understanding that every gesture can be poetry in motion," she said.

While in Paris, she auditioned "with no serious dance experience" and was chosen as one of 50 students to study dance with artist Caroline Carlson. After a workshop in the south of France, Buck went to New York and became a principal dancer in Alwin Nikolais' company.

Untitled

After three years of touring internationally, she decided that "age was catching up to [her] too quickly to remain in dance as a profession." Buck turned her attention to fashion and design, creating her first line of costume jewelry in 1982 for Calvin Klein's fall season.

"Armed with $17,000 cash, he gave me as a deposit, my jewelry career was launched, selling to every store that bought Calvin's collection."

Buck's costume jewelry and sterling silver watches were distributed in more than 800 of the best department and specialty stores in the United States, Canada, Japan and Europe. Her collections graced the runways of Guy Laroche, Bill Blass and Carolina Herrera.

Twelve years later, Buck "decided life was ticking by sans children and it was time to regroup," she said. She moved back to Toronto, had two children (her "best creations ever") and rediscovered her creative flair.

"Art is just who and what I am. It makes my heart beat faster, my mind stop working and my soul expand," she said. "The biggest travesty would be to not make it my full-time job, to not be grateful for the gift chosen for me. The only way I could possibly express my gratitude is to show my gratitude."

For more information about Buck, visit www.marlabuck.ca.

Jerusalem, the magnetic pole of western history

Joseph Serge
Arts Editor

Jerusalem was in the headlines once again recently when Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reaffirmed that the ancient city will forever be the nation's undivided capital.

That Jerusalem should once again find herself in the middle of a political tempest should be no surprise. It certainly wouldn't be to James Carroll, a former Catholic priest and the writer of the book *Jerusalem Jerusalem, How The Ancient City Ignited Our Modern World* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt).

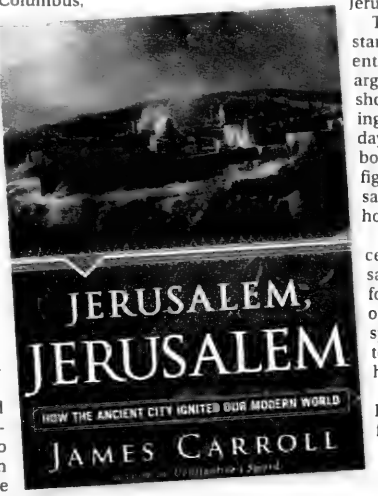
In it, Carroll, who in an earlier book, *Constantine's Sword*, tried to show how history-shaping events related to Christianity's turbulent relationship with Judaism, now attempts to show how Jerusalem has been at the fulcrum, directly or indirectly, of most major events from ancient times to 9/11.

He sets himself quite a monumental task and in essence this is more of a book about the history of western civilization than a book about Jerusalem.

He starts at the beginning, literally, with the Big Bang. He then argues that for early man, our hunter-gatherer ancestor, violence was a necessary part of life. However, this human predator had thoughts and feelings, and needed to find a way to cope with his violent behaviour.

Religion, he says, began as a way of resisting and controlling these violent impulses, but through the centuries and millennia that followed, religion instead became a reason for even more violence.

In just over 300 pages, with another 100 pages of annotation, Carroll, a scholar in residence at Suffolk University and a *Boston Globe* columnist, guides us through almost all major events of history: Judaism, Christianity, Islam, the Roman Empire, the Crusades, the Knights Templar, Christopher Columbus, the Pilgrims, Martin Luther, Spinoza, the Reformation, pogroms, the Civil War, slavery, Lincoln, the world wars, Hiroshima, Eichmann, the Cold War, Zionism, Israel, Cuba, the Yom Kippur War, Reagan, Chernobyl, al Qaeda and the Gulf Wars.



Jerusalem, Carroll claims, is lodged in the DNA of western civilization. "It became the magnetic pole of Western history."

Tying all these events to Jerusalem and showing how it did more to "create the modern world than any other city," works only to different degrees depending on the subject matter. Sometimes it seems forced.

Judaism, Christianity and Islam are obviously all connected to Jerusalem and related to each other through the patriarch Abraham. In fact, the significance of the Binding of Isaac on Mount Moriah is probably the strongest point Carroll makes.

When God sent an angel to prevent Abraham from sacrificing his son, this was God's way, Carroll says, of saying that humans were no longer required to perform human sacrifice, a well-established religious ritual of early man. Significantly, it was on this hilltop, many believe, that the early Hebrews settled and built Jerusalem.

The problem came when people started to interpret this story differently. Religious zealots started to argue that like Abraham we must show our love for God by being willing to sacrifice our children. To this day, as he shows in the rest of the book, sending our children out to fight wars and die in the "ultimate sacrifice" remains acceptable and honourable.

"What began in Genesis as a celebration of the end of child sacrifice was reversed, with the founding father glorified, not for obeying the divine command to spare his son, but for his readiness to plunge the knife into the boy's heart," he writes.

Moving forward to the Babylonian Exile, Israel's hope was for the restoration of the kingdom in the Messianic age.

In an apocalyptic battle between the forces of Good and the forces of Bad, no price was too high to pay. This "led to an unprecedented emphasis on martyrdom with the expectation that faithful death would be rewarded by physical resurrection."

During the war with the Romans, the Jewish resisters "embraced martyrdom to the point of mutual suicide... The ultimate in holiness," he writes, "is readiness – if not to slay a son, to see him slain."

The prophet Daniel's apocalyptic visions were enhanced by the Christian Bible, especially in The Book of Revelation. Apocalyptic fervour would soon give rise to "God-sanctioned Total War" where a destructive battle between good and bad "could be contemplated as somehow fulfilling a divine plan."

After the Holocaust, he argues, every Israeli struggle became an apocalyptic struggle for her existence. Israel's temptation was to "regard every adversary as Hitler brought back to life, both threatening annihilation and deserving to be killed."

. He cites as an example the 1973 Yom Kippur War showing how Golda Meir was ready to sacrifice the earth and risk World War III by threatening to launch nuclear bombs at Cairo and Damascus.

"That Jerusalem nearly triggered the doomsday catastrophe is a fact of such magnitude that it must eventually be reckoned with. This paradox – the ultimate in child sacrifice – defines the moral conundrum that lies at the heart of the tragedy of Israel," Carroll writes. "The fate of Jerusalem is the fate of the earth."

As a concise history of the western world, *Jerusalem, Jerusalem*, makes for fascinating reading. But in addition to his love for cute little one-liners, "The Bible is so full of violence because it came into being to resist violence," there is a tendency for Carroll to generalize and rely on unsubstantiated supposition.

For instance saying that the Jews were written into the Christian passion narrative as the bad guys as payback for their rejecting the Gospel writers 40 or so years later is an interesting theory. But we'll never know the motives of the Gospel writers for sure.

That said, when he's on point describing the dichotomy of Jerusalem between the actual city and the apocalyptic fantasy it has inspired for generations, then *Jerusalem, Jerusalem* makes for a thought-provoking and enjoyable read.

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Late bloomer a big part of Rays' success

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WINNIPEG — Living on the fringe is no festival, especially when you're a diminutive and aging 29-year-old athlete trying to fulfil a lifelong dream to play regularly in Major League Baseball.

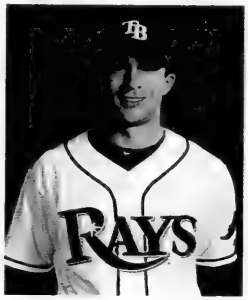
Diagnosed at age 10 with Type 1 diabetes and having to self-inject at least six times a day – often in the dugout between innings – could diminish your aspirations even more.

But Sam Fuld (pronounced Fold) has been a big part of the Tampa Bay Rays' early season success as they vie with the Yankees and Red Sox for first place in the American League's eastern division.

The lead-off hitter in the batting order, Fuld started the season in early April as if he was going to replicate his gaudy college numbers. During the first three weeks of the season, he was in the top 10 in batting and led the American League in steals. His outfield plays were so spectacular that they were featured on North American sportscasts almost nightly, and several near-impossible snags even made it to YouTube and MLB's website.

As of late May, opposition hurlers began to detect that Fuld struggles against lefties and have been pitching to his weaknesses. The result has been that his numbers have fallen off to a more realistic level, but in 44 games and 170 plate appearances, he hit 10 doubles, two triples and two homers along with 12 stolen bases and 18 runs driven in.

While stats are foremost in baseball, especially to players and fans, "Super Sam," as he has been dubbed, brings other intangibles to his game. Fuld already has two four-hit games to his credit in the early going, and as of late last week, he was hitting .234 with a slugging percentage of .354.


Sam Fuld

With the Durham, N.H.-born Fuld, the Rays now have their agitating lead-off hitter, and in late May, they went on a 20 of 27 winning streak after going 1 and 8 to start the season.

Fuld's getting the job done, and Rays' manager Joe Maddon considers him a real tough kid and a prize catch, especially after star left fielder Carl Crawford left the team after last season to sign with the Red Sox as a free agent.

But despite his current achievements, it's been a ponderously slow climb up the ladder to success. Fuld, who was for a second time drafted by the Chicago Cubs in 2004 in the 10th round, appeared to be a lifetime minor leaguer. He put in five seasons with the AAA Iowa Cubs, where he played in 230 games, had 811 at-bats and hit a respectable .273.

On occasion, he was called up to the Windy City, and between 2007 and 2010, played in 98 games. In only 131 at-bats, he hit .252 as a fourth outfielder and demonstrated that defence surely wasn't one of his shortcomings.

As luck would have it, the Cubs and Rays engineered an eight-player swap in early January, and Fuld was sent to Tampa Bay, where he made the team in spring training as the club's fourth outfielder. Maddon, a good judge of talent, recognized that the versatile Fuld could play all three outfield positions, is a speed merchant who's solid on defence, can steal bases and is a patient hitter who makes above-average contact at the plate. It wasn't long before he was put in left field and handed the lead-off spot in the batting order.

But Fuld is more than a diamond in the rough, as he starred at all levels. Being small of stature, he realized he was an underdog, because most major league teams prefer larger, stronger athletes in the outfield who can produce power at the plate and dish out instant victory with the long ball.

While programs list Fuld as five-foot-10 and 180 pounds, he admits that's a bit of a stretch and that five-foot-eight is more accurate.

A top player in high school at Berwick Academy in Southern Maine, he was recruited by 94 colleges. He selected Stanford University, where he majored in economics. He was a two-time All-American in his four years as a starter in centre field for the Cardinals. As a freshman, he batted .357.

At all levels, accolades, awards and titles foretold that the speedy, acrobatic, high-average hitter was destined to have a successful pro career.

For Fuld, however, baseball is only one of several reasons to be thankful. He comes from a supportive home where education was highly valued. His father, Ken, is a dean and professor of psychology at the University of New Hampshire, and his mother, Amanda Merrill, is a New Hampshire state senator.

Fuld is married to Sarah, his high school sweetheart, who is a top athlete in her own right, having won a pair of national lacrosse championships at Princeton University. They have a son together named Charles.

Israel to participate in World Baseball qualifier

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JERUSALEM — Israel has been selected by Major League Baseball to participate in the qualifying tournament for the 2013 World Baseball Classic.

The 16-team qualifying round will be held in the fall.

The Israel Association of Baseball will select the players. According to World Baseball Classic rules, non-Israeli citizens of Jewish heritage can play for Israel. The balance of the team is expected to be made up of top players on Israel's national team.

In addition to Israel, the other teams invited to the qualifying round are Brazil, Canada, Chinese Taipei (Taiwan), Colombia, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Great Britain, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Philippines, South Africa, Spain and Thailand.

The international tournament, sanctioned by the International Baseball Federation, features the world's top players competing for their home countries and territories. Japan won the inaugural 2006 classic, as well as the second in 2009.

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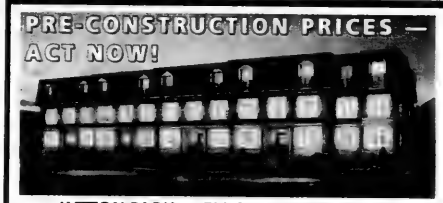

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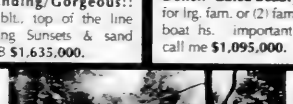

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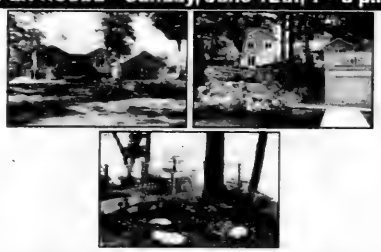

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Loosen the reins, columnist says to overprotective parents

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Lenore Skenazy, who unwittingly spawned a new parenting movement called free-range kids following a column she wrote explaining why she let her nine-year-old son take the subway home alone, will be sharing her parenting ideas with reality TV viewers.

Still in the production stage, Skenazy, a New-York based syndicated columnist, author, blogger and public speaker will host a reality show called *Free-Range Parents* (working title), which will explore her view that parents need to dial back the paranoia and let their kids be kids.

Skenazy never dreamed that her 2008 *New York Sun* column titled "Why I Let My 9-Year-Old Take The Subway Alone," would arouse the kind of reaction it did.

"I had a column in the *New York Daily News* for six years... and I had a column for two years in the *Sun*, and it was only that one column that had the *Today Show* calling and everyone else," said Skenazy, who has since appeared as a guest on shows including *Dr. Phil, The View, Good Morning America* and *Nightline.*

In a followup column, Skenazy wrote in 2008 in response to the backlash, she said that the odds of a child being murdered by a stranger are miniscule, with crime rates lower today than they were in the 1980s and '90s, yet the culture of fear continues to gain momentum.

"Far more people die from falling off the bed or other furniture. So for safety's sake, should we all start sleeping on the floor? Well, upon reading that, I'm sure some people will. I'm also sure that pretty soon you'll see some 'expert' on TV talking about the hidden dangers of furniture. Behind her, a huge photo of a bed will be captioned: 'Worth the Risk?'" she wrote.

During her *CJN* interview, Skenazy said parents today are bombarded with warnings, about so-called dangers "whether it's the danger of going outside, or drinking from a plastic cup, or sleeping on their stomachs, or falling behind in kindergarten...

"It's a burden on us, and I don't think it's something that we parents sat down and decided, 'Let's be really paranoid and worried all the time because that will certainly enhance our lives and our children will appreciate it, too.' It's been foisted upon us," said Skenazy, the mother of two preteen boys.

"I want to raise my kids similar to the way my parents raised me, which was loving, caring, Jewish, and to a certain extent, worried. And yet, back then, worried did not include terrified at all times that any moment could be my last."

Since Skenazy coined the term "free-range kids" three years ago, she's turned the concept into the focus of her career, having published a book titled *Free-Range Kids, How to Raise Safe, Self-Reliant Children (Without Going Nuts with Worry)*, giving lectures on the subject, running a blog, and now, hosting a parenting show that will air on the Slice channel.

She is currently travelling between Toronto and New York to tape 13 episodes of the show, which she hopes to finish by the fall.

Lenore Skenazy with her nine-year-old son Izzy.

"Each episode is about a different family that wants to sort of loosen the reins a little," she said.

"The show is not about daredevil activity, because I hate daredevil activity. I hate the idea that some day my child will be old enough to ride a motorcycle."

Rather she'll be overseeing families who have a problem with the idea of letting their children walk to school or cook a meal on their own.

Skenazy, who was in Toronto late last month filming an episode with a Toronto family, said they are currently casting more families in Ontario and the New York City area.

"What we're looking for are families that feel like they've been overprotective, but recognize that, and for one reason or another, they are open to change and open to loosening the reins a little bit."

Praised by some and dubbed "America's worst mom" by others, Skenazy said that her free-range kids concept is not about neglecting your kids.

"It's more about getting a grip on reality versus the horrors that are presented to us by everything from parenting magazines to the *Nancy Grace* show," Skenazy said.

Skenazy recalled the reaction she got when she blogged about a mom who left her child alone in the library's children's room for three minutes while she went upstairs to check out a book.

"There were 1,400 letters about this blog post. Most of them said, 'I wouldn't let my child stay there for three seconds without me, much less three minutes! Or, 'I don't care if the odds are one in two or one in two billion,' and it's like, really? You can't see the difference? Because if you can't see the difference between one in two and one in two billion, you shouldn't put on your shoe because there could be a deadly tarantula in there. The odds are slim, but they're there!" she said, laughing.

Skenazy said her idea of ideal parents are those who believe in their kids.

"When a parent says, 'Well, I do believe in you... I just don't believe you'd be safe if I left you in the park with your three friends for half an hour while I got a Starbucks.' That's the opposite of believing in our kids, even though we love our kids."

Skenazy said she also doesn't buy the argument that they trust their kids, but not everyone else.

"Well, guess what? Your kid has to interact with everyone else. And what you're saying is, you don't believe they can handle themselves in this situation or that."

She said that her philosophy is not "an all or nothing thing." People can choose to adopt whatever techniques and ideas they are comfortable with.

"It's not like I do all or nothing. I talk about how crazy it is that we're all so worried about our children falling behind, but I have a tutor for one of my kids. So at some point, you might say, this might be crazy, but I don't want him to repeat the seventh grade!"

Check out Skenazy's blog at www.freerangekids.wordpress.com.

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Dear 16-Year-Old Me video goes viral

Laura Fixman
Intern

Have you ever wanted to reach into the past to warn yourself about all the mistakes you're about to make?

The David Cornfield Melanoma Fund in Toronto took that idea and used it to create a video warning viewers about the dangers of malignant melanoma.

The video starts with people warning their 16-year-old selves about typical teenage mistakes, including bad perms, bad movies and bad choices with alcohol.

The YouTube video Dear 16-Year-Old Me – which has been viewed more than 1.8 million times – features melanoma survivors and people who have lost loved ones to melanoma telling anyone who's 16, was once 16, or will soon be 16 what they wish they had known about the disease.

Sari Cornfield wishes she had seen the video when she was 16 because at that age she would lie in the sun and not know the dangers.

She created the organization behind the video, the David Cornfield Melanoma Fund, in memory of her late husband, David, a Jewish Torontonian who died of malignant melanoma in 2005 at the age of 32.

Cornfield said the video was created to raise awareness about melanoma, and it was more successful than she had ever imagined.

"We've had a lot of e-mails from people who said they've changed their behaviour after watching the video," she said.

The video quickly went viral, receiving well over a million hits, and Cornfield said it's because it's very relatable for young people. She said it's easier for them to understand the story of a young person who loved to be in the sun and then passed away from malignant melanoma.

"The stories are very real and these are not actors," Cornfield said.

The video states that melanoma is the most common cancer in young adults and that it's very treatable if caught early. Cornfield said that from reading the comments about the video, she realized that many young people have never even heard about melanoma.

"There are a lot of misconceptions that skin cancer is something you can just cut out," she said.

Cornfield's husband, David, was diagnosed with malignant melanoma when he was 29. After going through a year of chemotherapy, he was in remission for two years, during which he became a father and achieved career success.

When the cancer reappeared in his lungs and his brain, he spoke to his wife about his hopes that his story could be used to help others. Cornfield said the best part was reading the thousands of comments on the video.

David Cornfield, who died in 2005 from melanoma, with his wife Sari and son Noah in 2004, during his remission.

"People said they went to the dermatologist because of this video," she said. "I feel like that's a life saved."

The video featured several melanoma survivors and their families, and Cornfield said that it was a very emotional experience meeting them. One of those survivors is Aron Brager, a 29-year-old teacher at Robbins Hebrew Academy in Toronto.

He was diagnosed with melanoma when he was 19, when he decided he didn't like the way a mole on his leg looked.

Aron Brager

He said that what he is most proud of is the response he's getting from the parents of his students.

"Parents tell me they won't let their kids out of the house without sunscreen anymore," he said. "I feel like I'm a celebrity in my own community."

He said that this video was successful in part because of websites like Facebook and YouTube that make it very easy to pass information around. He added that it was an especially important video to watch as kids begin to go off to camp.

"It's stuff they didn't necessarily know about before," Brager said. "I take the comfort in the fact that people who didn't wear sunscreen might change their behaviour."

Before Brager was diagnosed, he said that he didn't know much about melanoma. At the time, he felt like he was the only person in the world with that diagnosis. Since then, he has run into people who said they had melanoma or that they know someone with melanoma.

"It's incredibly prevalent," Berger said. "It's way more common than I had ever imagined."

The video uses a mixture of humour and serious information to get its message across. Although it pokes fun at the fact that "ginger people have enough problems," including an increased risk of melanoma, it also offers serious warnings about the dangers of tanning and not wearing sunscreen.

Brager thought it was the best way to raise awareness among young people. He thought it would be effective, but had never expected so much success.

"I'm absolutely overwhelmed by it, and I'm humbled by it as well," he said.

The video recommends checking all of your skin once a month, for about 10 minutes, for moles that may have changed or look suspicious in any way. It was posted in May because that's melanoma awareness month.

Cornfield said that this video has achieved the goal of raising awareness.

To watch the video, go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v _4jgUcxMezM. For more information on the David Cornfield Melanoma Fund, go to www.dcmf.ca.

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Recycle, reduce, reuse. Last month, my column discussed the challenge of recycling paper on which Jewish holy words are written. This month, we will focus on some key considerations to help you make sustainable choices about what paper you use, and how you use, and eventually reuse, that paper.

These three actions – choosing, using and reusing – help influence what paper options are available in the marketplace, as the actions of individuals, organizations and corporations can have a profound influence on the environment.

In business, as in life, decisions are made by weighing the costs and benefits of an action. When choosing what paper to use, whether to use it and how to dispose of it, individuals and organizations usually consider the cost of the paper in dollar terms, followed by the look and feel of the paper and how well a printer, copier or fax machine can use it.

Sustainable Jew

Fred Winegust

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Even though the recycled paper may be slightly more expensive because of higher manufacturing costs, many organizations are willing to pay more to avoid risking their reputation, especially if it allows them to align their actions with their personal or organizational beliefs. What type of message would you be sending to the community if you or your organization were fundraising to plant trees, but your communications were printed on non-FSC-certified paper with no recycled content?

Your decision on paper procurement may come down to budgetary considerations, but increasingly, forward thinkers are examining their environmental footprint. By understanding available paper options, considering the full life cycle of printing needs and reducing paper consumption you can be true to your personal or organizational beliefs, remain within your budget and reduce the environmental impact.

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Richard Prasquier, left, president of the CRIF, the umbrella group for Jewish organizations in France, who talks about the possible repercussions of the imprisonment in the United States of Dominique Strauss-Kahn, who is Jewish, and of the role of Marine Le Pen as leader of the right-wing Front National.

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An Israeli living in Canada reflects on the recent Walk with Israel held in Toronto.

With the holiday of Shavuot just around the corner, many people wonder what significant customs are associated with the holiday, writes *CJN* web columnist Rabbi Michael Stavsky.

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More than 500 people attended the closing ceremony of the Rachel and Ben Beutel Campus of the United Talmud Torahs/Herzliah High School in St. Laurent on May 25.

Montreal shul pays tribute to Bob Dylan.

Jewishness: a death orientation?

Every day I receive an e-mail telling me who died in our community the day before. After reading it, I am convinced we, the Jewish people, have a death orientation. I considered why that might be.

In every generation the Jewish people have been persecuted. My friend, Moishe, who has ensconced himself in Jewish history, said recently how amazed he is that there has rarely been a peaceful time in the history of the Jewish People.

Urban Writer

Avrum Rosensweig

Death. I thought about the time I was in Israel during a terrorist attack, and the headlines in all the newspapers showed clear pictures of those who were murdered. It was as if the publishers, editors, journalists and newspaper boys had known the young girl on the bus, the senior, the Bedouin. I felt great respect for the Israelis, seeing their acute sensitivity for every man, woman and child, Jewish or Arab, but sadness at the heaviness they must harbour.

I then contemplated my own death orientation and how it plays out as a Jew. I was raised on death. My father was a rabbi so holidays were cut short if a community member died. We had to return home so my father could officiate. That's how it was. Death was part of our breakfast.

I thought about a camp a friend of a friend attended, where a night activity she participated in was predicated on Holocaust education. In it, she and her cabin mates were chased by (fictitious) Nazis. At the age of eight, this little girl was taught to be scared, and that Jews are hunted down and killed by psychotic maniacs. She was eight. Death.

The truth gets uglier. Not only does it seem we have a death orientation, but similarly we get an early education about the insanity of personkind. As an example, in the very first parshah, we read about the very first brothers – Cain and Abel – one of whom ultimately killed the other. Insanity. Why the first?

Shortly afterward the world is wiped out by a flood and only Noah and his family survive. Noah is then sodomized by his son immediately after descending the ark.

The last plague in Egypt, one which I had to skip at the seder I conducted for my son, is the killing of the Egyptian child. Where are we to hide?

Death, dying, murder, killing, rape – it's all around us. It's in the Torah, our history, our experiences and on our minds. We study about it, run from it in camp and die just a little bit every time we do.

And the affects of this death orientation has been dismal. Every morning we wake up to an e-mail telling us who died the day before, almost as if they were our own children. We drive by the most beautiful park in the city – Earl Bales – and our eyes do not drift to the magnificent jungle of trees but instead to the Holocaust memorial, where flames burn sometimes and names of children stare out at those skating by on roller day Sunday. Death. Insanity. It's right there.

Shavuot is here. It's a happy holiday, and we know that one of the Ten Commandments instructs us not to kill. But we know that the Torah we learn all night is rife with wars, battles and tragic death.

It's hard to know what to make of all this. Can one be a Jew and have a life orientation?

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Lawsuit aimed at stopping Canadian boat in Gaza flotilla

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

A 68-year-old Canadian-Israeli dual citizen is suing two Canadian organizations in an attempt to block them from sponsoring a ship in the second international Freedom Flotilla to Gaza.

Cherna Rosenberg filed her case against the Canadian Boat to Gaza and Alternatives International June 2 in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Toronto. She's charging the groups with raising funds for and providing material support to Hamas, which governs Gaza and was declared a terrorist group by Canada in 2002.

Under Canadian law, it's illegal to help or support "a designated terror group," Rosenberg's lawyers, Neal Sher of New York and Ed Morgan of Toronto, said in a statement last week.

Sher is the former executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

Ed Morgan

Morgan, a University of Toronto law professor, told *The CJN* his case will also seek to make Canadian anti-terrorism laws more "robust and effective," in the same way as U.S. federal anti-terrorism laws have become more stringent.

He noted that recent legal developments in the United States "have indicated that if a person supplies a listed terrorist group with material and support, even if those materials and that support are of a humanitarian nature, that aid constitutes support of a terrorist organization and is contrary to the law."

Rosenberg, who divides her time between Israel and Canada, is seeking both an interim and a permanent injunction prohibiting the defendants "from continuing to raise funds, purchasing equipment or supplies, and purchasing or renting a vessel for the purpose of delivering goods or funds to the Gaza Strip."

According to a statement of claim – which outlines a plaintiff's cause for action – the suit also seeks to block the defendants "from sending goods, funds or any other material support, directly or indirectly, to Hamas or any of its representatives, and/or from aiding and abetting Hamas by assisting in bringing imports and exports to and from the Gaza Strip."

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Diplomacy amid pomp and plumage

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was greeted in Rome Sunday by Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, who opposes a unilateral declaration of statehood by the Palestinians. Netanyahu was also slated to meet this week with German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle as part of a European trip that aimed to counter a UN General Assembly vote, expected in the fall, in support of a unilateral declaration by the Palestinians. ***[Flash90 photo]***

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Funding Lauded

TORONTO —Canadian Jewish Congress welcomed the permanent allocation of $1.6 million in annual funding to the Security Infrastructure Pilot Program through Public Safety Canada announced in last week's federal budget. "This vital program will continue to assist at-risk communities in protecting their communal institutions from violence and vandalism. As the Jewish community knows from direct experience, beyond the physical damage of such crimes, there is a deeper psychological damage to the victimized community. Such attacks leave it feeling isolated, vulnerable and unwelcome. We applaud the federal government for making this funding available," said CJC president Mark Freiman.

Mayor in Israel

WINNIPEG — Winnipeg Mayor Sam Katz was in Israel this week to attend the 27th International Mayors Conference. The gathering of 25 mayors from 18 countries, took place June 12 to 14 in Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Katz's trip was sponsored by Canadian Friends of Hebrew University and the Israeli Consulate in Toronto. Katz was born in Israel, in 1951. His family came to Canada a short time later.

WORLD

PM Blames Jews

ISTANBUL — Turkish leaders, including Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, blamed Israel and its supporters for what they said was international media hostility to the country's ruling party. "This international media, as they are supported by Israel, would not be happy with the continuation of the AKP government," Erdogan said last week. "Of course, they have their hands on Turkey nowadays." Erdogan was responding to the *Economist*'s endorsement of the opposition party ahead of this week's elections. Another minister, Egemen Bagis, described "international dark elites who control the international media."

Letter Detailed Hate

LOS ANGELES — A 1919 letter written by Adolf Hitler that is said to be the first time he outlined his idea to eradicate Germany's Jews will be exhibited publicly at the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles starting next month. It had been accessible only to historians. Hitler wrote the letter well before his rise to power in Germany, but he had already outlined the government's role in the extermination of the Jews.

Actor Tweets Against Circumcision

SYDNEY, Australia — Oscar-winning actor Russell Crowe railed against circumcision in a string of Twitter posts, denouncing it as "barbaric," before apologizing the next day.

Russell Crowe

The stream of tweets began June 9, in response to a query from an Australian follower. The tweets have since been deleted, but news outlets reported that the actor wrote, "Circumcision is barbaric and stupid. Who are you to correct nature? Is it real that God requires a donation of foreskin? Babies are perfect."

Crowe, who won an Oscar for his role in the 2000 film *Gladiator*, went on to address Jews directly. "Many Jewish friends, I love my Jewish friends, I love the apples and the honey and the funny little hats but stop cutting yr babies," (sic) he tweeted.

On June 10, after newspapers and news sites reported on his posts, he apologized over Twitter. "I have a deep and abiding love for all people of all nationalities, I'm very sorry that I have said things on here that have caused distress," he tweeted.

The flap began when Crowe responded to a follower on Twitter who asked if he should get his son circumcised. His comments came amidst a heated debate on a controversial San Francisco ballot initiative that would ban childhood circumcision if approved by the California city's voters in November.

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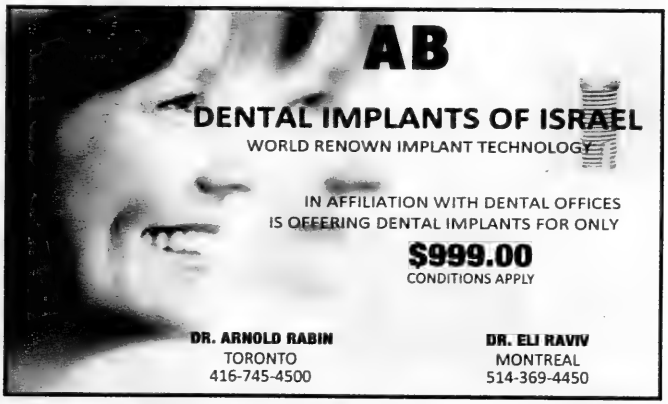

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Crimes against Jews up 'substantially' in 2009

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Seven in 10 religiously motivated hate crimes in Canada in 2009 were committed against Jews, Statistics Canada reported last week.

A total of 1,473 such incidents were reported in 2009, representing an increase of 437 incidents, or 42 per cent, over 2008, according to a report released June 7 on police-reported hate crimes.

More than half – 54 per cent – were motivated by race or ethnicity, while 29 per cent were motivated by religion and 13 per cent by sexual orientation, Statistics Canada said.

But the shocking numbers come when looking at crimes against the Jewish community.

In what Statistics Canada calls a "substantial" increase, in 2009 police reported 283 hate crimes against Jews, up 71 per cent from 2008.

Hate crimes against other faith groups were also up from 2008, though nowhere near the increase against Jews.

Crimes against Muslims increased from 26 incidents in 2008 to 36 in 2009, while police reported 33 hate crimes against Catholics, three more than in 2008.

Len Rudner, Ontario regional director for Canadian Jewish Congress, said the statistics were "depressing."

Len Rudner

"The Jewish community, traditionally, is the most targeted community for crimes motivated by bias on the basis of religion," he said.

Rudner added it was important to realize that many of these crimes go unpunished because of their clandestine nature.

For instance, a swastika spray-painted on a synagogue, or defacement of headstones in a Jewish cemetery, would be considered a hate crime, but the perpetrators of these acts are hard to track down, he said.

Statistics Canada noted in its report that "police-reported hate crimes refer to criminal incidents that, upon investigation by police, are determined to have been motivated by hate towards an identifiable group."

"All Canadians, not just Jews, should really be concerned" by the increase in hate crimes, Rudner said.

He also speculated that the uptick in hate crimes against the community in 2009 was linked to Operation Cast Lead, Israel's military action in Gaza to put an end to the shelling of southern Israeli towns by Hamas.

"We know that hate crime activity is affected by a number of elements, one of which is what is going on in the wider world" at any given time, he said.

Thinking about 2009, Rudner said, "whenever there is activity in the Middle East, more often than not we'll see that reflected in hate crimes against our community."

Rudner said he first started paying close attention to the correlation between Israel's actions and hate crimes against Jews in North America just after 9-11.

"In the months directly after 9-11, we saw a tremendous spike in [hate crime] activity against the Muslim community and also against the Jewish community," he said.

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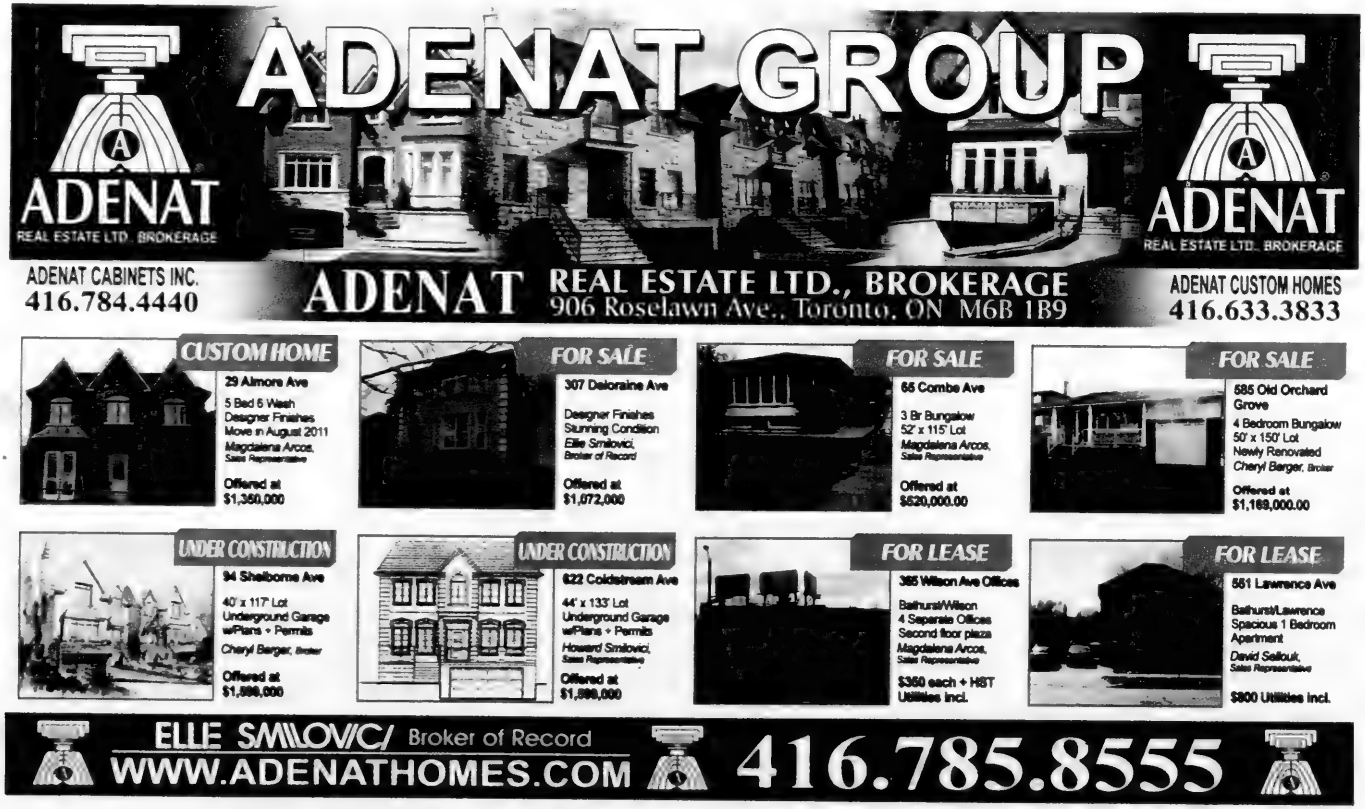

Everyday life in Israel's hospitals

More than moral blindness, it is moral inversion that grips the individuals of high conscience who advocate a boycott of Israeli exports and of Israel itself.

And they are no mere men and women of inconsequence who bellow for boycott. The latest group in Britain to do so is the University and College Union. This is the union's third kick at the boycott can since the union was created five years ago. Last year's effort was derailed by the application of certain irritating legalities.

But whatever their level of learning or station in life, the embrace of such fervent anti-Israel obsession has blinded the boycotters to the facts of daily Israeli life, many of which are inconvenient to them. Such facts can be found every minute of every day, for example, in Israel's hospitals.

The CJN visited two Israeli hospitals last month. Over the next few weeks, I shall use this space to convey some of those inconvenient facts that the boycotters wish us not to know.

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About halfway along Israel's narrow nine-mile waist between the Mediterranean on the west and Kalkilya in the West Bank on the east, is the town of Kfar Saba. It lies near the mid-point of the densely populated coastal plain of the Jewish state between Ashkelon in the south and Haifa in the north.

From the editor's desk...

The Meir Medical Center is in Kfar Saba. It was opened 55 years ago next month as a treatment centre for tuberculosis sufferers. But with the early effective eradication of the disease, the centre became a general hospital.

The hospital has just over 700 beds. Some 2,300 people work there. Of these, 350 are physicians and 1,000 are nurses. Together they serve around 800,000 people, more than 10 per cent of all the people who live in Israel. The hospital's catchment area is the busy Ramat Hasharon, Netanya, Tulkarm, Kalkilya quadrangle and beyond, including patients from the nearby West Bank villages.

Dr. Asher Elhayany, the effusive director of the hospital told *The CJN* that from the very first moment he started at the hospital and became its director, four years ago, he was "impressed by the ambience at the hospital.

"It has quality and soul. It provides services that are the equal of the highest level hospitals and it has the soul of a small family," he elaborated. "Everyone cares for each other."

Elhayany spoke quickly, expansively, trying to impart as much information as possible in our few moments together. He spoke with obvious pride for the hospital and especially for the many people who work there.

Asher Elhayany

"It is very pleasant to work here," he said with a smile, while thinking, perhaps, of the small family atmosphere that he had told me permeates.

Then he proceeded to tell me about some of the special multi-disciplinary research and clinical programs at the hospital such as its intensive care and trauma practice, spinal and respiratory surgery, health promotion program, cardiovascular rehabilitation and sports fitness program, neo-natal intensive care program, and the children's care and oncology units.

A walk through the wards of any hospital almost anywhere on earth would yield the same emotional responses that the tour through Meir evoked in me. We see human beings at the edge of the ultimate issues of their lives, where so many of the people we greet, to whom we nod "hello" or whom we ask "how are you?" answer with tears in the corner of their eyes.

But what is noticeably different about the emotions that rise within us on a tour of an Israeli hospital is the surrealism, the incongruity, the unfairness of being with doctors, nurses, administrators, maintenance crews and patients who, despite all their labours, in the far-away world of the boycotters are vilified simply for being Israelis.

In addition, about 20 per cent of the staff of the hospital and of the patients treated at the hospital are Arabs, with some of the patients coming from the West Bank. At Meir, coexistence is not an elevating, lofty slogan. It is an every-minute-of-every-day, seven-day-a-week, life-saving way of life. The Arab patients whom I met and with whom I exchanged pleasantries would be hard-pressed to understand, let alone to support, the self-righteous boycotters.

–MBD

The Canadian Friends of the Meir Medical Center are conferring the hospital's prestigious Medal of Merit this year on June 29 at the Westin Prince Hotel in Toronto upon former longtime Toronto MP Joe Volpe, Dr. Allan Gross, and Dana and Jared Florence, co-founders of Three To Be, a not-for-profit foundation that supports the treatment and therapy of children's neurological disorders.

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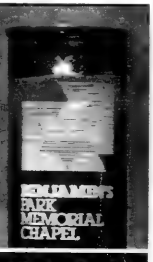

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STOPPING BY THE MARKET TO STRETCH

Infantry soldiers from the Golani Brigade did some serious stretching exercises at the Mahane Yehuda Market in Jerusalem on Monday morning. They were participating in the 25th Golani Brigade Race, which started at Israel's most northerly point, Mount Hermon in the Golan Heights, and ends at the most southerly point in Eilat. During the race, the soldiers stopped along the way to engage with Israeli citizens.

[Flash90 photo]

York Centre MP adapting to new life in Ottawa

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Mark Adler, the recently elected Conservative MP for York Centre said he still finds it all a little surreal.

Adler, 49, a self-described "public policy wonk" who unseated Liberal incumbent Ken Dryden in last month's federal election, said growing up in Bathurst Manor and now representing the neighbourhood and riding in Parliament is "a privilege."

The son of a Holocaust survivor – his father lived through the Lodz Ghetto and Auschwitz before immigrating to Toronto in 1947 and marrying – the soft-spoken Adler said he is both proud and humbled to be one of three Jewish MPs in the new Parliament.

Fellow rookie Conservative MP Joe Oliver (Eglinton-Lawrence) and Montreal Liberal MP Irwin Cotler (Mount Royal) are the others.

"It's important for the Jewish community to have representation in the House [of Commons]," Adler said. "I think having someone who's Jewish in the caucus will help promote issues of concern to the prime minister, issues that may not have otherwise been brought forward."

Mark Adler

For example, he'd like to set up a Russian Jewish war veterans' museum in the riding.

"I'm working with them now to get this done," he said, noting that an "issue like this normally wouldn't make itself known to Parliament" if the riding's MP was not Jewish and cognizant of these issues in the community.

Adler is also the founder and CEO of the Economic Club of Canada (ECC), an organization that hosts speaking engagements "with the most important, relevant and influential leaders of our time," its website says.

Asked why he decided to jump into politics, Adler said he has always been interested in public service and has always been involved in community life.

He's also been a big fan of Prime Minister Stephen Harper for some time, especially because of the government's stance on Israel, the Jewish community and the economy.

"Harper had the right message at the right time for the Jewish community and for Canada," he said.

"I just felt that now was the time" to try political life.

Adler met Harper in 2007 at an ECC event, although he stressed that his company is "never a partisan forum for anyone" and that he never tipped his hand as to his political leanings while serving as its CEO.

Adler said now that he's a Conservative MP, he's in talks with "officials" in Ottawa to discern whether he can continue in his role as CEO and whether this would be a conflict of interest with his new job as an MP.

For the moment, though, he said he's "not actively involved" with the club.

But he said his work with the ECC helped prepare him for political life, because it gave him "a good vantage point" to observe first-hand how politicians and dignitaries conduct themselves, which "fed his interest" in politics.

As for his pledge to York Centre residents to work on their behalf, Adler said there are many issues in the riding that need to be addressed, and he believes some can be easily remedied.

'It's important for the Jewish community to have representation in the House [of Commons]'

Two of his major areas of concern are making Downsview Park more profitable and expanding the Sheppard subway line.

On the former, Adler said the park has a new board and there are plans in the works for "more development" there.

"But first we want to create the right balance between development and environmental considerations," he said.

As for the subway, Adler said he will continue to work on the issue.

He said he now has an expectation of himself that he must deliver on promises he made during the campaign.

"[York Centre residents] have placed their confidence in me, and I need to maintain that... shame on me if I don't help them and address their concerns and improve their quality of life. That's what the local member of Parliament can and should do."

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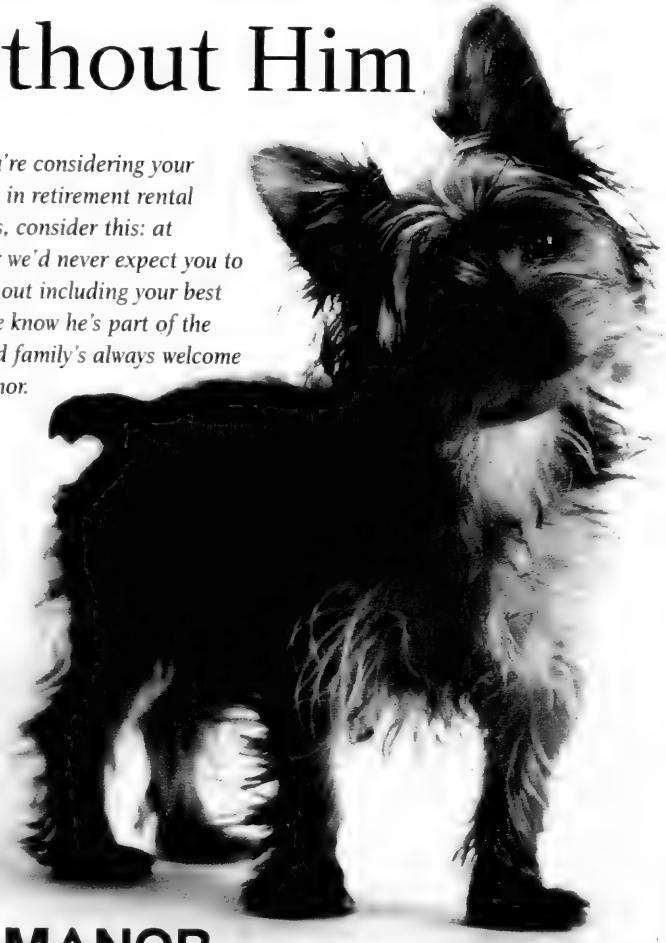

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Spiegel says goodbye Zareinu, hello Beth Tzedec

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Randy Spiegel says it was tough for him to think about leaving Zareinu Educational Centre, where he served for eight years as executive director, and that he remains passionate about the work he did at the school for special needs children.

But becoming executive director of Beth Tzedec Congregation in March of this year struck him as a unique opportunity.

"It's like being the town manager," he said in an interview in his new office at Canada's largest Conservative congregation.

As well, he sees his job as "a way of making a substantial contribution to the enhancement of Jewish life."

As executive director, Spiegel oversees staff and functioning of the synagogue, which has almost 2,700 member families.

He said that a big part of his job would be to "delve deeply" into the shul's budget – a number he declined to divulge – and to ensure financial stability and accountability. Last December, Beth Tzedec opted out of the Canadian Council of Conservative Synagogues – itself a breakaway group from the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism – citing financial reasons.

"In this day and age, I don't think any organization should ever think that it's financially stable," said Spiegel, who has implemented and managed major fundraising campaigns for Zareinu and Associated Hebrew Schools, where he was director of development and public relations from 1994 to 2002. "The financial and economic challenges that exist in our country and around the world are here at Beth Tzedec, too."

As well, Spiegel's duties include contributing to and implementing the synagogue's new "strategic vision," which is still being defined. He has come up with a personal motto – "Embracing our people" – that has appeared a few times in synagogue publications.

Randy Spiegel

Spiegel believes that "every place wants to have some kind of logo or motto that helps to succinctly define what I call the three big questions – who you are, what you're doing and where you're going – and that is the heart of strategic planning.

"What the leadership [of Beth Tzedec] are aspiring to do is embrace our people wherever they are and be able to engage them in Jewish life... for people to feel welcome here, for them to connect spiritually, educationally, socially and culturally."

When Spiegel was growing up in Hespeler, Ont. – now part of Cambridge – he "dreamed of having the type of opportunities for Jewish kids that existed in Toronto."

As a teenager in a town where there were no other Jewish families, Spiegel was involved in the Conservative movement's United Synagogue Youth through the Jewish community in Kitchener. He was also a camper and later a staff member at Camp Ramah, which is affiliated with the Conservative movement.

Both experiences contributed to his becoming more observant and led to his pursuit of higher Jewish education – a BA in Jewish studies from the University of Judaism and a double master's degree from Brandeis University in Jewish communal service and management of human services.

A member of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, which is Orthodox, Spiegel says that "putting a denominational flag into the ground" wasn't relevant to him growing up in a traditional Jewish home. "Being Jewish was what was relevant."

Now, too, he prefers not to focus on denominational labels. "I want to be doing things that bring us together."

Between their professional and personal lives, his family spans denominational worlds. Spiegel's wife, Debbie, is director of education at Holy Blossom Temple.

Spiegel said the board of Shaarei Shomayim's brotherhood has reached out to the Men's Club at Beth Tzedec to do joint programming.

Although he sits on the brotherhood committee, the outreach was not his initiative, he noted. "I hope I'm able to do lots of that type of facilitation."

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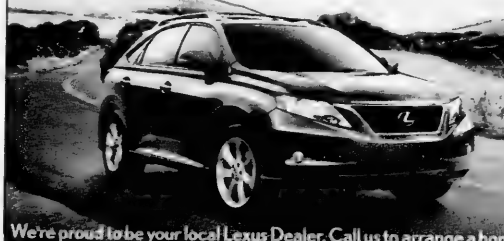

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Sefer Torah brings families together

Laura Fixman
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There are precious few ways for families to take part in something Jewish all together, but a project to write a community sefer Torah at Adath Israel Congregation offered just such an opportunity, said the shul's executive director, Bernie Rabinovitch.

Some 700 families had a letter inscribed in the new sefer Torah, dedicated June 5, allowing them to fulfil the 613th of the 613 mitzvot, which requires each Jewish person to write a Torah during their lifetime.

"It gave them a connection to their roots," Rabinovitch told *The CJN*. "The families themselves will have actual ownership of a Torah."

It was a very emotional experience for the families, many of which included three or four generations, he added.

"It's amazing to see the expressions on the families' faces," Rabinovitch said as he waited for the dedication ceremony to begin. "It's a very profound experience for them."

The idea to create the community sefer Torah came from Adath Israel's board of directors, who wanted to find a way to bring congregants together and to raise money for much-needed renovations to the shul's sanctuary and parking lot.

Shul members contributed more than $800,000 to the project.

Speaking to *The CJN* ahead of the event, Rabinovitch said that it's appealing to congregants to be able to read from a Torah they have ownership in.

"In today's world, families are pulled in so many different directions," he said. "With this, they actually participated together in the most important aspect of our religion."

Members will be able to read from "their" Torah at bar and bat mitzvahs and other life-cycle events. Rabinovitch said it will give families, and especially children, a connection to the Torah.

He said the project encouraged members to feel more involved in the shul. He said that generally when families come to the shul for services or events, they're among hundreds of people, and parents and children often take part in separate programming, but this was something they could do together.

The dedication ceremony began with large donors, past presidents and family of clergy gathering to watch Rabbi Mordechi Tzvi Karro, a Miami-based sofer, inscribe the last word in the sefer Torah.

As Rabbi Karro waited for the ink to dry, he spoke about the importance of the process.

He said that it took more than 16 months to complete the project, but that by having one letter inscribed for them in the Torah, it was as if each person owned the entire scroll.

"It does not belong to one individual," Rabbi Karro said. "It belongs to all of us."

The ceremony continued with the Torah being brought into the sanctuary under a chupah so that it could be read from for the first time, which consecrated it and dedicated it to the synagogue.

Project committee chair Judy Schwalm spoke about the process of creating the sefer Torah, which involved educational programs for people of all ages and a souvenir for each participating child of their Hebrew name written on a piece of parchment.

Schwalm said Rabbi Karro answered all questions throughout the process, which helped make it a success.

"Our goals were to re-energize our community," Schwalm said.

Adath Israel's rabbi emeritus, Rabbi Erwin Schild, explained why this sefer Torah is different than all the others he's seen in his 63 years with the congregation.

Rabbi Mordechi Karro writing the last letter in Adath Israel's new sefer Torah. *[Laura Fixman photo]*

The others were bought or commissioned and delivered ready-made. Congregants never got to see the process, but in this case, they got to see the journey from blank parchment to a fully finished Torah.

The dedication ceremony ended with a parade of the Torah around the shul building.

Hate crime report

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Whether it's the 2010 Gaza flotilla incident, 9-11 or Israel Defence Forces activities against Hamas and Hezbollah, any or all of them bring Israel, and by extension the Jewish community, "to the attention of people already negatively predisposed toward Jews and gives them a warrant to act out their hatred in a criminal fashion."

Federal Citizenship Minister Jason Kenney said he was "deeply concerned" by the report.

"Although part of this increase is due to greater awareness and more vigilant reporting, nevertheless, any incident of hate-based crime is completely contrary to the Canadian values of tolerance and respect for diversity," Kenney said in a statement.

He noted that Ottawa has made its Security Infrastructure Pilot Program permanent, earmarking $1.6 million annually for security enhancements "for sites at risk of being targeted in communities victimized by hate-motivated crime."

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Freedom weeps

It was a sombre and searing anniversary that freedom-loving Iranians tried to commemorate on the weekend. Two years ago, on June 12, the presidential elections were stolen from the people of Iran by the country's thuggish, theocratic rulers. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was proclaimed the winner even though it was clear to objective observers that he was not.

In the aftermath of that monstrous electoral fraud two years ago, Iranians took to the street to protest against the regime's deliberate disregard for, and destruction of, the democratic process. Scores of demonstrators were killed by Iranian security officials and hundreds more arrested.

This past Sunday, Iranian security forces were reported to have shot at Iranians who again took to the streets to mark the second anniversary of the stolen election.

According to *Ha'aretz*, Iranian opposition websites Sahamnews and Kaleme both reported that the police were deployed to prevent anti-government protests. Sahamnews reported that police attacked protesters with electric batons. Kaleme reported that hundreds of demonstrators had been arrested. (As of this writing, neither report could be confirmed.)

While the Iranian regime was trampling the democratic rights of its people on Sunday, one of its key client states, Syria, followed in similar sordid suit against its own people as well.

Various media outlets reported that Syrian soldiers on Sunday rampaged in the northern town of Jisr al-Shughour. Stories of atrocities committed by the Syrian soldiers are widespread. Thousands of Syrians in the area have fled to neighbouring Turkey. As reported in *Ha'aretz*, a senior Turkish diplomat said 4,300 Syrian refugees had crossed the border, but a western diplomat said the number was higher. Witnesses said more than 10,000 were sheltering near the border.

There are no accurate independent accounts of what is actually happening on the ground in either country. Reporters must rely on the courage of the protesters and on fleeing refugees themselves for the news. This is due entirely to the fact that independent, accurate reporting does not exist in Iran or in Syria. Indeed, most reporting by western media of what is happening in Syria emanates from Israel, where reporters do not fear for their lives or for the right to write the truth.

Iran and Syria operate under a system of officially sanctioned sadism and brutality whose sole governmental objective is securing the permanence of their respective regimes. The well-being of their respective populations ranks far down their list of priorities. The establishment of people-oriented priorities in Iran and Syria suffers from, or more accurately, is guided by severe anti-democratic and anti-humanitarian ideologies.

Where are the NGOs to point this out?

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Violence by anti-religious extremists against haredi zealots who had been burning and defacing bus stops with racy ads erupted in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and other cities over Shavuot as the government tried to mediate between secular and observant Jews. There were no injuries, but there were many arrests and significant property damage.

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Mideast war almost inevitable

The recent reconciliation between Fatah and Hamas has ominous and dangerous consequences. Hamas is still committed to the destruction of Israel, and it is inconceivable that any Israeli government would continue negotiating a peace treaty without a renunciation of violence and the destruction of the State of Israel. Fatah has always had Saudi Arabia as a backer, and Hamas, in turn, has been armed and supported by Iran. It is difficult to see Saudi Arabia and Iran as bitter enemies coming to the aid of both Fatah and Hamas. If indeed Hamas comes out as the victor in Palestinian elections, then Israel is faced with a new dilemma, in addition to the ones already affecting its survival.

Forces in Egypt have indicated that they will work to renounce Egypt's peace treaty with Israel. Hezbollah is now a part of the Lebanese government, and Syria, without any intervention by the United Nations, continues to be led by its murderous president. It is, therefore, incumbent on Israel not to surrender one inch of territory so that it remains behind defensive borders. To ask Hamas to amend its position and accept the existence of a Jewish state is only wishful thinking. Even the PLO charter has never withdrawn the clause calling for the destruction of Israel. These developments make a new Middle East war almost inevitable.

Bert Raphael
Thornhill, Ont.

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Endorse a Palestinian state

Clearly, Israel does not have any intention of negotiating a peace treaty for a two-state solution with its Palestinian neighbours. Its refusal to look at the 1967 borders as a foundation for a peace accord is really just icing on the cake of a long history of uncompromising and unilateral actions with respect to the creation of a Palestinian state. It continues to build settlements, continues to impose harsh measures on Palestinians, and continues in its quest to colonize large segments of the West Bank for its own advantage. As a Jewish Israeli-Canadian who loves Israel dearly, I call upon the nations of the world, including Canada, to recognize a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza, once and for all signalling to Israel that its illegal and brutal occupation is bankrupt on the international stage.

Avraham Zer-Aviv
Toronto

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LET THEM GO...

Ron Arad, Zachary Baumel, Zvi Feldman, Guy Hever, Yehuda Katz

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The number of days Hamas has held Gilad Schalit captive

Jews who were PoWs in Japan

I am the archivist of the AJEX Jewish Military Museum in London (Association of Jewish Ex-servicemen and Women of the United Kingdom) and am researching a book on Jewish PoWs of the Japanese. I am looking for transcripts of any audio or video material surviving in the families of PoWs or any stories written about this subject. Also, I am looking for photos of the men or women concerned. I am anxious to include chapters about Canadian Jews, or Jews who went later to live in Canada, in the book. Anyone who has or had a Jewish relative who was a PoW in World War II, please contact me.

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Looking for Adele Gelbard

I am looking for Adele Gelbard, who was married to Hy Gelard. Hy was a cousin of my father, Rubin Joskowitz, from Poland. We met in Canada many years ago. They had three children, two sons and one daughter. My mother, Louise (Lusia), has lost touch with them. We are the "cousins from Texas."

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Shul anniversary

Beth Lida Forest Hill Congregation in Toronto celebrates its centennial anniversary in 2012. The shul was originally established on Augusta Avenue in downtown Toronto in the early 20th century and moved to its current location on Gilgorm Road in early 1950. We are preparing a historical publication of Beth Lida and wish to hear from individuals with a connection to our congregation over the years. Former shul officers, members' children/grandchildren, people who had bar mitzvahs or weddings there and those who have stories or items of interest are encouraged to contact us as soon as possible.

Suzanne Wintrob
Centennial Committee
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Border invasion calculated to destroy Israel

Amiel Ungar
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There is nothing innocent about the mass assaults we have recently witnessed on Israel's 1967 frontiers. Even if the mobs who attacked the border fences, and the Israel Defence Forces soldiers guarding them, with stones and Molotov cocktails had instead been genuinely non-violent, and had advanced on the border attired in black tie and to the civilized strains of a Vivaldi concerto – it would make no difference. This invasion is war is calculated to destroy the State of Israel and must be resisted.

We are dealing with people who have no intention of conquering the country that they seek to infiltrate; they merely want to establish residence there. No country can tolerate an attempt to trample its borders. If instead of infiltrating the United States by tortuous trails, millions of Mexicans were to demonstratively cross the Rio Grande River into El Paso, Texas, they would also be stopped forcibly.

This applies also to countries with borders plagued by territorial disputes or irredentist demands. Would Romania countenance thousands of "demonstrators" from Hungary attempting to re-Magyarize Transylvania? How would the Czech Republic and Poland be expected to handle a sudden surge of Germans seeking to "return home" to the Sudetenland and East Prussia? Even though in Europe there are currently no physical borders to dismantle (although the illegal immigration from the Third World may bring about their reimposition), the reception that the intruders would encounter would not be hospitable or gentle. Israel should therefore rebuff such infiltration attempts firmly and professionally, while attempting to minimize loss of life. However, if push comes to shove, we should employ all the means at our disposal with no pangs of conscience. It is a matter of survival.

In a sense we should ironically be grateful to the "demonstrators." The Palestinians in Syria, some of whom were conspicuously housed in dwellings that previously belonged to Syrian Jews, are not seeking to "return" to Gamla and Nob, liberated from Syria in 1967, or to "reassert their ownership" over Golan wineries: they want to get to a Jaffa that they have never seen. The same applies to their counterparts in Palestinian-ruled Gaza who march on the Erez crossing. Their aim is Ashkelon.

In Qalandiyah, between Ramallah and Jerusalem, the rioters took up Palestinian Authority president Yasser Arafat's battle cry, from the second intifadah, that "a million *shahids* are on their way to Jerusalem." When prime minister Ehud Barak foolishly put Judea, Samaria and half of Jerusalem on the chopping block at Camp David in return for what was supposed to be closure of the conflict, Arafat and his million wannabe martyrs rejected the deal. For them, it is more important to destroy Israel than to establish Palestine.

The events of May 15 and June 5 reinforce another truth: U.S. President Barack Obama's address last month at the State Department – in which he prioritized the setting of borders above resolution of the issues posed by the population exchange between Jews and Arabs – should be rejected.

The footage from the Golan last week was not pleasant, but Israel would have been in far worse shape if the Nakba and Naksa demonstrations had been launched from areas adjacent to Israeli population centres rather than from the periphery. Imagine the demonstrators sallying forth from Qalqilyah, abutting Kfar Sava, from the environs of Jerusalem or from the "safe passage road" bisecting Israel and connecting Gaza to the eastern part of a Palestinian state. That would make for even more dramatic footage.

Consider also a situation in which on the establishment of a Palestinian state, Syria and Lebanon, which have vigorously rejected for more than half a century any attempt to induce them to grant citizenship to a million Palestinians, promptly deported them to the new state. The nascent Palestinian state would be unable to absorb them, and their anger and frustration would only have the rump state of Israel as an outlet.

Palestinians from Syria last month approached the border near Majdal Shams in the Golan Heights as an Israeli soldier watched. *[Israel Sun photo]*

The last thing we need to do is to broadcast defeatism and desperation. Former defence minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer told a radio interviewer recently that Israel has no response to the border protests and an attempt to explain its actions is doomed. In Ben-Elizer's mind, we must therefore beseech PA President Mahmoud Abbas to return to the negotiating table without prior conditions.

Why should Abbas return to the negotiating table to save an Israel that has no response? It would make more sense to ramp up the tactics that confound Israel. If Israel has no preconditions, you can bet that Abbas will have plenty of preconditions, and first and foremost, the ability to continue with these tactics from far more advantageous borders.

Reclaiming a historical truth

Efraim Karsh
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I agree with Shlomo Avineri who recently wrote that the tragedy befalling the Palestinian Arabs in 1948 was exclusively of their own making, and that there is therefore "a grave moral defect in the Nakba discourse."

There is an overwhelming and incontrovertible body of contemporary evidence – intelligence briefs, captured Arab documents, press reports, personal testimonies, memoirs, and so forth – that while most Palestinian Arabs needed little encouragement to take to the road, large numbers were driven from their homes by their own leaders and/or the "Arab Liberation Army" (ALA) that had entered Palestine prior to the end of the Mandate. This was done either out of military considerations or in order to prevent them from becoming citizens of the prospective Jewish state.

In the largest and best-known example of Arab-instigated exodus, tens of thousands of Arabs were ordered or bullied into leaving the city of Haifa (on April 21 and 22) on the instructions of the Arab Higher Committee (AHC), the effective "government" of the Palestinian Arabs.

Only days earlier, Tiberias' 6,000-strong Arab community had been similarly forced out by its own leaders, against local Jewish wishes (a fortnight after the exodus, Sir Alan Cunningham, the last British high commissioner of Palestine, reported that the Tiberias Jews "would welcome [the] Arabs back").

In Jaffa, Palestine's largest Arab city, the municipality organized the transfer of thousands of residents by land and sea; in Jerusalem, the AHC ordered the transfer of women and children, and local gang leaders pushed out residents of several neighbourhoods, while in Beisan, the women and children were ordered out as Transjordan's Arab Legion dug in.

In Haifa, despite the strenuous Jewish efforts to persuade the Arabs to stay, the AHC ordered them to leave. This order was passed on to the local leadership by phone and secretly recorded by the Haganah. Similarly, the efforts of Haifa's Arab leadership to scaremonger their hapless constituents into fleeing though reluctant in the extreme to do so, is well documented. Some Arab residents received written threats that, unless they left town, they would be branded as traitors deserving of death. Others were told they could expect no mercy from the Jews.

In the words of a British intelligence report: "After the Jews had gained control of the town, and in spite of a subsequent food shortage, many would not have responded to the call for a complete evacuation but for the rumours and propaganda spread by the National Committee members remaining in the town. Most widespread was a rumour that Arabs remaining in Haifa would be taken as hostages by [the] Jews in the event of future attacks on other Jewish areas: and an effective piece of propaganda with its implied threat of retribution when the Arabs recapture the town, is that [those] people remaining in Haifa acknowledged tacitly that they believe in the principle of a Jewish state."

Nor was this phenomenon confined to Palestinian cities. The deliberate depopulation of Arab villages, too, and their transformation into military strongholds was a hallmark of the Arab campaign from the onset of hostilities.

As early as December 1947, villagers in the Tul Karm sub-district were ordered out by their local leaders, and in mid-January, Haganah intelligence briefs reported the evacuation of villages in the Hula Valley to accommodate local gangs and newly arrived ALA forces.

By February, this phenomenon had expanded to most parts of the country, gaining considerable momentum in April and May as Arab forces throughout Palestine were being comprehensively routed.

On April 18, the Haganah's intelligence branch in Jerusalem reported a fresh general order to remove the women and children from all villages bordering Jewish localities. Twelve days later, its Haifa counterpart reported an ALA directive to evacuate all Arab villages between Tel Aviv and Haifa in anticipation of a new general offensive. In early May, as fighting intensified in the eastern Galilee, local Arabs were ordered to transfer all women and children from the Rosh Pina area, while in the Jerusalem subdistrict, Transjordan's Arab Legion ordered the emptying of scores of villages.

To sum up, Zionism needs no propaganda to buttress its case, yet the historical truth needs to be reclaimed after decades of relentless distortion.

We love you, Charles

At an intimate birthday dinner in Jerusalem at the end of May, the president of Israel, Shimon Peres, had a formidable task. The golden-tongued Peres had to honour a personal friend of 60 years, a man who is a cherished friend to Israel, the Jewish People, and citizens of Canada and the United States. He had to find a fresh and meaningful way to capture the emotions in the room as we toasted a visionary philanthropist who has been honoured again and again with honorary doctorates, the Order of Canada and honorary citizenship status from Jerusalem.

Smart and sophisticated enough to know that, sometimes, it is best to trust simplicity and sincerity, Peres, brimming with emotion, welcomed Charles Bronfman to the exclusive club of vital, vibrant, inspiring octogenarians, and said: "We love you, Charles." Peres' soft-spoken delivery and Polish-accented "r," elongating the name nobly, made the name "Charrrrles" sound like the loftiest of titles.

And it's so true.

We love you, Charles, as Montrealers, because of the devotion you showed the city during its darkest hour. By keeping the Montreal Expos alive when you did, you were investing in the city where your father launched your legendary family's many heroic accomplishments. And by supporting McGill and Concordia universities so generously, you helped Anglo life continue to thrive, not just survive.

We love you, Charles, as Canadians, because your Canadian foundation's CRB Heritage Minutes not only educate

Gil Troy

in Montreal

Canadians about the past but offer a model of public education, proving that not everything popular and compelling need be superficial or stupid.

We love you, Charles, as Americans, because, spurred by your beloved late wife, Andrea, you helped us heal after the mass murders of Sept. 11. Andy's initiative, "The Gift of New York," giving free museum, culture, and sports tickets to 9/11 families, not only embraced the families brutalized by Islamist terrorism, it helped revive the New York cultural scene after the mass trauma, reminding Americans to define New York by the institutions that make it live, not the evil-doers who marked so many for death.

We love you, Charles, as Israelis, because your Keren Karev is like a magic wand waved up and down the country, making once-ugly sites beautiful and turning seemingly intractable social and educational problems into opportunities to help people by pioneering creative, cutting-edge solutions.

We love you, Charles, as Jews, because your Taglit-Birthright Israel program has now launched more than 250,000 Jewish journeys at a critical time in the life of Israel and the Jewish People.

Like a brilliant matchmaker, you and your fellow philanthropists brought together Jews from communities scattered throughout the world – craving inspiration – with Israel, a country oozing with inspiration, but increasingly misunderstood by Jews and non-Jews who judge it harshly from afar rather than experiencing and embracing it up close.

And in your typical style, you've followed through on the unexpected consequences of this bold experiment, pioneering through your Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies in New York programs for the oft-overlooked and neglected Jewish 20-somethings, who deserve creative, open-minded and dynamic programs tailored to their unique characters.

Of course, this is only a sampling of Bronfman's art of giving, the many amazing projects he has shared with the world. That such a miracle man is such a mensch, mastering the art of living, too, is even more impressive. I have seen how gentle, modest, and accessible he is with Birthright participants, flustered by meeting the great man, yet immediately put at ease by his charm. And I vividly remember the first time, he, and the lovely but formidable Andy, along with their dog, Yoffi, first hosted an obscure young academic in the majestic Montreal headquarters of Seagram's a decade ago. The warmth, the respect and the openness conveyed at our first meeting also set me at ease, launching me on one of my great life adventures: helping with Birthright's educational programming.

And so for your kindnesses and your accomplishments, your greatness and your heimishness, I echo the president of Israel's plain but profound words: we love you, Charles – and happy 80th birthday.

The text chooses the teacher

In a scene in the first Harry Potter book, young Harry is about to buy his first wand. He enters Olivander's and tries a few out. The first is too weak. The second is too strong. Then Olivander spies a wand on the top shelf, gives it to Harry, and suddenly there is a warmth, and a glow, and Harry's true magical prowess is manifest. Olivander peers over his glasses and says, "The wand chooses the wizard, Mr. Potter. It is not always clear why."

The books' author, J.K. Rowling, explains, "This is due to the unique character of each wand, which must match that of the wizard, as the wizard may not be able to perform magic if his and his wand's characters conflict, or the magic may be sub-par to magic performed with the wizard's own wand... a wand, in my world, is merely a vehicle – a vessel for what lies inside the person."

I think about this as we celebrate Shavuot, the holiday of teaching and learning – sometimes called "the scholar's festival." I celebrate it each year by staying up all night teaching and studying at the downtown Toronto tikkun, where hundreds of people across the religious spectrum just want to study Torah.

The text is a Torah teacher's wand, and with it, we can do magic. When it's the wrong text, no amount of fancy footwork, and no clever anecdotes, can make it right. When it's the wrong text, no sparks fly.

Try as we may, bend it and twist it, it's as if we and our wand are in conflict, and the magic always feels sub-par. The text chooses the teacher. It is not always clear why.

Teachers must have their wands at the ready. We teach our best when we know that the text is merely a vehicle – a vessel for what lies inside us. But just as a text chooses its teacher, a text will find its way into the heart of a student, I believe, with or without a teacher's guide. When the student is ready, the text appears. The trigger event that brings an adult into the classroom, or to a Tikkun Leil Shavuot, the moment of recognition of an inability to master a Jewish subject and the need to remedy the situation, that's enough to open the door and for a text to come flying in. But a Dumbledore is needed to contain the flying text and help students see themselves in it.

I think rabbis put too much stock in the fortuitous melding of North American culture and the Torah portion, and in finding the intriguing and "fun" ways that we can share the text with our congregants or students. It creates tremendous stress from July until after Simchat Torah. It makes us compete with one another across synagogue bulletins, websites and sermonic sharing engines. It makes us

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein

in Toronto

strive to "one up" ourselves on the last great sermon we gave. It makes us sometimes, sadly, forget the text itself, or bend it into an unrecognizable shape, or lose our hold on the text altogether. It makes us wave our wands furiously, trying to ignite a magic that's already there.

The text chooses the teacher, but that leaves us with profound insecurity and difficult questions. What do I do if I'm drawn to teach a text that is so problematic, so ethically challenging, so disturbing that the magic it produces is dark and dangerous? What do I do if I've been teaching for so long, giving the same sermon for so long, that I feel as if my wand is wearing thin from overuse? And what do I do with my magic if everyone else in the room full of students is a muggle, a person wholly unfamiliar, uninterested and unmoved by the magic of Torah? Or even frightened by it?

There's something magical about several hundred people packed into rooms studying Torah all night, no matter what they study. There's something even more magical as the sun comes up and the last sturdy few reflect on how much they've learned. It's the teachers who do magic, but the students who take that magic and change the world. The text chooses the teacher, but without students, Hogwarts is an empty castle.

The flotilla and Israel's blockade of Gaza

Later this month, an international flotilla of about 15 ships is scheduled to set sail from Turkey and various European ports to yet again challenge Israel's naval blockade of the Gaza Strip, thereby setting up a possible reprise of a deadly incident that occurred in the Mediterranean Sea last year. On board the vessels will be 1,500 protesters from 22 non-governmental organizations and some 100 countries, including Canada and the United States.

In last year's violent confrontation, which took place on May 31, Israel ordered the flotilla – organized by a Turkish charity and condoned by Turkey – to head for the port of Ashdod and unload its cargo of food and medical supplies. When the flotilla disregarded the command, Israeli commandos boarded the lead ship, the Mavi Marmara, a vessel registered in Turkey, and fighting broke out. By day's end, eight Turkish nationals and one Turkish American citizen had been killed.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Although the Israeli Navy stopped the protesters from reaching Gaza – whose land and sea borders Israel has controlled since its unilateral withdrawal six years ago – the incident was decidedly a setback for Israel. Under global pressure, Israel was forced to ease the blockade, which pro-Palestinian voices have described as illegal and a collective punishment inflicted on the 1.5 million inhabitants of Gaza. The incident also strained Israel's pivotal but frayed relationship with Turkey, prompting the Turkish government to recall its ambassador in Tel Aviv. The net result was an implicit victory for the Palestinians and their allies, whose stated objective is to tear down the blockade, which Israel considers vital to stem the flow of weapons and munitions into Gaza.

In an attempt to discourage pro-Palestinian activists from launching the second flotilla at the end of June, Israel has vigorously lobbied governments around the world. Israel has won the support of many governments and the secretary-general of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon, but has failed to enlist Turkey's co-operation.

Rather than trying to defuse tensions, the foreign minister of Turkey, Ahmet Davutoglu, the architect of its new alignment with Iran and Syria, exacerbated the situation. Until recently, he claimed he had no legal way to stop the flotilla, but last week, he suggested that the organizers should reconsider their plans. Before his volte face, he had urged Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to end the blockade and apologize and pay compensation for the deaths of the nine Turks in 2010.

In what amounts to a war of words with Turkey, Israel's deputy foreign minister, Danny Ayalon, who publicly humiliated Turkey's ambassador to Israel in a bizarre encounter early in 2010, has warned that the flotilla will be waylaid by the Israeli Navy if it heads for Gaza, which was seized by Hamas four years ago this month.

According to reports, Israel intends to use lethal force only as a last resort, focusing on riot control methods and snipers to maintain order and neutralize violent protesters.

The Israeli government is acutely aware that Israel may well face a public relations disaster should it fire on protesters. Among them are a famous African American novelist who compares flotilla passengers to 1960s Freedom Riders in the United States who rode buses to combat racism and segregation in U.S. southern states, and an Israel Air Force pilot who refused to participate in combat missions in Gaza at the height of the second Palestinian uprising.

Ahmet Davutoglu

Israel imposed the blockade for essentially three reasons: to weaken Hamas, whose charter calls for Israel's destruction; to end rocket attacks from Gaza, which started in 2001, and to win the release of Gilad Schalit, an Israeli soldier kidnapped by Palestinians who stormed an Israeli border post in 2006.

In actual fact, Israel began subjecting Gaza to closures and restricting the movement of its residents long before the blockade was implemented. Israel adopted these measures after the outbreak of the first Palestinian uprising in 1987. Several years later, in 1994, the Israeli government built a security fence separating Israel from Gaza, as well as five border crossings: Erez, Rafah, Karni, Keren Shalom and Sufa. Israel took these steps under the terms of the Oslo accords.

The Turkish boat Mavi Marmara in 2010

With the eruption of the second Palestinian intifadah in 2000, Israel tightened the screws on Gaza. After Israel's pullout from Gaza in 2005, the United States brokered a deal regulating the movement of people and goods between Israel and Gaza.

Prior to Israel's evacuation of Gaza, Israel and Egypt signed an agreeement pledging to work together to foil terrorism and arms smuggling, and prohibited cross-border activities.

The Rafah crossing on Israel's border with Egypt enabled Palestinians in Gaza to move back and forth. But after Hamas' takeover of Gaza and the resumption of rocket barrages against Israel, Egypt closed the Rafah terminal, much to the objection of Egyptian popular opinion.

Egypt's president, Hosni Mubarak, who was overthrown in February following an 18-day revolt, had reason to co-operate with Israel. He feared that Hamas-style Islamic militancy might spill into Egypt and thereby embolden the banned Muslim Brotherhood and increase Iran's influence in the region.

Additionally, Mubarak regarded the closing of the Rafah crossing as a tangible sign of Egypt's solidarity with Fatah, the Palestinian faction Hamas ejected from Gaza in a coup. The closure, though, was deeply resented by the Palestinians of Gaza. In 2008, they clashed with Egyptian police in an attempt to reopen the Rafah crossing.

In all probability, Hamas orchestrated the violence, hoping it would induce Egypt to stop co-operating with Israel. The ploy worked. Egypt relaxed border regulations, but also began building a steel barrier along the frontier to prevent illegal crossings.

With the 2008-09 war in Gaza, Egypt and Israel closed all crossings, allowing only food and medical supplies to enter. The Palestinians accused Israel and Egypt of strangling Gaza's economy, creating a humanitarian crisis and turning Gaza into an open-air prison.

After the first flotilla, however, Israel and Egypt eased the blockade. Israel permitted a large range of products into Gaza, but inexplicably, innocuous goods such as light bulbs, books, clothing and mattresses were sometimes barred. Israel, generally, did not allow construction materials into Gaza, fearing they would be used by Hamas to rebuild its military capabilities. But Hamas handily circumvented these rules, using a network of tunnels to smuggle in contraband materials.

On May 28, the new Egyptian government officially reopened the Rafah crossing, but left some existing restrictions in place. By then, border regulations already had been loosened.

With the launch of the second flotilla fast approaching, some Israelis think the time has come for Israel to disengage from Gaza completely. They argue that the blockade should be lifted, that the land crossings should be closed and that Israel should divest itself of the responsibility for provisioning Gaza. As Shlomo Avineri, the former director-general of Israel's foreign ministry, has observed: "Gaza is a foreign country. It is hard to digest this, but this is the logic of disengagement, which must now be completed."

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CHAT student says 'Yes I Can'

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Micaela Lechtman, 18, has advice for kids with challenges, particularly learning disabilities. "It will get better," she says. "Once you understand what your challenges are, it's easier to get the help to overcome them."

The Grade 11 student at the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto recently received a "Yes I Can!" award from the Council for Exceptional Children's Toronto Chapter 56.

In addition to her learning issues, Lechtman has had to adapt to major changes in her life. The first was at age two, when she was adopted from a Nicaraguan orphanage by Montreal therapist and community leader Shulamit Lechtman. More recently, in December 2008, her mother died of cancer and she moved to Toronto to live with her aunt and uncle. The move meant not only a new city and a new school, but living for the first time in an observant Jewish household.

Micaela Lechtman
[Frances Kraft photo]

"Throughout these potentially traumatic events, Micaela has conducted herself with great dignity," wrote her teacher Judit Kenyeres, head of the special education and remediation department at TanenbaumCHAT's Wallenberg Campus on Wilmington Avenue, in a recommendation for the award. "In the past three years we have had the great pleasure of witnessing a young girl mature into a young, confident woman who has impressed us with the progress she has made in all domains."

For Lechtman, one of the most daunting aspects of moving to Toronto was TanenbaumCHAT's size. "The school is ginormous!" she said. But students were warm and welcoming, and always asked if she needed help to find her classes, she added.

Kenyeres noted in her letter that Lechtman often reaches out to other special needs students herself. She told *The CJN* that Lechtman helps them in a light-hearted way that provides "a happy social context."

Before she moved to Toronto, Lechtman – who is leaning toward a career in the social work field – had never attended a Jewish day school.

But, she said, her Judaism has "never been just a minor detail of who I am." Observing Shabbat and kashrut "wasn't foreign," she added. "You learn, and you ask."

Among Lechtman's favourite subjects are rabbinics and Tanach, which are taught in English. "I love learning, generally," she said, adding that she particularly enjoys creative writing. In addition to her regular classes, she takes learning strategy and remedial classes.

Her aunt, Marilyn Lechtman, noted that because of Micaela's upbeat personality – evident in her sunny smile – "you don't get the real truth about how difficult it was. I think the change was enormous and the challenges were very large."

SENSORY EXPERIENCE: Montessori Jewish Day School students, from left, Liv, Hannah, and Kayla helped plant the school's new 10th anniversary sensorial garden on May 31. The plants and flowers develop students' senses and help them learn how to care for the outdoor environment.

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Syrian border claims taken at face value

A well-known media cliché, "If it bleeds, it leads," was certainly in evidence early last week in stories about the June 5 protests at the Syrian-Israeli border. Reflecting what really happened, headlines could have read, "Syria distracts attention from its crimes, marshals Palestinians to the border." But what captured media attention was the result of Syria's stratagem: a colourful, sensational, violent confrontation.

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

"Israel fires at Palestinians protesters," was the *Globe and Mail*'s headline in its June 6 world section. A similar story in the *National Post* that day appeared under the title, "Israel fires on border protesters."

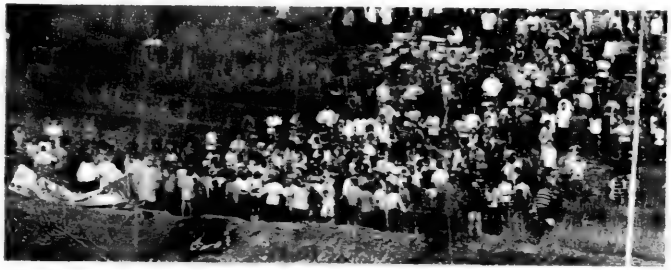
Both relied on Reuters and the *New York Times*, but the differences were significant.

The *Globe*'s piece carried the byline of Reuter's Allyn Fisher-Ilan. Fisher-Ilan began: "Israeli troops fired at Palestinian demonstrators in Syria who also rushed to the frontier fence in what Israel called a challenge to its sovereignty. Syrian state-run media said 23 were killed."

Are readers to trust Syrian media reports – that is, coverage from the same state-run media that deny the Assad regime's gruesome massacres?

Fisher-Ilan noted that Israel accused Assad "of permitting" the protests as a distraction from internal upheaval. In fact, Israel accused Assad of orchestrating the protests. Nothing happens at the otherwise quiet and heavily controlled border without the regime's consent. (This deeper truth was picked up in the *Post*'s June 7 follow-up story, "Israel calls protests a Syrian ploy".)

Yet in Fisher-Ilan's version, several hundred Palestinians assembled after a "Facebook call" to march on the border, even though it had been reported several days before that Syria had disabled the Internet to thwart internal protests. The report also failed to state that Israeli soldiers took measures to avoid fatalities, such as firing over the heads of protesters who defied the warnings, and then aiming for the legs. In short, the careful preparations of the IDF to minimize casualties were largely absent. The impression left was that of Israeli aggression against unarmed Palestinians.



Palestinians living in Syria gathered at the Israeli-Syrian border as Israeli troops look on. ***[Flash90 photo]***

The *National Post*'s story, while also relying on Reuters, gave more weight to a report by Isabel Kershner of the *New York Times*.

Kershner made a point of including the IDF's measures: "An Israeli military spokesman speaking on condition of anonymity under army rules, said that 'despite numerous warnings, both verbal and later warning shots in the air, dozens of Syrians continued to approach the border.' She said the soldiers tried to disperse the crowds with non-lethal means, including tear gas, but that did not deter them."

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Speaking of deeper truths, *New York Times* columnist David Brooks' June 3 piece, "The Depravity Factor," asked why anyone who is not morally obtuse would have confidence in the Assad regime's willingness to be a reliable partner for peace. Calling Syria "fundamentally depraved," Brooks is scathing about western politicians who believe Syria can be sweet-talked into becoming a "pro-western, civilized power" or that its president, Bashar Assad, can, or has any interest in, "reform."

A regime that kills 1,000 of its citizens and arrests and tortures thousands more, including a 13-year-old boy whose mutilated body was returned to his parents as a warning to all, should be beyond the pale internationally. Yet the United Nations can't even manage to issue a condemnation.

On the issue of moral blindness, it was disturbing to read Malise Ruthven's "Storm Over Syria" in the June 9 issue of the *New York Review of Books*. Ruthven argued that despite its brutality, the Assad regime's "achievements should not be forgotten or ignored." Ignoring Syria's long and ugly history of tormenting its Jews, Ruthven commended what he called "the regime's commitment to religious freedom." Ruthven's perverse conclusion speaks for itself: "It would be tragic if the pursuit of democracy led to the shredding of this bright human canopy, where religious and cultural differences seem to have flourished under the iron grip of a minority sectarian regime."

On second thought, moral blindness may be too complimentary a term for such grotesque sentiments.

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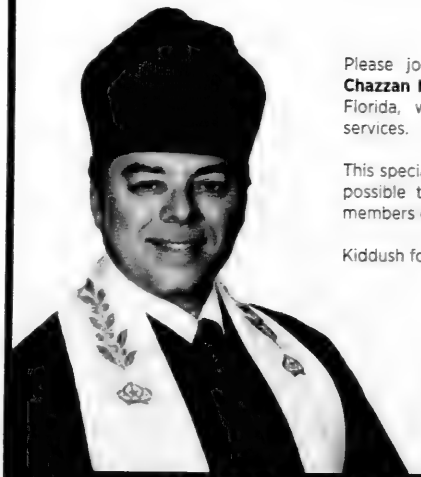

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Comment

Only in the impossible reality of the State of Israel can two days – contradictory in their power and their emotions – fall side by side on the calendar: Yom Hazikaron (Remembrance Day for the fallen Israeli soldiers and victims of terrorism) and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Independence Day).

This impossible reality is part of my life to this very day, joy mixed with sadness. For many, especially in the Diaspora, the Six Day War, in 1967, is considered a heroic victory of young and tiny Israel over significant Arab armies who threatened to destroy it.

The days before the Six Day War were nerve-racking. My mother was pregnant with me. Father had been sent to the Jordanian front, and no one knew of his fate. Eventually, he returned home. But many of his friends did not.

Barely six years passed and suddenly one of the cruellest wars of Israel's history broke out: the Yom Kippur War. It lasted for three weeks on the Egyptian front and, essentially, for several months on the Syrian front. By war's end, more than 2,600 Israeli soldiers were dead; 7,300 wounded and nearly 300 were captives, most of them in Egypt.

I will never forget the moment when, at the end of the war, my mother found the courage to tell her six-year-old boy that two of our neighbour's sons had been killed on the Egyptian front. "God is taking care of them now, and they take care of us", she said as she wiped her tears.

Years later, I met a girl who is now one of my best friends. Her father was killed in the Yom Kippur War. On Yom Hazikaron, I called her, as I do every year, just to be there for her.

"How are you?" I asked.

She replied in a calm and sad voice: "My childhood ended at the age of five and that was really not fair. I miss him and I miss my childhood."

The years passed.

Then, in 1982, the first Lebanon War broke out. Merely weeks later the memorial walls of my high school were inscribed with new names. Only yesterday, it seemed, they were Grade 12 students, young, laughing, with life fully ahead of them. Then came the war and cruel destiny ruined it all.

My wife had an uncle she never knew. He was killed in Lebanon years before her birth. "What would he be if he was with us today?" she often asks herself.

More than 22,500 men and women sacrificed their lives to ensure the existence of the one and only state of the Jewish people. They did so out of loyalty for their country, love for their families and also out of a sense of belonging to world Jewry, of trying to help secure the one place on Earth that belongs to all Jews and that would be there for them were they to need it.

Most Israelis living in Canada have stories and memories from the wars of Israel. Among us are individuals who lost family members, friends and classmates. Each of us is exposed to bereavement and pain.

One of the Israeli poems that most touches my heart on that day is *One Human Tissue*, written by Motti Hammer and performed by Chava Alberstein. Some of the poem's words are, to me, the essence of the Israeli narrative on Yom Hazikaron: "Because all of us,/ Yes all of us/ all of us are one living human tissue./ And if one of us passes on/ something dies within all of us/ and something of him remains."

Most of those who attended the Yom Hazikaron ceremony last month in Toronto were members of the Israeli community. We came to honour the memories of our relatives, friends and colleagues. We also came to honour our heritage and our values. It is a day of unity and solidarity.

Adding to the sadness that day, we felt the absence of the members of the local Jewish community. Indeed, in some quarters that absence evoked strong criticism.

So that all of us – Israelis and locally born members of the Jewish community – must build a common future and become "One Human Tissue." We must get to know each other and our distinct cultures better, but mainly, and most importantly, we must become aware of both our needs and sensitivities.

Israelis regard Yom Hazikaron as a day of supreme importance, a day of self-examination, of pain, of sadness and of longing. We ask you, the non-Israeli members of the Jewish community in Canada, to share our pain and the pain of the State of Israel, the state, after all, of the Jewish People. Inasmuch as the State of Israel is the state of all Jews, so too should all Jews try to empathize and understand the pain that is felt so strongly by Israelis.

I ask that next year, please make a note of the date of Yom Hazikaron. It is the date immediately before Yom Ha'atzmaut.

I also ask that you join us in commemorating Yom Hazikaron. Come with us to honour those who are no longer here but would be but for their sacrifice in defence of Israel.

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Bamidbar: the power of names

Rabbi Sharon Sobel

We're now in the middle of reading Bamidbar, the Book of Numbers. In Hebrew, Bamidbar actually means "in the wilderness." It's replete with long lists of names of the Israelite tribes, the individual clans and families that make up those tribes, and the numbers of people in every tribe, clan and family. Why is it so important for us to hear all of those names, year after year, generation after generation?

Names in Jewish tradition are extremely significant and powerful, because it's our name that will give us a place in history, and it's our name that will be our legacy.

A midrash tells us about the significance of names: "All people have three names: one their parents give them, one that others call them, and one they acquire themselves. And the one they acquire themselves is most important of all."

The name our parents give us is the first name we are called – the name that appears on our birth certificates, passports and drivers licences. But when parents give their children a name, they give them much more than a label or title. They give them their inheritance, the one left to them by the person for whom they were named.

The great philosopher, Franz Rosenzweig once said, "One should be named after somebody or something, or else a name is really only an empty breath." The name our parents give us is our special connection to the past. It takes that empty breath and fills it with life, life that has been handed to us by those who came before.

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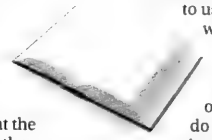

The midrash tells us that the second name we have is the name we're called by others – the honour or ill-repute that deservedly or undeservedly is ascribed to us. Rabbi Simeon said: "There are three crowns: the crown of learning, the crown of priesthood and the crown of royalty, but the crown of a good name exceeds them all." The name we're called by others teaches us that our names are not only our connection to people of our past, but also to people in the present.

But the name others call us isn't the last word. The midrash tells us that the final gauge of who we are is the name we acquire for ourselves. This means a great deal in a world where we have little control over our looks, talents or how we sound when we speak. This tells us that we are the creators of our most important name, that we have the ability to create an enduring legacy for ourselves, and that no matter how much we like or dislike the name our parents gave to us, no matter how much we agree or disagree with the name others call us, we must acquire the most important one for ourselves. How do we do this? By our aspirations and the way we fulfil them, by the deeds we perform, by the way we live our lives and by our connection to God.

So during this season of reading Bamidbar – this season of counting, numbering and naming – let us remember that each of us is blessed with the gift of a wonderful and unique name.

Rabbi Sharon Sobel is rabbi of Temple Kol Ami in Thornhill, Ont.

Lessons of caution for the minyan

The Torah readings at this time of year narrate the arrival of Israel at the border of the land and Moses sending spies to scout the land. The incident of the spies isn't a shining moment in our nation's history. Out of 12 scouts, only two return with true information. The other 10 speak slanderously about the land.

There is much for us to learn from these spies. Most importantly is the question of whether we resemble the two honest scouts, Joshua and Caleb, or the 10 maligning ones. The subtleties of text will help us answer this question.

This incident will decide the future of the Jewish people. We will wander in the desert for 40 years because of this incident.

This episode is also the basis for our word minyan, the quorum of Jews required to say elements of holiness during prayer. Ten spies gathered together into a "congregation"" and lied. These spies were all adults and all male. From this model, the sages develop the minyan of 10 adult Jewish men. Joining a minyan and being able to say *Kaddish* in a minyan is crucial to so many Jews in their daily lives, whether religiously observant or not. Yet we don't always remember that the minyan represents us in the Torah at our worst, not at our best.

In fact, an entire nation is going to detour from its destiny because of the actions of these 10. There is also an ensuing battle, resulting in the defeat of Israel and many casualties. The effect of these 10 men spans from the national to the individual, from the monumental to the mundane.

Midrashic Moments

Rachel Turkienicz

These spies are also quite strategic with their answers. They don't immediately begin by defaming the land and then continuing with a long list of condemnations. After all, this is the land that God promised, so care should be taken before verbally trashing such an essential component of the Covenant. The sages teach us that the spies reported positively about the land. It is indeed wonderful and flowing with milk and honey, they report. But although the land is to be praised, the inhabitants are another story. The people are giants and warriors and fierce and unforgiving. The strategy is to agree with God while creating paranoia about God's creations.

Clearly, we can see how this could work on a global level, yet the sages teach us how this is the strategy of our mundane reality as well. This is the strategy of anyone who speaks slander of another. First they begin by speaking well of someone, so you will be caught off guard with agreement. Only then do they turn and speak ill of this person.

The caution and the subtle connection to minyan is one of the underlying messages. We anticipate that a quorum of Jews gathered for elements of holy prayer would encompass the best of us. We are taught that it does not. We assume that a minyan is the creation of holy space where only the positive and good will be shared. We are again taught that it is not.

In fact, it seems the sages are sending us words of caution. It's when we gather together for holy purposes that we must keep our focus tight and our speaking of each other with only praise and merit.

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Minimalists and maximalists

Past Forward

Alex Gropper

I've been using the terms "minimalist" and "maximalist" in this column for awhile now. They deserve an explanation.

The terms refer to an ongoing debate by biblical scholars over the historicity of the Bible, the uses of archeology to prove the Bible, and the dating of the biblical stories. Minimalists believe that the Bible was composed more recently and that the earlier biblical stories are mythic in nature, with very little historical support. Maximalists tend to accept the historicity of the Bible

In its recent manifestation, this confrontation can be dated to the early 1970s, but the debate goes back even further, to the latter part of the 19th century. It was then that the German biblical scholar Julius Welhausen came up with his controversial hypothesis, which applied the ideas of literary criticism to the biblical text.

Welhausen believed that the biblical text was composed by a number of authors and that it reached its final form during and after the Babylonian captivity. That implies that writing was virtually unknown in ancient Syria and Canaan until the first millennium BCE.

Then along came a number of spectacular archeological discoveries that were made after World War I, which called Welhausen's hypothesis into question. They included discoveries of ancient cities with textual archives. Most of these discoveries were found in Syria.

These sites included Ugarit, which was located on the Syrian coast opposite the island of Cyprus. It was here that the first alphabetic texts were found. Both the Ugaritic language and script were almost identical to biblical Hebrew but dated from a period roughly equivalent to the time of Moses' grandfather, 1400 to 1200 BCE.

The other Syrian site that called into question Welhausen's late dating of the biblical text is the ancient city of Mari. It dates to an even earlier period than Ugarit and was destroyed by the legendary Babylonian king, Hammurabi, sometime during the 18th century BCE. The Mari texts mention a number of Canaanite cities, most notably Hazor, whose disputed destruction during the conquest of Canaan has been attributed to Joshua.

It was the great American biblical scholar William Foxwell Albright and his disciples who used these, and other discoveries, to build up a coherent theory supporting the early dating of the biblical text. This reached its culmination with the publication of *A History of Ancient Israel*, written by John Bright, one of Albright's pupils.

By the time of Albright's death in 1971, his theories were under attack from a number of quarters. By the mid-1970s scholars such as Thomas L. Thompson, John Van Seters and Donald Redford were questioning his ideas.

But then the vagaries of archeological discovery began to push the pendulum in the other direction. In 1993, at Tel Dan in northern Israel, an inscription from the ninth century BCE, which mentioned the "House of David," was found. More recently in 2009, an inscription from the 10th-century BCE was discovered, showing, once more, the impact of new discoveries on existing theories. Yet throughout these debates what has always remained steadfast is the message of the Bible and its impact on humanity.

Entebbe + 35

Jewish & Digital

Mark Mietkiewicz

Thirty-five years ago, the world was riveted by a drama that began in the eastern Mediterranean with the hijacking of Air France Flight 139. It culminated seven days later with the spectacular rescue by the Israel Defence Forces in Entebbe, Uganda.

Maj. Louis Williams has written a good summary of the events leading up to the raid and its successful completion. The IDF senior press officer's "Entebbe Diary" follows the jet as it took off from Ben-Gurion Airport on June 27, 1976, "on what promised to be a routine flight to Paris via Athens." This is a suspenseful read, full of details that may have been forgotten over the years. **[http://bit.ly/enteb01]** I also recommend the Wikipedia entry on Entebbe. **[http://bit.ly/enteb02]**

You can now read excerpts of the recently released transcript of Israeli cabinet deliberations in the days leading up to the raid. Defence Minister Shimon Peres, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, Prime Minister Yitzchak Rabin and others assess the gravity of the situation and grapple with what seemed like a no-win situation. Peres: "The heart-wrenching question is whether we [should] risk the lives of innocent unarmed civilians, and save the future of this country, or not. If we surrender, the respect for terrorism will grow." Your chance to be a fly on the wall as history was being decided. **[http://bit.ly/enteb03]**

Several theatrical docudramas were created about the kidnapping and raid, but you don't really need actors to feel the emotion when you watch the documentary *Operation Thunderbolt: The Entebbe Hostage Rescue*. At just under an hour, it includes interviews with key Israeli politicians as well as with the hostages who tell of those traumatic and then joyful days. **[http://bit.ly/enteb04]** Israeli hostage Sara Davidson: "Someone shouts 'Israeli soldiers!'... We lift our heads slowly with disbelief, and we see the most magnificent sight of our lives... A short soldier... He looks at us calmly and says, 'Halt. Are you all right? Come on, we came to take you home.'"

One of the names most closely linked to the raid on Entebbe belongs to Jonathan Netanyahu, older brother to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. "Yoni" led the storming party to free the hostages and was the lone Israeli military casualty. The fully bilingual site includes a biography, photographs and Yoni's battle record, as well as an opportunity to "light" a memorial candle and leave a note with your thoughts. Visitors to the site are greeted by this verse from 2 Samuel 1:25: "How the mighty have fallen in battle! Jonathan lies slain on your heights." **[http://bit.ly/enteb05]**

On the fateful day of the hostages' liberation, July 4, 1976, Rabin addressed the Knesset: "The Israel Defence Forces have achieved one of their most exemplary victories from both the human and moral and the military-operational points of view, a remarkable manifestation of Jewish fraternity and Israeli valour... The operation that rescued our dear ones from captivity will be a subject for research, for song and for legend, and it will be written about in the annals of the nation." **[http://bit.ly/enteb06]**

Next week, the legacy of the rescue.

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Rights commission won't intervene in taxi case

David Lazarus
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Had Arieh Perecowicz known he never had a chance in his complaint to the Quebec Human Rights Commission (QHRC) over carrying religious items in his taxi, he never would have agreed to his out-of-court settlement last March.

"There is absolutely no way I would have done it," a resigned and disappointed Perecowicz, 67, told *The CJN*. "No one – not the lawyers, not Quebec Jewish Congress, nobody – ever told me that my commission case would automatically be dropped.

"Otherwise, there is no way I would have agreed to it."

Last month, the Cote St. Luc cab driver got a letter from the QHRC notifying him that because his case was settled out of court, the QHRC could no longer deal with it.

"[I]n accordance with the provisions of Section 77.1.2, of the [Quebec] Charter [of Human Rights and Freedoms], the commission shall cease to act on your behalf in this case," the letter stated.

Section 77.1.2 refers to the QHRC having no jurisdiction when a complainant reaches an out-of-court settlement through mediation, according to the Charter's section 49 and 80.

In the settlement negotiated between his lawyers and the Montreal Taxi Bureau, the bureau issued a directive allowing taxi drivers to carry religious items.

In exchange, Perecowicz dropped an impending pro bono appeal to Quebec Superior Court over his Municipal Court conviction last February on four tickets he'd received for having items in his cab – including Jewish religious ones – unrelated to his job.

Also as part of the deal, Perecowicz's conviction stood and he still had to pay more than $1,000 in fines, but four outstanding tickets were cancelled.

Until the QHRC letter came, Perecowicz continued to believe that the Charter religious discrimination issues that meant so much to him would still be dealt with by the commission, where he had filed a separate complaint more than four years ago seeking several thousand dollars in compensation.

"But I can't do anything now," Perecowicz said.

TIGHTROPE WALKER

Middle school student Zoe Bernard tries her hand at tightrope-walking, with support from her fellow Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School students. The kids escaped to the country for three days at Camp Pine Crest in Muskoka, where they played games, learned new skills, such as archery, and participated in fun team-building exercises.

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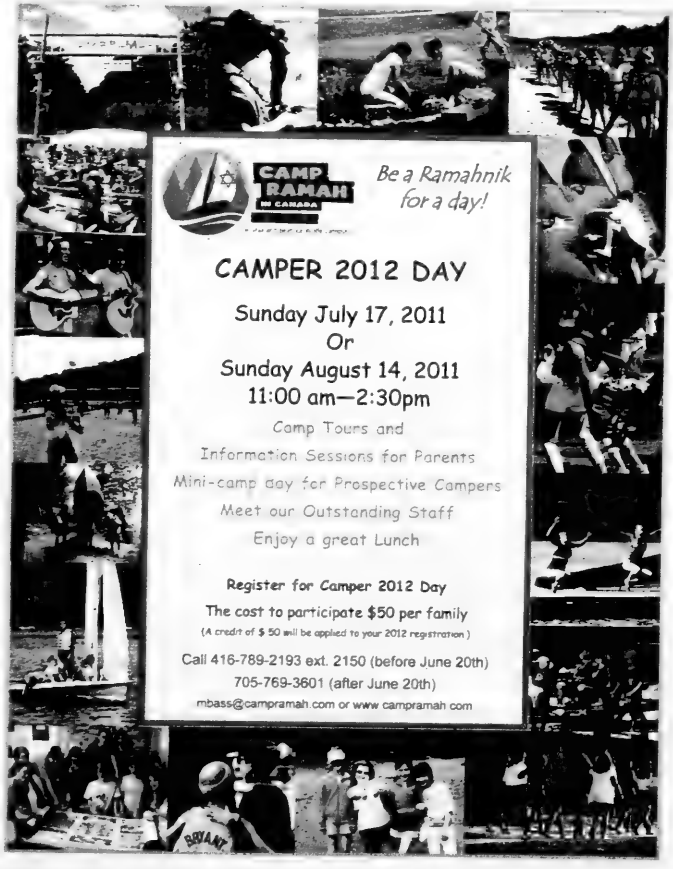
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Agency preserves B.C.'s Jewish voices

Lauren Kramer
Pacific Correspondent

VANCOUVER — If you want to learn about the Jewish history of British Columbia, the oral history collection at the Jewish Historical Society of B.C. (JHSBC) is a good place to start.

In an effort to preserve the province's Jewish voices, the society has been conducting oral history interviews since 1971, an effort spearheaded by historian Cyril Leonoff and Irene Dodek.

Over the past 40 years, more than 700 interviews have been recorded, making this the largest oral history collection of any Jewish institution in Canada.

The first 500 early interviews were done with a tape recorder, a fragile form of magnetic media that is nearing the end of its lifespan. But thanks in part to a recent $6,900 grant from the Irving K. Barber B.C. History Digitization Project, the JHSBC has begun the process of digitizing its oldest interviews to preserve their integrity and increase their accessibility before their content is lost.

This project will be the first large-scale effort to digitize the society's Oral History Collection, said JHSBC archivist Jennifer Yuhasz.

"As many of the interviews were recorded throughout the province of British Columbia and pertain to people's lives in various countries and cities, the JHSBC collection has a provincial, national and international interest to researchers worldwide," Yuhasz said.

All the interviews and their transcription are done by volunteers, and presently the society has five dedicated to those tasks, conducting approximately 30 interviews each year.

"We transcribe the interviews because although we want to have the original audio and preserve that for as long as possible, we also want a transcript of it for people who are deaf, or for those who don't want to listen to it," Yuhasz said. "We couldn't do this without our volunteers. It's really a community and volunteer based program."

The society's mandate is to document Jewish life in British Columbia, and though the vast majority of interviewees are Jewish, the mandate includes non-Jews who have significant connections to the province's Jewish life.

"Anyone can nominate someone to be interviewed," Yuhasz said. "Generally, we interview older people only because they have a longer life story to talk about, and we want to interview them before they pass away. But the mandate is very general: we strive to record the diversity of the Jewish people of B.C., the significant contributions they have made to B.C. history and the stories of their lives and everyday events."

The society has approximately 3,000 hours of interview time in its archives, and each interview is catalogued, indexed and made available to researchers.

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A Jewish community delegation visited the Montérégie region June 6 to bring financial aid and hope to victims of recent flooding there.

Montreal teens aid flood victims

Compiled by CJN Staff

MONTREAL — The Human Promise, a Jewish teens group associated with Quebec Jewish Congress, raised $18,000 to assist victims of the devastating floods in the Richelieu Valley.

Members of the group went to St. Jean-sur-Richelieu to present the donation.

"We have been raising funds for children's causes [abroad] for almost six years," said spokesperson Ariel Shapiro.

"For the first time, we were challenged to find a way to assist victims of a local disaster. The response has been overwhelming. In a short time, we raised a significant sum thanks in large part to Jewish community leaders like Federation CJA president Jack Hasen."

The federation contributed $12,000, double what the teens collected.

"We should always remember that charity begins at home. We have donated to victims of the Chinese and Haitian earthquakes and feel a special obligation to help our neighbours affected by the floods. We encourage all Quebec teenagers to volunteer or to hold their own fundraising events," Shapiro said.

The Human Promise students also served a bagel lunch donated by Jewish businesses to SOS Richelieu volunteer workers.

"The plight of the Richelieu Valley flood victims has especially touched us," Hasen said. "When we were asked to assist our teenagers in this initiative, we did not hesitate. We are proud of our young generation of caring teens who have worked to make this donation a reality and we congratulate them on their efforts on behalf of their fellow Quebecers."

Marie Bouillé, the member of the National Assembly for Iberville, thanked the young people.

"On behalf of all victims of the floods, I wish to express how deeply moved we are for this gesture of unity and solidarity from Jewish community teenagers... They have demonstrated that in the face of the enormity of this natural disaster, the only words that matter are unity and solidarity."

The Human Promise funds programs that provide disadvantaged children with educational, health, nutritional and emotional support. It has raised tens of thousands of dollars for humanitarian causes and sensitized youth to human rights issues in Canada and around the world.

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NDP leader says MPs can support flotilla

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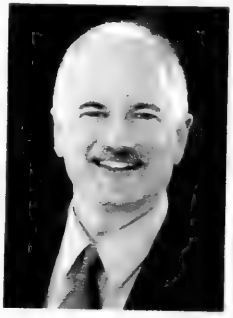
According to a statement of claim – which outlines a plaintiff's cause for action – the suit also seeks to block the defendants "from sending goods, funds or any other material support, directly or indirectly, to Hamas or any of its representatives, and/or from aiding and abetting Hamas by assisting in bringing imports and exports to and from the Gaza Strip."

The Canadian Boat to Gaza website says individuals belonging to numerous Canadian organizations, including the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, the Canadian Arab Federation and the Quebec solidaire political party, among others, plan to send a Canadian boat called the Tahrir to the Gaza Strip as part of this year's Freedom Flotilla, which is expected to depart later this month.

Last week, two NDP members of Parliament, Alexandre Boulerice and Alex Atamanenko, representing the ridings of Rosemont-La Petite-Patrie and B.C. Southern Interior respectively, were listed as supporters of the Canadian Boat to Gaza on the group's endorsement page.



Jack Layton

Boulerice later removed his signature from the page after NDP leader Jack Layton publicly announced it was party policy not to endorse the flotilla. As of *The CJN*'s deadline, Atamanenko was still a signatory.

However, Layton told CBC News last week that although the party doesn't support the flotilla "initiative," individual NDP MPs can support it if they wish.

"We're a diverse party and people have different points of view," he said.

The NDP had not responded to *The CJN*'s requests for comment at deadline.

The flotilla will reportedly comprise some 15 ships from several countries and comes a little more than a year after Israeli marines stormed the Mavi Marmara, the flagship of an international aid flotilla bound for Gaza, killing nine Turkish activists.

"The Canadian boat's raison d'être is to aid and abet the terrorist organization that rules Gaza," Sher and Morgan said in their statement.

Rosenberg's lawsuit also seeks $1 million in damages "for trauma and injuries suffered as a consequence of the defendants' conspiracy" from the time she lived in the Israeli town of Sderot, where she "endured the constant and relentless mortar attacks emanating from Gaza."

"During these terrifying attacks, Ms. Rosenberg was forced to seek shelter, along with members of her family and, like other victims of these wanton attacks, has been traumatized and shocked, suffering from the serious symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder," her lawyers said.

The lawsuit represents an "evolution of people's response to this cynical public relations stunt," Shimon Fogel, CEO of the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy, told *The CJN*.

"We've seen people challenge the credibility of the flotilla initiative. Leaders of countries, UN Secretary General [Ban Ki-Moon] and even Turkish Foreign Minister [Ahmet Davutoglu]... have challenged the utility and legitimacy" of the flotilla, Fogel said.

He added that the case further represents a "push-back" against those who wish to perpetuate "myths that cloud the core challenge of getting the Palestinians to come to the table in direct negotiations with Israel."

When asked for a reaction to the lawsuit, Ehab Lotayef, a spokesperson for the Canadian Boat To Gaza, replied by e-mail: "No comment. We have not been served with any claim (only heard about it through media reports)."

At deadline, Rosenberg was out of town and unavailable for comment, Morgan said.

With files from JTA.

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Alleged Paris shul bomber granted bail

Compiled by CJN Staff

Terror suspect Hassan Diab was granted bail Saturday by a Toronto court and was to be released from custody this week.

An Ottawa judge allowed Diab's extradition to France earlier this month to face charges of murder, attempted murder and destruction of property in the Oct. 3, 1980, bombing of a Paris synagogue.

The bomb exploded outside the Rue Copernic Synagogue during a Shabbat service, killing three French men and one Israeli woman. Dozens were injured.

Diab, a 57-year-old Canadian of Lebanese descent, was arrested in Ottawa in 2008 in response to a request from France.

As under his previous bail conditions, he remains under strict surveillance, but he's now allowed to visit his lawyer in Toronto for up to 72 hours and has had his curfew extended by an hour, to 10 p.m.

The Crown opposed his release, calling him a flight risk.

Diab, a former sociology professor at Carleton University and the University of Ottawa, must be surrendered under Canadian law, but the Ottawa judge said France had presented "a weak case" that makes the prospect of his conviction "unlikely."

Stamps in Diab's 1980 passport indicated he was not in France at the time of the bombing, Associated Press reported. But his handwriting allegedly appears on a hotel registration card, evidence his lawyers have vigorously disputed.

French analysts compared his handwriting with that on the registration card, but three French handwriting experts testified the analysis was flawed and didn't match Diab's.

The appeals process could delay Diab's extradition for years.

Students head to Vienna to celebrate Jewish life

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Twelve Canadian students travelled to Vienna last month to celebrate the past, present and future of Viennese Jewish life, as well as promote the overall goal of "Jewish global partnership."

Hillel Canada director Samuel Konig said the purpose of the trip was for students to immerse themselves in and make connections with another Jewish community.

The nine-day trip included a guided tour through Vienna's "Jewish Quarter," meetings with Canada's ambassador to Austria, John Barrett, Israeli Ambassador Aviv Shir-On, Holocaust survivor Karl Pfeifer, and a tour of the Mauthausen concentration camp.

Erin Dessau

"There were a lot of discussions about Holocaust reconciliation, and we also dealt with the issue of the resurgence of Jewish communities in Europe," Konig said.

"Vienna is a good example, because after the war, Vienna went from a [Jewish] community of nearly 200,000 to 1,000, but now, it is one of the most sophisticated communities in Europe."

He said it was fascinating to see a small Jewish community of 8,000 with such a strong infrastructure that included a Hebrew school, 19 shuls and six kosher restaurants.

"[The students] were surprised that there were six kosher restaurants, because Calgary doesn't even have a kosher restaurant, and they have about the same amount of Jews."

The trip, which was sponsored by Hillel Canada and the Jewish Welcome Service Vienna, an organization dedicated to promoting the Jewish community that has thrived since the end of World War II, also addressed stereotypes that Jews might have about the German-speaking city.

Aviva Atlani, a 32-year-old PhD student at the University of Western Ontario currently writing her dissertation on Holocaust humour, said the trip succeeded in presenting students "with an idea of what Vienna was like and is like," and it also helped facilitate dialogue.

"I was struck by the fact that the Austrian youth take the lessons of the past so seriously, and they wholeheartedly work not to repeat the mistakes of their ancestors. I was very impressed by that," Atlani said.

Atlani said she has a special connection to Vienna, with family members who currently live in the city and Viennese ancestors who perished in the Holocaust.

She said that her great-grandfather's three sisters lived in Vienna before the war.

"Two of them, we know for sure, were deported from Vienna to a concentration camp called Maly Trastsianiets" in a small village on the outskirts of Minsk, Belarus.

During her free time in Vienna, Atlani searched through archives.

"I found birth records, marriage records, and it was very interesting."

She said that while she was aware of her family history prior to her trip, "it is still impressive when you see it in the books and see it recorded. To see the handwriting and see the inscriptions... it makes the past very present."

Erin Dessau, a McMaster University psychology student, said she didn't know what to expect from the Viennese Jewish community.

The 19-year-old student, who serves as the Jewish Student Association's vice president of social action and president of Israel on Campus, said she noticed differences between the Jewish communities in Toronto and Vienna.

She said that while Vienna's community is ethnically diverse, all but one of the 19 shuls are Orthodox.

"In Toronto, we have different sects of Judaism – there are Conservative shuls, Reform shuls, Orthodox shuls – whereas there, they are all Orthodox shuls, but they separate themselves depending on where they come from," Dessau said.

She said she was also impressed by the community's resolve not to let the Holocaust define them.

"It's part of their history, but it's a part of their long history and it doesn't consume them," she said.

"The fact that the focus of the trip was on the past, present and future of Judaism in Austria was really important, because you can go on trips that are Holocaust based, but if that is all you're going to learn about, then it's all you'll think about. You won't think about the culture that's there today and the history before 1939."

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By LEILA SPEISMAN

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June 20 is the deadline for the June 30 issue, and June 27 is deadline for July 7. Phone 416-391-1836, ext. 235; fax 416-391-0829; or e-mail whatsnewcjn@gmail.com. This week's What's New was done by Carolyn Blackman.

Thursday, June 16

SHAAR SHALOM BROTHEROOD

Capt. Michael Fitzerman will talk about Jews in the Canadian army and his role in Afghanistan, 7:45 p.m., at the synagogue. No charge, call 905-889-4975.

WOMEN'S DANCE NIGHT

Women's International Dance Night at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 7:30 p.m. $10 at the door. Proceeds to Crib Canada, working with Efrat, Israel, to provide baby items to women in need.

Saturday, June 18

HALTON-PEEL SERVICE

B'nai Shalom Congregation of Halton-Peel, Mississauga, Oakville, Burlington and area monthly Shabbat service, 10 a.m. in Oakville. We are a Conservative egalitarian congregation with a warm, family feel. For information, www.bnaishalom.ca,, info@bnaishalom.ca or call: 905-901-9889.

ADATH ISRAEL DEDICATION

The community is invited to attend the dedication of a bris chair in memory of **Alex Koenigsberg**, 9 a.m. Services will be conducted by cantors **Alex Stein** and **Lipa Glantz** from Israel. Kiddush following services. Sponsored by **Beverley and Sam Cohen** and family.

Sunday, June 19

FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day 9:15 a.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood presents "An Appreciation of our Colleagues." Elections, and entertainment by Touch of Klez with **Jonathan Abraham** and his six-piece band. There will also be an enhanced breakfast. Admission $5 at the door. Open to all. Call 416-633-5500 or e-mail reservation to info@bethdavid.com.

Monday, June 20

MEDINA THEATRE

A staged reading performance of *The Dining Room*, written by **A.R. Gurney**, directed by **Mario D'Alimonte**, 7:30 p.m., Temple Sinai. Admission, $7. Call 416-930-3773 or 416-785-0344.

Tuesday, June 21

LUNCH AND LEARN

Corey Keeble, curator of the department of world cultures, Royal Ontario Museum, will talk about "Judaica in Base and Precious Metals," Beth Tikvah Synagogue, noon. By reservation only: Lunch and Learn hotline 416-221-3433, ext. 352, or e-mail helen@bethtikvahtoronto.org.

TEMPLE HAR ZION GALA

A gala evening honouring **Richard (Dick) Grimm**, 7:15 p.m. at the temple. The evening includes dinner for $40 and cash bar for wine and beer. Guest is **Lorne Rubenstein**, senior golf writer for *Score Golf* and the *Globe and Mail*, who will speak about Dick's involvement with golf and why he is called "Mr. Canadian Open." RSVP, 905-889-2252, ext. 5.

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Wednesday, June 22

BOOK LAUNCH

Toronto book launch for **Edeet Ravel**'s newest novel, *The Last Rain*, presented by New Israel Fund of Canada, 7 p.m, free. Northern District Library, 40 Orchard View Blvd.

Thursday, June 23

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Beit Halochem Canada's Celebration of Life concert, Toronto Centre for the Arts, 7:30 p.m. The multimedia production from Israel, features virtuoso violinist **SanYa Kroitor**, singer and performer **Sivan Talmor** and **Vladi Blayberg** of the Israeli *Idol*. For tickets, contact 905-695-0611 or beithalochem.ca.

Other News

HOLOCAUST DATA

Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, and Canadian Jewish Holocaust Survivors are compiling a definitive database of Holocaust survivors living in Canada, through a grant from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. If you, your parents, grandparents or someone you know is a Holocaust survivor, complete the form available on the website: www.holocaustcentre.com/About/Canadian-Holocaust-Survivors-Database. Call **Efrat Daniel Porat**, 416-635-2883, ext. 5259, for more information.

SPANISH TORAH CLASSES

Rabbi Abraham Bartfeld conducts Torah classes in Spanish, Wednesdays, 9 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph of Thornhill shul. Call 905-886-7935.

RIDE FOR KIDS

On June 26, the Zareinu Moveathon's Ride for Kids with Special Needs will host a fully supported athletic experience for enthusiastic cyclists willing to take on a 50-, 100- or 162.5-km. challenge along the Niagara Escarpment. A fundraiser for the Zareinu Educational Centre of Metropolitan Toronto, a day school for kids with special needs. See www.moveathon.com.

HEBREW CAMP

JumpStart Hebrew is a one-week camp program at Beth Sholom Synagogue open to the community for children entering grades 1-4. Runs from Aug. 29-Sept 2 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and will be staffed by teachers from Beth Sholom Hebrew School. Activities include oral Hebrew, reading and reading readiness activities, music, drama and cooking. Lunch will be provided two days. Cost, $75 for members of Beth Sholom and Beth Sholom Hebrew School and $90 for the community. Contact **Karen Goodis** at karen@bethsholom.net or at 416-789-6103, ext. 225, for more information and for registration

JEWISH GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada presents a display celebrating 25 years of its history in Jewish Toronto, until June 30 at the Barbara Frum District Library, during library hours. Curated by **Elaine Cheskes**.

VIP EVENT

Reena's annual VIP Event in support of Reena Foundation, takes place June 26, 4 p.m., at the Factory Lounge in Vaughan. $100 per ticket. For more information, call **Jessica**, 905-764-1081, ext. 30.

FRIENDS OF YIDDISH

Summer closing program "A Zemerl in Zumer," June 26, 2 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Musical afternoon features violinist **Michael Ziskind** and singer **Arkadi Tulchinski**. Members, free; guests $7. RSVP by June 22 to **Sandy**, 416-736-8073 or 416-458-1440, or **Joel**, joels@sackepr.com.

FOR SENIORS

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. (55+). **Valerie**, 416-395-7881. Half-price membership special. Casino Rama, July 13; Sunday dance, June 26, 7 p.m. Ongoing activities: Thursdays, social bridge 12:30 p.m.; Monday, June 20, line dancing, 10 a.m.; Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m., fitness class with qualified instructor. Seniors woodworking, skilled craftsmen, repairs, etc. Call 416-630-6487.

Bernard Betel Centre, 416-225-2112. Tuesday, June 21, "Key Filmmakers of Our Time: Israel, Eytan Fox." With **Shlomo Schwartzberg**, 10-11:30 a.m., $3 members, $6 non-members; Thursday, June 23, Wellness Lecture, "The Connection between Stress, Exercise and Brain Health," Toronto Memory Program, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell, 416-630-9444.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday afternoon socials. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl**, 416-635-6317, or **Marcia**, 416-932-1229.

Miles Nadal JCC Active Seniors. 416-924-6211, co-ordinator **Phyllis,** ext. 155. MNjcc Active 55+ choir. Everyone welcome. Meets Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m.

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Association of Jewish Seniors. To Our Good Health Seminar and Lunch, Tuesday, June 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Program: Sleep expert **Dr. Jeffery Lipsitz** on "Words to Sleep By" at 4169 Bathurst St., at Earl Bales Park. Members free, guests $10. Reservations required. Call **Tammy**, 416-635-2900, ext. 458.

BAYCREST BRAVO STUDY

Can volunteering help with healthy aging? Baycrest is conducting a research study to measure the effect of doing volunteer work on the cognitive, physical and emotional health of retired volunteers. Individuals aged 55 or older, not working and not in another formal volunteer position (informal volunteer roles such as family care-giving are OK) and willing to contribute three volunteer hours per week at Baycrest over a 12-month period are invited to participate. Contact the Baycrest Volunteer Office, 416-785-2500, ext. 2572, or e-mail bravo@baycrest.org.

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.

Mini Camp at the Prosserman JCC with **Deborah Maes** and **Monique Shapiro**, July 5, 12, 19 and 26. Ages: 18 months and up. 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Mini Deborah's Sing-along session, ages birth-4 years, July 5, 12, 19 and 26, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

For more information on these programs, call **Monique Shapiro**, ext. 4012

Shalom Singers choir always looking for singers. Rehearsals, Thursdays 10-11:30 a.m. Must be a social member. Annual fee $45 plus HST.

Joker's Club, appropriate for all adults. Meets next on June 15, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call **Janet Klein Slavin**, ext. 4259.

MILES NADAL JCC

750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211. www.mnjcc.org.

Are you an adult child of Holocaust survivors looking for some support? Miles Nadal JCC with Baycrest free monthly support group. Next meeting, June 20, 6:30 -8:30 p.m., Miles Nadal JCC. For info: **Shoshana Yaakobi** (Baycrest): 416-785-2500, ext. 2271, syaakobi@baycrest.org

DanceABILITIES, Mondays, ongoing to June 27, 1:30 p.m. A movement and dance-wellness class for people living with functional mobility challenges like Parkinsons, MS, cancer, arthritis, fibromyalgia, joint replacement, or for cane, walker, or wheelchair users. More info: **Colin Blayney**, ext. 526, or colinb@mnjcc.org.

Want to sing in a summer choir? No audition or experience required. Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. 10 weeks ongoing from Aug. 17. $80. Or pay as you go $10/week. Conductor: **Gillian Stecyk**. Info: music@mnjcc.org or ext. 133.

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QUENCHING A THIRST: The children at the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre recently hosted a bake and lemonade sale that raised $1,500. All proceeds go toward building a scholarship fund to help children in need attend the nursery school. From left are Mielle Kadosh, Matthew Kalman.

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Memories of Israel — especially the falafel

Beverly Levitt
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It's been 20 years since my first trip to Israel, when three generations of my family hopped aboard an El Al plane to visit my youngest daughter, who was studying at Yeshiva Neve Yerushalayim.

I remember choking up when we stood on a certain hill looking out over the sacred city, feeling both saddened and giddy as I left a note in a crevice at the Western Wall, watching bar mitzvah boys praying with their parents, and then later, feeling elated as I climbed all the way to the top of the majestic Masada, floated on my back, in the salty Dead Sea and purchased a painting in the magical city of Safed.

It was a historic, memorable bus tour all over the country with my mom, dad and daughters, filled with as much politics as pleasure, with a massive dose of enlightenment thrown in. But the funny thing is that, years later, what we reminisce about the most is an unremarkable stop that our driver insisted on making, even though it was 20 kilometres out of his way, because he just had to show us something.

It still brings an ironic giggle and a sigh when one of us says, "Remember that falafel stand in the middle of the desert, just to the left of nowhere? It was the best! That sesame sauce. And those pickles – I can still taste it."

The inevitable responses: "Why can't we go there again?"

"Because we won't be able to find it."

"Come on, it was right outside of Jerusalem, near Bethlehem."

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"No, it wasn't. It was on the way to Haifa."

"No, we were going to the Dead Sea." And so it goes…

Wherever it was, what we do remember is that the pita was steaming fresh, the falafel had a slight crunch and then melted in your mouth, the pickles had just the right amount of burn, the tomatoes were sweet as the summer, the cucumbers were crunchy for days, and the techinah dressing – I kept going back to that glass pitcher, drowning my falafel in that addictive sesame flavour, pouring out a third helping, then a fourth. I couldn't get enough. I don't know if it was the best meal we had in Israel but it was the most indelible.

The bad news is that we were on an organic bus trip and our kindly driver seems to have disappeared, so that even though, on subsequent trips – both in reality and in our minds – we've tried retracing our steps to that stand, it's been to no avail.

The good news is that because we all fell in love with the ubiquitous street snack, I've spent the last 20 years trying to recreate those flavours, and in the process, come to realize there is no dish as much fun to make. There are umpteen condiments you can pack into a pita, most of which begin with the word "Israeli," and everybody, from my four-year-old granddaughter to her 94-year-old great-grandparents, loves to eat falafels. Falafels feel like family. They feel like our homeland, Israel. And when we eat them, we always feel as though we're celebrating and, at the same time, appreciating our culture and heritage.

LEBANIS HUMMUS

Adapted from Chef Ariel Kars and co-owner Patric Felsenstein, Naomi Grill, Madrid, Spain. Sautéed mushrooms may be substituted for the meat.

Humus
2 cups dried chickpeas
1 cup sesame tahini (sesame paste)
5 cloves garlic, halved
1 tbsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. lemon salt
1/2 tsp. black pepper
Meat
1/2 lb. baby lamb chops, 1st or 2nd cut, sliced
2 medium red onions, peeled and chopped
1/2 tsp. dried oregano
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. black pepper
1 tsp. sumac (fruit-based Israeli spice)
1/4 cup olive oil
2 tbsp. pine nuts
Garnish
1 cup flat-leafed parsley
1 tsp. red chili pepper flakes
1 tbsp. olive or more if needed

To make the hummus, sift through chick peas, rinsing well and discarding pebbles or broken or discoloured peas. In a large bowl, soak peas for 8 hours or overnight. Rinse and place them in a heavy soup pan with 2 quarts of water. Bring to boil. Lower heat and simmer for about 1-1/2 to 2 hours or until very tender. Drain well, reserving cooking liquid. Cool slightly.

Grind cooked peas, garlic, tahini and spices in food processor. Add about 1 cup water a little at a time, as needed and blend until very creamy.

To make meat, marinate meat with onions, spices, pine nuts and olive oil and let sit overnight. Sauté meat until tender.

To serve, spoon hummus onto a serving plate, spreading it so that the edges are thicker than the centre. Scoop out a circle in the centre. Place meat in centre, sprinkle with parsley and pepper flakes. Drizzle with olive oil. Serves 6.

THE DAHAN FALAFEL

From David Dahan, owner of Dahan Catering, Rockville, Md.

This is the traditional way falafel is made in Israel.

1 cup dried chickpeas or 1 16-oz. can chickpeas, cooked and drained
1/2 cup yellow onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, chopped
3 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley or cilantro or a mixture of both
1 tsp. coriander
1 tsp. cumin
2 tbsp. flour
salt and pepper to taste
vegetable oil for frying

In a large bowl combine chickpeas, garlic, onion, coriander, cumin, salt, pepper and flour. Put beans in a food processor, pulsing until it becomes a thick paste. Form into small balls, about the size of a walnut, about 1-1/2 in. in diameter. Flatten slightly. In a large, deep frying pan heat about 2 inches of oil to medium hot, about 350. Deep fry a few at a time until golden brown, about 5 to7 minutes, turning over once. Serve warm. Makes 12 to 16 falafel balls and will serve 4 to 5 people.

TECHINAH

From The Book of Jewish Food *by Claudia Roden (Knopf)*

1 cup tahini (sesame paste)
juice of 1 to 2 lemons
2 or 3 cloves of garlic, crushed
salt
1/2 tsp. paprika
2 tbsp. finely chopped flat-leafed parsley

Pour tahini into a bowl and very gradually beat in the lemon juice and enough water to make a pale, thick cream. Keep beating. It will thicken into grainy lumps at first, before it blends into a thin cream. Add garlic and salt to taste. To use as a dip, garnish with paprika and the parsley. To use as a dressing, beat in more water until it reaches the consistency of a light cream.

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וועָן דער ייִד לאַכט אָפּ פֿון רבנים

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אַ רב אָן אַ ריבצין איז אַ האַלבע מעשה

A rov on a rebitsin iz a halbe mayse.

A rabbi without a wife is only half a story.

וו׳ ער איז אַ רב שמאַדט זיך די קהלה.

Vu er iz a rov shmadt zikh di kehile.

Wherever he presents himself as a rabbi the congregation converts.

אין אַ רב וואָס קען זינגען, און אַ כזן, וואָס קען לערנען איז קיין ברכה ניט.

In a rov vos ken zingen, un a khazn vos ken lernen iz kayn brokhe nit.

It's no blessing for the congregation when you have a rabbi who tries to sing and a khazn who tries to teach.

אַ פֿעטער רב און אַ מאָגערער גלח טויגן ביידע ניט.

A feter rov un mogerer galakh toygn beyde nit.

When you have a fat rabbi and a thin priest it's probably the rabbi who's up to no good.

דער רב רבט זיך, דער בער בערט זיך.

Der rov rovt zikh, der ber bert zikh. The rabbi does what a rabbi does and the bear does what a bear does.

אַז דער רב טוט אַ שדך מיט דעם בעדער, האַלט זיך דער בעדער פֿאַר אַ רב.

Az der rov tut a shidakh mit der beder, halt zikh der beder far a rov. When the rabbi is doing sly business with the bath attendant, the bath attendant considers himself equal to the rabbi.

טו אָן אַ כזיר אַ שטרײַמל, וועט ער ווערן אַ רב?

Tu on a khazr mit a shtrayml, vet er vern a rov?

If you put a shtrayml on a pig would it make him a rabbi?

וואָס נאָענטער צו דער שול, אַלץ ווײַטער פֿון גאָט.

Vos nonter tsu der shul, alts vayter fun got.

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UJA Federation OF GREATER TORONTO

Jewish Family & Child — Every step of the way

Richard Cummings

Toronto's Jewish community once again gathered in force last Sunday for our annual Walk with Israel. It is notable that ours is a community that steps out for Israel and steps up to meet the needs of the vulnerable here at home. This is clearly apparent in the case of Jewish Family and Child Service of Greater Toronto, known today as Jewish Family & Child or JF&CS, a prominent UJA Federation partner agency and a Toronto fixture since its founding in 1868. Today, we keep our community and children safe, we contribute to its mental health and wellness, and we address the effects of poverty.

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Indeed Jewish Family & Child is a remarkably progressive and responsive social service agency that reflects the Toronto Jewish community's commitment to transformational philanthropy and effective partnership with key community organizations. So, as we recently came out in force to declare our support for Israel and our strong presence as a community, we had much to celebrate locally. Jewish Family & Child's commitment to be there "every step of the way" can only be fulfilled because the requisite vision and resources have been allocated by a community that recognizes the imperatives of safety, security and healthy development. Funding support comes from three primary sources: UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, United Way Toronto and the Ontario provincial government. We are proud, along with UJA Federation, to extend the good works and the reach of the Jewish community so effectively to our government and United Way stakeholders.

Community growth is a positive force but it also implies a host of social challenges. In response to those challenges there are few communities that can boast the assets of ours. Jewish Family & Child's capacity to make a difference has grown in recent years. Features of the agency's increased capacity include a growing and strategic emphasis on client centred service. Service to the community is enabled and enriched by a wonderful synergy with our agency partners and with UJA Federation. A compelling example is the JPAG (Jewish Poverty Action Group) program, designed to help families break the cycle of poverty that casts a shadow on their lives. This program was featured in a recent *CJN* report. Jewish Family & Child, along with Jewish Immigrant Aid Services ofToronto, Kehilla Residential Program and UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, came together in recent years to exercise visionary leadership in developing the JPAG program. Our goal was to respond more effectively to the circumstances that so often predict and sustain poverty. A powerful feature of JPAG is its financial support for educational opportunities, helping not only with tuition but providing further support to ensure that an adult family member can take the requisite time away from primary employment to pursue educational advancement. With the right support and opportunities, these individuals can increase their income and improve their quality of life. Through its innovative approach to positive social change, JPAG has created unique and meaningful opportunities for individuals – opportunities that give a hand up rather than a hand out.

Jewish Family & Child's mission is to support the healthy development of individuals, children, families and communities through prevention, protection, counselling, education and advocacy services, within the context of Jewish values. We honour our mission through best practice, evaluation and research. We strive to be an agency in which impact is effectively measured, felt and communicated, where all stakeholders are treated with respect and dignity, where our work features a consistently high level of staff commitment and skill development, and where services are client centred.

We endeavour to achieve our strategic goals in a manner that enriches our Jewish community. Jewish Family & Child plays a crucial role as a platform to actualize UJA Federation's strategic priorities, prominent among which is Jewish affiliation. Through the support of UJA Federation and its agency partners, we provide funding and opportunities to vulnerable members of the community for participation in Jewish events, services, meals and fellowship. As a children's aid society we ensure a Jewish response to child abuse and neglect, and guarantee a Jewish upbringing to children brought into our care. It is to say the least, uplifting, to attend a bris or a bar/bat mitzvah for a young person in our care. These are "our" kids, the community's kids. Jewish women affected by domestic violence know that they can come to us to at a dire time of need. This sense of affiliation and the certainty that we all belong in our Jewish community, are treasures that are made possible and leveraged through a vital, robust Jewish Family & Child.

Guest Voice

Two weeks ago I visited Calgary, Alta. to attend the Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies (AJFCA) annual conference. Agencies with similar mandates from across North America, representing all major cities on the continent, presented an array of material to those attending. What stood out in bold relief was the strength of the relationship between Toronto's UJA Federation and Jewish Family & Child. The sense of co-operation and collaboration, the generosity reflected in our annual funding allocation and the shared values that shape our partnership are seen as a model of agency /federation relations. It is with great appreciation and an abiding belief in the power of good partnerships that I share this good news.

Richard L. Cummings, PhD is the executive director of Jewish Family and Child.

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Exercise helps increase function after stroke

We all know that active living is necessary for maintaining good health throughout your lifetime, and that being active is beneficial for both your mental and physical well-being.

A new study published in the *New England Medical Journal* found that after you've had a stroke, exercise plays a vital role in your recovery. Researchers also found that the intensity and frequency of the exercise were more important than where you performed it or even how long you waited after the stroke to start. The results showed that it didn't matter whether you started rehabilitation exercises two months or six months after the stroke, the improvement was the same and resulted in an increase in balance, walking capability and functional ability.

Many studies show that once you have had a stroke or a mini-stroke, the chance of your having another one increases by 20 per cent. The risk of falling quadruples, and the chance of breaking a hip is 10 times greater.

Exercise, even during the chronic phase post-stroke, can be beneficial and lead to an improvement in heart function, endurance, mobility, mental and physical health, as well as overall quality of life, the study showed.

Fitness Corner

Felyce Zomparelli

And 52 per cent of participants saw an increase in walking ability, speed, balance and function within 12 weeks of starting the study.

Rehabilitation exercises after a stroke are designed to help you regain as much of your independence as possible, but they can also help reduce the risk of another stroke. Exercise can also lower blood pressure and help the body maintain a healthy level of insulin.

Fewer dropouts were reported in the home-based program, compared to the facility's specialized treadmill training group.

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Palestinian unity in peril

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JERUSALEM — The Hamas militant group on Sunday rejected the rival Fatah movement's nominee for prime minister, complicating plans to unify the duelling governments in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and jeopardizing international aid for the Palestinians.

Hamas' opposition to Salam Fayyad's nomination marked a key setback in the reconciliation process, which aims to form a caretaker government until elections are held next year. Since the rival factions announced their reconciliation pact last month, aiming to end a four-year rift, they appear to have made little progress in implementing the program.

Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Salam Fayyad

Fatah and Hamas are set to meet this week in Cairo to begin the process of appointing members of the new government. It was not clear whether Hamas' announcement Sunday was a final decision, or a bargaining tactic as the sides gear up to fill cabinet posts.

Fayyad, the prime minister of the West Bank-based Palestinian Authority, was nominated by the western-leaning Fatah over the weekend to remain in his post.

A U.S.-educated economist, Fayyad enjoys the respect of foreign donors. President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah has concluded Fayyad's reappointment would ease western concerns that donor money would fall into the hands of Hamas, which the West considers a terrorist organization.

Fayyad is a political independent, but Hamas believes he is nonetheless a political figure.

Hamas official Salah Bardawil told the Associated Press on Sunday that "Hamas will not agree to grant Salam Fayyad the confidence to run the national unity government."

Fayyad's office declined comment. Officials close to Abbas said they believe Hamas' announcement was not final and expressed hope they would still be able to get Fayyad's appointment approved. Hamas has floated several names but not yet announced a formal candidate.

Fatah and Hamas have been at loggerheads since the Islamic militant group won parliamentary elections in 2006. A short-lived unity government disintegrated the following year, with Hamas routing forces loyal to Abbas and overrunning the Gaza Strip. Since then, Abbas has governed in the West Bank only.

The two factions have been divided over how to deal with Israel. Fatah favours peace with Israel, while Hamas has rejected international demands to renounce violence and recognize Israel's right to exist.

Last month, Fatah and Hamas signed a deal in Egypt to end their rift and join together in a caretaker government. But implementation of the power-sharing deal has moved slowly.

Fearing international pressure on Hamas could jeopardize hundreds of millions of dollars in international aid, they have committed to putting together a cabinet comprised entirely of apolitical technocrats. It remains unclear when they will be able to agree upon a slate of cabinet ministers that is acceptable to the international community.

Liberate land from enemy: Lebanon PM says

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JERUSALEM — Lebanon's Prime Minister Najib Mikati announced on Monday a long-delayed new government dominated by allies of Iranian-backed Hezbollah, which is likely to cause alarm among western powers.

Mikati was appointed to form a government after Hezbollah and its allies toppled western-backed former prime minister Saad al-Hariri's coalition in January over a dispute involving the UN-backed tribunal investigating the assassination of statesman Rafik al-Hariri, Saad's father.

"Let us go to work immediately according to the principles and basis that we have affirmed our commitment to several times, namely... defending Lebanon's sovereignty and its independence and liberating land that remains under the occupation of the Israeli enemy," Mikati said at the Baabda Presidential Palace.

Political wrangling had held up the formation of the cabinet, including disagreements over sensitive posts.

Hariri, who is supported by the West and Saudi Arabia, has refused to join Mikati's government.

A main aim of the government will be to agree on a unified stand to face indictments by the tribunal expected to implicate members of Hezbollah in the 2005 killing of Hariri. The group denies any link to the attack.

Mikati, who says he is politically neutral, said the Lebanese government would seek to maintain positive ties with all Arab countries.

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, who has been fighting a popular revolt against his 11-year rule, telephoned Mikati to congratulate him, Lebanese media said. Syria is a strong ally of Hezbollah, the main player in the political coalition that helped bring Mikati to power in January.

"This government is committed to maintaining strong, brotherly ties which bind Lebanon to all Arab countries without exception," Mikati said.

Syrian refugees tell of atrocities

Anshel Pfeffer

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THE SYRIAN-TURKISH BORDER — Refugees fleeing the restive north-Syrian city of Jisr al-Shughour continued to flood the Turkish border Sunday, bringing with them chilling accounts of the atrocities taking place in Syria.

"It's impossible to tell who is against whom," Mohamed Hashnawe, who arrived at the Turkish border in an abandoned ambulance, told *Ha'aretz*.

Hashnawe, a student from Jisr al-Shughour, said that he drove the ambulance with 22 other refugees on board. They reached the passage near the town of Al-Hamsya, where they were met by Turkish police.

The police took them to a new, recently erected refugee camp made of hundreds of tents, some of which have already been occupied.

"Soldiers are shooting other soldiers that have refused to shoot at civilians," Hashnawe said, yet another testimony proving that the 120 soldiers Syrian state television has claimed were killed by "armed gangs" were in fact executed for their refusal to kill opponents to Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime.

Syrian soldiers have continued their rampage on Jisr al-Shughour, attacking nearby northern towns as well.

Silmanya Mohamed Migdan, a Jisr al-Shughour resident who fled to Turkey late Saturday told *Ha'aretz* that at 5 a.m. the day before plainclothes police officers surrounded the town.

Three hundred civilians were able to flee the north Syria town, however security forces managed to shoot at the elderly who were unable to escape, killing at least one man who was 70 years old.

The region near Turkey's border has a history of hostility toward the Syrian regime and is posing the biggest challenge yet to President Assad's struggle to crush the anti-government revolt. Thousands of Syrians in the region have crossed into Turkey in recent days, taking sanctuary in refugee camps.

A senior Turkish diplomat said 4,300 Syrian refugees had crossed the border and were being cared for in hospitals and camps, but a Western diplomat said the number was higher and witnesses said some 10,000 were sheltering near the border.

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Israel Briefs

Mosque torched and vandalized

Palestinian security sources have blamed Jews for torching a mosque in a West Bank village. Burning tires were rolled into the mosque in the Maghayer village near Ramallah, setting rugs in the building on fire, according to reports. The building sustained fire damage. No deaths or injuries were reported. The mosque's walls also were sprayed with graffiti that reportedly read "Alei Ayin" – the name of a nearby settlement outpost that was demolished recently by Israeli police. Several West Bank mosques have been torched in the last year. Most of the incidents were blamed on Jewish settlers. A joint Israeli police-military investigation has been launched into the incident. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and President Shimon Peres condemned the mosque's desecration.

Clashes on Temple Mount

Israeli police quelled stone-throwing on Jerusalem's Temple Mount last Friday. Police entered the compound, known to Muslims as the Haram al-Sharif, after stone-throwers targeted Israeli troops who secure the area's margins. The police used tear gas to subdue the rioters and arrested three people, Israeli media reported, quoting police. No one was injured. Stone-throwers have in the past targeted worshippers at the Western Wall, directly below the compound. It wasn't clear what prompted the rioting, but a number of Palestinian groups have called for a third intifadah.

Israeli dairy cows most productive

Israeli dairy cows produce more milk than dairy cows in other countries. The Israeli dairy cows produced an average of nearly 2,642 gallons of milk a year in 2009, according to data released by the Central Bureau of Statistics. By comparison, dairy cows in the United States produce 2,465 gallons of milk per year and European Union cows 1,622 gallons per year, according to the *Jerusalem Post*. There is an estimated 25 per cent increase in the purchase of dairy products by Israelis in the days leading up to Shavuot, when Jews traditionally eat dairy holiday meals. A cow from Kibbutz Karmia near Gaza was named the highest milk-producer for the second year in a row, giving more than 20,000 litres or about 5,283 gallons of milk in one year. There are 125,000 dairy cows in Israel, and the average Israeli consumes about 45 gallons of dairy products a year.

– With files from JTA

Turkish PM wins third term

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JERUSALEM — Turkey's state-run television announced on Sunday that the ruling party of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan had won a third term in parliamentary elections.

The TV station's website, TRT, carried the following headline: "Turkey decides to continue with AK Party."

AKP is the Turkish acronym for the ruling Justice and Development party.

State TV said that with 98 per cent of the results counted Sunday, the ruling party had received about 50 per cent of the votes. The Republican People's party, the main opposition group, had 26 per cent and another opposition party, the Nationalist Action party, 13 per cent.

A Muslim democracy and a candidate for the European Union, Turkey has become an economic powerhouse and an influential player on the global stage since Erdogan's AK party first swept to power in 2002.

AK will now be forced to seek agreements with other parties to press on with plans to replace the existing charter, written almost 30 years ago during a period of military rule.

Based on a preliminary count, Erdogan's party was set to win around 327 seats in the 550-member parliament, less than the 330 needed to send a new constitution to a referendum.

This will take some of the gloss off the AK success in winning a third consecutive term and four more years of single party rule, but analysts suggested that it would be good for both the economy and democracy in Turkey.

"It seems the election outcome is heading toward the best-case scenario for the markets: a solid majority for AKP but short of the 330-plus seats required to amend the constitution and put it to a referendum," said Wolfango Piccoli, an analyst at Eurasia Group risk consultancy in London.

"Falling short of 330 seats, the AKP would be forced to enter into negotiations with the opposition for the desired changes – a scenario that should help to limit the risk of further polarization," he added.

There were no significant reports of trouble during the election, even in the restive Kurdish region, where a strong showing by independents fielded by the pro-Kurdish BDP played a big part in denying the AK's advance.

Erdogan's support has been built on his success in creating a booming economy and in ending decades of chaotic coalitions, military coups and failed international financial bailouts.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan

The only doubt hanging over Sunday's vote had been over the margin of Erdogan's victory, given the goal of a new constitution.

There has been speculation that Erdogan will seek to move Turkey toward a more presidential system of government, with the ultimate aim of becoming president himself.

Erdogan, whose party evolved from banned Islamist movements, says the new charter will be based on democratic and pluralistic principles that will bring Turkey closer to EU standards.

Turkey and Erdogan's AK are often cited as models for supporters of democracy living through the "Arab Spring" in parts of the Middle East and North Africa.

While foreign investors have traditionally seen AK as the most market-friendly party, Erdogan's critics say he has an authoritarian streak.

Opponents point to rampant use of wiretaps by state agencies, the detention of journalists critical of the government, nepotism and a widening gap between rich and poor.

Analysts have warned the new government will face sobering economic challenges. The current deficit is ballooning, fiscal policy needs tightening to cool overheating, and youth unemployment is high in a country where the average age is 28.

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Int'l scholars group condemns U.K. academic boycott

JTA

LONDON — Scholars for Peace in the Middle East has condemned Britain's largest academic union for voting to adopt an academic and cultural boycott of Israel.

The international organization also condemned the University and College Union (UCU) for rejecting the European Union definition of antisemitism.

The resolution was passed May 29 at UCU's annual conference. It's the union's third such vote since it was established in 2006.

The board of directors of Scholars for Peace in the Middle East said in a June 7 statement that it "strongly condemns the Union of College and Universities vote on May 29, 2011 to promote the campaign to academically boycott Israel, despite advice from its own legal counsel, which has advised it may be a illegal action based on discriminatory practices as well as being well beyond the scope of the charter of the union."

The statement also strongly condemned "UCU voting to disassociate itself from the European Union working definition of what constitutes antisemitism on May 30, 2011, which signals to all that the union does not take antisemitism seriously. In rejecting this working definition, the UCU is promoting a hostile, antisemitic study and work environment for Jewish and Israeli students and faculty in colleges and universities throughout the U.K. who support the right of Israel to exist within safe and secure borders and who challenge those who would demonize, delegitimize and hold Israel to a double standard despite, the union's protestations and rationalizations to the contrary."

Scholars for Peace in the Middle East represents about 55,000 university and college professors, researchers, administrators, teachers, librarians, and students on more than 3,500 campuses worldwide, according to its website.

Chavez demonizes rival for his Jewish roots

Jasmina Kelemen
JTA

LOS TEQUES, Venezuela — As someone who has spent his entire political career opposing Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, Gov. Henrique Capriles Radonski is accustomed to rough handling.

But even he was taken aback by the viciousness that erupted two years ago outside the yellow walls of the old colonial home that now serves as his government seat.

"They came here and they called me Nazi, even though my grandmother was in the Warsaw Ghetto," he said, his voice rising. "My great-grandparents were killed in a concentration camp. My grandmother's mother and father were killed by the Nazis in Treblinka."

By "they" he means the red-clad mob, led by the city's pro-Chavez mayor, who chanted "Nazi fascist!" and sprayed red swastikas onto the outer walls of the Casa Amarilla (Yellow House) in 2009.

Since taking office three years ago as the governor of Venezuela's second-largest state, Miranda, Capriles has become a lightning rod for antisemitic attacks from the state's most radical corners even though he says he is a fervent Catholic and subject to what he describes as a campaign of "permanent sabotage" by the government.

Capriles, 38, last month declared his intention to seek the nomination to run as the opposition candidate against Chavez, who will be running for his third consecutive term.

Recent surveys show that the lanky Capriles, a grandson of Holocaust survivors who does not identify himself as a Jew, is the most popular politician in Venezuela.

Sensing its best opportunity to defeat Chavez as the nation struggles with rampant crime, double-digit inflation and deteriorating services, the opposition for the first time has agreed to unite behind a single candidate chosen in a primary scheduled for February.

This makes Capriles the opposition's most credible chance of defeating Chavez since he assumed power 13 years ago.

"He represents the next generation of Venezuelan political leaders," said Ricardo Hausmann, director of Harvard University's Center for International Development, and a former Venezuelan minister of planning. "He honed his political skills during very conflicted times and has been able to garner support from a very heterogeneous voting bloc."

Capriles is used to confronting the government. He was imprisoned in 2004 for 120 days for charges related to his activities as mayor of a middle-class district of Caracas during the 2002 coup attempt against Chavez. After several trials he was exonerated, allowing him to move on from mayor to governor.

In 2008 he defeated a powerful Chavez ally to lead Miranda, which has nearly three million people. His victory unnerved the government by finding thousands of new votes in the overcrowded slums surrounding Caracas, which traditionally voted with

Gov. Henrique Capriles Radonski

Chavez's United Socialist Party of Venezuela, or PSUV. Incensed at the loss of such a key state, Chavez immediately ordered the central government to take over Miranda's hospitals.

By presidential decree, Chavez dismantled the state's infrastructure, taking over police units, asphalt plants and state employees, slashing budgets and crippling the governor's ability to effectively administer power.

To many it looked like revenge, an attempt to paralyze a potentially dangerous political foe. However, the effort seems to have backfired. Some polls are showing that as many as three out of four voters are blaming the Chavez government and not Capriles for reduced services.

Capriles notes that while he believes he was targeted by the Chavez government, all of Venezuela's states, regardless of their political affiliation, have had their powers diminished by the central government.

"Chavez has won through elections, but his daily maneuvering isn't democratic," Capriles told JTA. "The challenge is to democratically overcome a government that isn't democratic."

Chavez does not usually refer to his opponents individually but has begun telling the nation it must be vigilant against political elements "looking to set the nation on fire."

Shortly after Capriles announced his intention to run, Chavez warned that the opposition was planning to destabilize the nation. Such remarks harked back to 2002, when the opposition tried to overthrow his presidency and carried out a devastating strike in the national oil industry.

In an interview with a local private station, Chavez said he was sure he would win.

"If they don't kill me or some other catastrophe doesn't occur, I'm certain – though there will be much work to do – that I will be re-elected for six more years," Chavez said earlier this year.

While Chavez's approval rating has dropped from its peak level of about 80 per cent, he still commands the support of about half the electorate. The half that is against Chavez is fractured among the opposition candidates.

Chavez has benefited as well from more than a decade of political organization at the grass-roots level, and he remains popular among many members of Venezuela's underclasses.

Capriles argues that he can more effectively bring about the social improvements Chavez has promised. Acknowledging that Chavez has brought attention to the vast inequalities that separate Venezuela's rich and poor, Capriles says Chavez is too ideologically driven to successfully manage the nation.

Capriles' non-ideological focus on improving lives has found a receptive audience among many who have grown tired of Chavez's tirades and a seemingly growing list of unfulfilled promises.

In the last few weeks, rolling power outages again have struck the nation, resulting in citywide rationing in Caracas and beyond. In 2009, Chavez claimed the blackouts were due to a drought that severely curtailed the nation's hydroelectric capabilities. This year, the blackouts are occurring after months of unusually heavy rains have displaced thousands of people throughout the country.

"[Chavez] has in his hands all the tools to make this country function, and if he did so everyone would support him," said Josefina Arias, 36, a vendor who described herself as a former Chavez supporter.

Arias had gathered with several hundred other people at Casa Amarilla to receive state-funded vouchers worth about $3,000 to repair her rain-damaged cinderblock home.

"There are many people who want this country to change," Arias said. "Unfortunately, I believe that Chavez has lost his vision of what Venezuela could be."

While voicing her own disenchantment with Chavez, Arias noted that many in her family still support the president. They fear that if the opposition wins, Chavez's social programs, like providing subsidized groceries or free clinics, may be reversed.

Many expect an ugly electoral fight ahead, warning that Chavez is unafraid to use the full force of the state's considerable media and financial resources against his enemies.

"Chavez, of course, has every interest in sowing conflict among the opposition, and he will have considerable resources to do so," said John Carey, a political scientist at Dartmouth College.

For Jews, this could mean the resurgence of antisemitism that many hoped had been put to rest through recent overtures made by the president toward the community.

Despite the fact that he says he's Catholic, Capriles consistently has been the target of antisemitic attacks. During the governor's race in 2008, state media described him as a member of the "Jewish-Zionist bourgeoisie" and "genetically fascist."

Though the campaign hasn't officially begun, the state press continues to refer to Capriles as Jewish. Observers say that may be an attempt to generate opposition against him.

"We have already begun to see a species of feint referring to him as Jewish, which we believe is an attempt to carve out the votes of anti-semites and especially anti-Israel [voters]," said a Jewish representative who asked to not be identified. "The campaign hasn't even begun yet, but we're sure there will be [antisemitic] attacks."

Local Venezuelan Jews say Capriles has "very good relations" with the community, even though he doesn't identify spiritually with it.

"Because of my mother and grandmother, for Jews I'm Jewish, but I'm Catholic," Capriles said.

While he no longer has a religious connection to the Jewish community, their story of survival affects him deeply, he says.

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Conference examines Jews and capitalism

Elliot Jager
JTA

JERUSALEM — Why are so many Jews discomfited by capitalism – and not merely by the caricature of capitalism as rapacious speculation and exploitative profiteering but by the very idea of organizing an economy along free-market lines?

The question was among many addressed at a conference on "Free Markets and Social Progress," held in Jerusalem in late May. Sponsored by the Jerusalem Institute for Market Studies (JIMS), the conference took as its premise the indisputable fact that free-market countries tend to foster the kind of liberty and tolerance that have enabled Jews to thrive. Why then, are many Jews inclined toward liberal and left-wing political ideologies that denigrate the free market?

One longstanding theory holds that the sticking point lies in the historical connection between money and the aristocratic hierarchies of power that, especially in Europe, were heavily tinged with antisemitism. There is surely something to that – and yet Jews would probably not have survived into the modern period, let alone the post-modern period, without their own genius for making money. That genius was manifestly aberted by the breakdown of those old hierarchies, a breakdown facilitated by, precisely, the spread of modern capitalism.

Isaac Lifshitz

Is it just a matter of bad branding on the part of capitalism's defenders? That was the thought of Russell Roberts of George Mason University, speaking at the conference. To Roberts, promoting smaller government for the sake of letting taxpayers keep more of their own money is a poor strategy. Too often, this position is perceived as unfair, boorishly self-centred, and, for Jews in particular, antithetical to the now-sacrosanct imperative of tikkun olam.

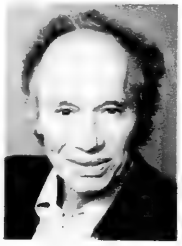
Instead of hitching the free-market idea to the wagon of low taxes and smaller government, Roberts would emphasize the way in which collective social interests are best furthered not by government regulation but through an "emergent order of co-operation" that transcends both government and market forces alike. For instance, in the United States, unlike in Israel, government does not regulate religion, with the result that Americans enjoy a vibrant marketplace of religious ideas. In contrast, Judaism in Israel, tethered to the state, has suffered grievously.

What does Judaism itself have to say about the free market?

What does Judaism itself have to say about the free market and social and moral progress? Take the issue of charity and generosity. Roberts believes that when left to their own devices, people will co-operate with each other in ways that go beyond commerce, doing better not only for themselves but for their fellow human beings. In other words, the liberty inherent in the free-market system actually encourages both charity and generosity.

Provocatively, the philosopher Joseph Isaac Lifshitz of the Shalem Center preferred to emphasize a distinction rooted in Jewish thought: the distinction between pure charity, which he sees as lying "outside the market," and the "generosity" that consists in helping others enter the market.

As Lifshitz explained, Judaism accepts that in any choice between oneself and one's neighbour, putting oneself first is perfectly legitimate; indeed, the biblical commandment to "love aathy neighbour" cannot be fulfilled without a healthy dose of self-interest. Lifshitz would thus have us think of investment – specifically on the micro level – as a normative good. An investor may profit, but morally what matters is setting one's "neighbour" on the path toward financial self-sufficiency.


Sam Peltzman

One can expand the point to the macro level. After all, Jewish survival has historically depended not on individual charity but on communal prosperity, and precisely the kind of prosperity fostered by investment that is propelled by healthy self-interest. "It is this type of political virtue," Lifshitz maintained, "that generates political power from the bottom up." The historical experience of the American Jewish community bears out the truth of this proposition with startling clarity.

But how can Jews (or anyone else) fail to be discomfited by the upheaval resulting from the global financial meltdown? Isn't this the ultimate indictment of the free market and proof par excellence that society needs more economic regulation?

Sam Peltzman, professor emeritus of economics at the University of Chicago, demurs. At the conference, he argued that, to the contrary, excessive efforts to regulate economic conduct actually induced behaviour leading to the financial crisis.

The human proclivity for risk-taking, Peltzman pointed out, can never be wholly suppressed by bureaucratic regulation. As American and European bankers and CEOs sought means of offsetting the intended effects of regulation, they set in motion a vicious cycle, with offsetting behaviour begetting more regulations, which begot more offsetting behaviour. After the crash, the damage was then compounded by the U.S. government's willingness to bail out the banks and big corporations, thus rewarding rather than punishing their appalling economic decisions.

Analyzing the causes of the latest recession is obviously a complex undertaking, not to mention a matter of fierce debate among economists and others. But Peltzman's underlying point is that economic life is far too multiform and intricate to be made subject to government planning, which is at least as likely to impede as to further the cause of social progress. If this view, like others aired at the conference, still seems iconoclastic, that is at least partly because of the hold exercised on the liberal mind, including the liberal Jewish mind, by the notion that capitalism itself is a nefarious ideology designed to benefit "the rich" at the expense of everyone else.

To this, one cannot do better than respond with the historian Paul Johnson that, unlike socialism, capitalism is the farthest thing from "an ideology dreamed up by an economic philosopher." It is, instead, a way of life, one that simply evolved "from the free and unco-ordinated transactions and unimpeded movements of countless unknown individuals" – and that has brought similarly countless benefits to humankind.

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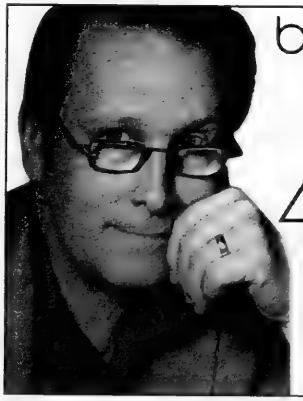

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Victor Krulak, a U.S. Marine Corps legend

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Victor (Brute) Krulak was one of the most illustrious officers in the annals of the U.S. Marine Corps. In a legendary 34-year career, he served in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

The recipient of the Navy Cross, second only to the Medal of Honor in importance and prestige, he was 43 when he was appointed the youngest general in Marine Corps history.

Krulak played an integral role in two major events that changed the nature of warfare. He helped develop a landing craft, the Higgins boat, that was used in the Normandy landings and in amphibious assaults in the Pacific theatre. And he was a key figure in the development of the helicopter as an instrument of war.

A three-star general, he commanded Marine forces in the Pacific during the war in Vietnam. He retired in 1968 and died in 2008 at the age of 95.

Krulak's admiring biographer, Robert Coram, claims in *Brute: The Life of Victor Krulak, U.S. Marine* (Little, Brown and Company) that he was "the most important officer in the history of the United States Marine Corps, a man of dazzling intellect and extraordinary vision" and a model of rectitude, discipline and duty.

And yet, he adds, Krulak was a fabulist who concocted tall tales about himself till the end of his days.

Krulak portrayed himself as an Episcopalian of Moravian origin. But in fact, he was a Jew whose Ukrainian Jewish father, Meyer, arrived in the United States in 1889.

Meyer, having changed his name to Morris a year after his arrival, listed his nationality as Russian and his native language as Yiddish in the 1910 U.S. census. But in the 1920 census, he no longer identified as a Russian Jew and claimed he was born in Pennsylvania.

Krulak, born in Denver, Colo. and raised in a thoroughly secular home, never attended synagogue or had a bar mitzvah. "In this way, Morris paved the way for his son later to minimize his Jewish background," Coram explains.

Morris told his son, "It is not who you were or where you were from, but it is what you do that is important. If you study and you succeed, it will not matter what you were."

On his admission form to the U.S. Naval Academy, Krulak listed himself as Jewish. But around this period, he began attending an Episcopalian church in Cheyenne, Colorado, and telling people that his family had deep ancestral roots in America.

Krulak claimed that his great-grandfather fought with the Confederate army in the U.S. Civil War and that his father was born in Denver. "Victor Krulak would tell his own version of his life until the day he died," writes Coram tartly.

Coram would have been on safe ground had he labelled Krulak as a self-hating Jew. Declining to venture into that terrain, he nonetheless acknowledges that Krulak was "a haunted and driven man possessed of a psyche filled with spiders and snakes."

To Coram, the U.S. Naval Academy, then infamous for its racism and antisemitism, was "a pivot point" in Krulak's life. As he puts it, "Being a military officer was a shortcut to the American dream. What better way for a Jew to show his allegiance to America than by ... fighting for his country?"

Nicknamed Brute for his no-nonsense style, Krulak entered the academy after initially flunking the entrance exams. In his third year, he married his fiance, Amy Chandler, an Episcopalian of fine breeding.

Krulak's parents did not attend the wedding. "The most likely reason ... is that Brute did not want his Jewish parents at this gathering of eminent Episcopalians," Coram observes.

Commissioned a second lieutenant after his graduation in 1934, Krulak rose in the ranks quickly. Following tours of duty in the United States and China, he was assigned to the main Marine Corps base in Quantico, Va.

There he played a central role in developing what Dwight Eisenhower – a rising U.S. general and future U.S. president – called the most important piece of tactical equipment in World War II, the Higgins boat, which transported soldiers and material from ship to shore.

Subsequently, Krulak distinguished himself in bloody fighting in the Japanese-held Solomon Islands. After the war, he taught helicopter tactics at the Amphibious Warfare School.

Helicopters were used by the U.S. armed forces for three purposes: reconnaissance, observation and medical evacuation. Since they were generally regarded as primitive and unreliable machines, they were seen as experimental curiosities more than anything else.

Krulak, who co-wrote the first textbook for Marine helicopter pilots and war planners, dissented from this dogma, arguing that helicopters could also be used for intelligence gathering and flank security. In time, helicopters revolutionized warfare.

During the 1960s, Krulak was the principal adviser on counter-insurgency warfare to Robert McNamara, the secretary of defence. Krulak was in charge of psychological warfare and covert activities against the enemy in Vietnam. He wielded enormous influence.

In 1963, he received his third star as a general, but his hopes of becoming the next commandant of the Marine Corps were dashed. His son, Charles, however, was appointed commandant in 1995.

Krulak's other son, Vic, was an Episcopalian pastor. When one of his Jewish relatives asked, "What is a Jewish boy doing in this place?" Vic was stunned, never having been told about his father's Jewish roots.

After his retirement, Krulak was president of Copley News Service and wrote a book about the Marine Corps, *First to Fight*.

He was certainly a man of great acumen and accomplishments, but sadly enough, he never overcame his pathological aversion to being Jewish.

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EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

BOOK LAUNCH FOR *THE LAST RAIN*, A NEW NOVEL BY EDEET RAVEL, SET FOR JUNE 22

The Last Rain, a new novel by Israeli-born author **Edeet Ravel** of Guelph, Ont., tells of the birth of a kibbutz. Based on her own childhood experiences, Ravel's latest work is written in the voice of six-year-old Dori, the daughter of secular, left-leaning North American Jews. The publisher is Penguin Canada.

Determined to create a new utopia, the family settles in Eldar, a remote hill in northern Galilee near the Lebanese border, but the challenge proves far more complex than they could have imagined.

Ravel is the author of a previous trilogy about the Arab-Israeli conflict and was a winner of the Canadian Jewish Book Award and a finalist for the Giller Prize. Ravel's politics may disturb some readers, but her deeply-felt plots still tug at the heart.

Professor **Derek Penslar** of the University of Toronto is slated to interview Ravel at the launch, which is being sponsored by the New Israel Fund of Canada. Northern District Library, 40 Orchard View Blvd., Wednesday, June 22, 7 p.m.

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Names in the News: Avner Mandelman, an Israeli-born Jew who lives in Toronto, has won the 2011 Arthur Ellis Award for Best First Crime Novel for his novel, *The Debba*.

Central to the plot is the mythical animal of the title, a protean Arab hyena that can turn itself into a man to "lure Jewish children away from their families to teach them the language of the beasts." The novel's protagonist, David Starkman, is a former Israeli military assassin living in Canada who returns to Israel after his father's gruesome murder; the terms of his father's will compel him to stage a controversial play called *The Debba*, written by his father.

"Disguised as a breathtaking thriller, **Avner Mandelman**'s novel reveals Israel's double soul, its inherent paradoxes, and its taste for both art and violence," noted the *Globe and Mail* last December. The book contains what the *Globe* referred to as "unsavoury caricatures of Jews," and because it is critical of Israel, "may antagonize some readers and will undoubtedly spark controversy..." However, "the multilayered climax dazzles."

Mandelman has produced several previous short story collections, and is currently working on *The Undertaker*, a crime novel about the mysterious killings of Sephardi drug dealers in Tel Aviv against the backdrop of the looming 1982 Lebanon War.

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Arts in Brief

• Ashkenaz Foundation and Committee for Yiddish present Yiddish Powerpop vs. Gypsy Hardcore, a double-bill concert featuring **Yiddish Princess from Brooklyn** and the **Barons of Tang** from Australia. Revival Bar, 783 College St. $15 in advance, $20 at the door, students $12. Thursday, June 16, 9 p.m. 416-979-9901, www.ashkenazfestival.com

• Director **Michael Rubinstein**'s and producer **Jada Rifkin**'s production of *Reefer Madness: The Musical* continues at the Lower Ossington Theatre, 100A Ossington Ave., north of Queen Street. The biting musical satire of the 1936 black-and-white propaganda film is being staged through June 18. 416-915-6747, ext. 222, www.reefertoronto.com

• Friends of Yiddish presents "A Zemerl in Zumer," featuring violinist **Michael Ziskind** and singer **Arkadi Tulchinski.** Members free, guests $7. Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. between Finch and Sheppard. Sunday, June 26, 2 p.m. RSVP by June 22 to Sandy, 416-736-8073 or 416-458-1440.

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Passages: Toronto resident **Kenneth Chaim Walker**, who died of cancer in March 2011, was a hippie-era concert promoter who produced the Toronto Rock & Roll Revival for 20,000 music fans at Varsity Stadium in 1969. Performers in the 12-hour extravaganza included **Chuck Berry**, **Bo Diddley**, **Little Richard**, **Jerry Lee Lewis**, **Chicago Transit Authority**, **Alice Cooper**, **The Doors** and **John Lennon, Yoko Ono** and the **Plastic Ono Band** (**Eric Clapton**, **Klaus Voormann** and **Alan White**).

In 1970, Walker and **Thor Eaton** produced the Festival Express, a concert that crossed the country on a train with **Janis Joplin**, the **Grateful Dead**, **The Band**, **Eric Andersen**, **Delaney & Bonnie**, **Ian & Sylvia**, and **James and the Good Brothers**. A documentary film was later made of the festival.

Walker is survived by his former wife, **Janet**, their children **Eddie**, **Sarah** and **Becky**, and his sisters **Alice** and **Diana**.

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Multi award-winning composer Marvin Hamlisch, left, joins Beth Tzedec's Cantor Simon Spiro on stage during the highlight event "Halleluyah, Greatest Hits of Israel's Song Festivals," performed live with a 40-piece orchestra. An audience of nearly 1,500 people enjoyed this inspiring celebration of the Cantors Assembly Convention's inaugural visit to Toronto and the inaugural Jewish Music Week.

Actor combines her two passions

Laura Fixman
Intern

Kelly Holiff always had two dreams in life – to help people and to act.

She had the chance to combine these two passions by playing Joanne in Fallen Rock Theatre Company's production of *Rent*.

Fallen Rock's mandate is to bring quality theatre to Toronto, provide emerging artists a place to showcase their talents and to give all the funds it raises to important causes.

The company has raised more than $350,000 in the past nine years. This year, the Pediatric Oncology Group of Toronto (POGO), a group that makes sure all Canadian children with cancer have equal access to treatment, is the company's cause, as it has been for the past six years.

Holiff said that she likes that the profits go to POGO because the group doesn't get as much attention as larger charities do. POGO focuses not only on the children with cancer, Holiff said, but also their families.

She said that she has gotten close to everyone at POGO, and also everyone she works with at Fallen Rock. "They're like my second family," Holiff said. "The people have grown, and the family has grown."

After a friend told Holiff about Fallen Rock, she decided to audition for *Beauty and the Beast*, its 2008 production. She didn't think she was right for any of the parts, but she ended up playing Mrs. Potts. She had a role in Fallen Rock's 2010 production of *The Putnam County Spelling Bee*, but she said the part of Joanne is the most exciting one she's had so far.

"I've always wanted to be in *Rent*," she said. "The opportunity presented itself and I jumped on it."

After Holiff graduated from the Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts, she worked in productions for several theatre companies, and while she enjoyed her involvement with them all, she said there's something different about Fallen Rock.

Kelly Holiff as Mrs. Potts in *Beauty and the Beast*.

"There's nothing like Fallen Rock," Holiff said. "It changes your life. It's just magical. If I can be involved every year, that's the goal."

Holiff said that it was amazing to get 15 people in a room singing *Seasons of Love*, a song from *Rent*, and she hopes that translates to an amazing experience for the audience.

Holiff said seeing the show won't only be enjoyable for people who are already fans of *Rent*, called "Rent-heads."

Fallen Rock was started by young lawyers, who Holiff said are passionate about theatre. She said that she respects them because they're helping her do what she's always wanted to do.

"I've always wanted to help people by doing what I'm best at, and that's what I get to do at Fallen Rock," Holiff said.

This summer, Holiff will be playing Tracy, the main character in *Hairspray*, at the Port Hope Festival, and she will be producing a benefit concert for the Heart and Stroke Foundation in September, in memory of her grandfather.

Fallen Rock's production of Rent will running at the Bathurst Street Theatre, 1736 Bathurst St. until June 18. For tickets call 416-978-8849 or www.uofttix.ca. For more information about Fallen Rock Theatre Company, go to www.fallenrock.ca.

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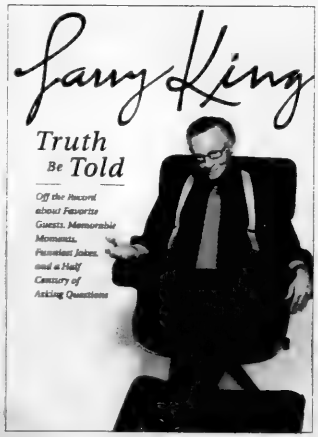
Larry King looks back at lengthy career

Joseph Serge
Arts Editor

Reading Larry King's *Truth Be Told* (Viking Canada) is a bit like having an old relative over for dinner. Expect to be entertained, informed and wondering where all this is leading.

Truth be Told is a nostalgic look back at the interviewer's remarkable 50-year broadcasting career, and his 25 years with *Larry King Live*, the longest-running show with the same host in television. He discusses the reasons behind his leaving his popular CNN show, as well as the marriage problems that were haunting him around the time of his departure.

But mostly he just sits back and does what he's good at. Subtitled *Off the Record about Favorite Guests, Memorable Moments, Funniest Jokes and A Half Century of Asking Questions*, the book is filled with candid stories about many of the illustrious, famous and infamous people that King chatted with over the years, frequently digressing into humorous anecdotes before getting back on point.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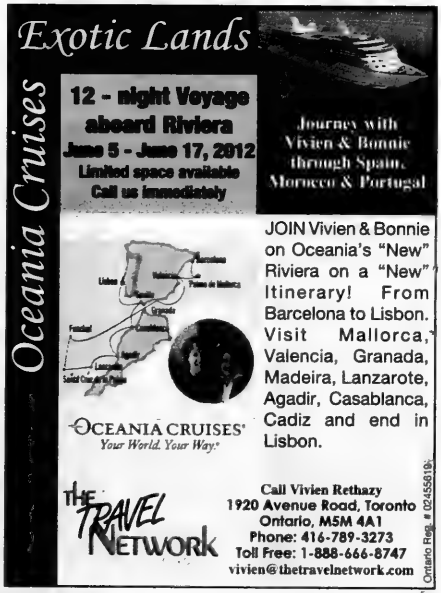
He spends a few pages discussing the three interviews he's had with one of his more controversial guests, Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who he said was like interviewing a cagey lawyer.

King describes Ahmadinejad as a clever academic who "liked to answer my questions with questions." He says the Iranian leader sidestepped the tough questions and would "take a fact that was unrepresentative of the larger truth and make it a convenient point."

In the end, King says, it comes down to statements and actions. You can ignore him when he says there was no Holocaust and shake your head when he insists there are no gays in Iran. "But if he says that Israel should be eliminated, then it's irresponsible to turn away."

King talks about the Middle East and how he's gotten to know all Israeli leaders since David Ben-Gurion and how Benjamin Netanyahu told him not to move to Israel. "You'll get my job," the Israeli prime minister quipped.

King also gives us some straight talk on lighter topics such as music, movies, broadcasting and comedians. He also talks about his final show and his replacement, Piers Morgan.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Runners get heads up for 2012 Jerusalem Marathon

Paul Lungen
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It can take months to prepare for a marathon, so Ronen Krumholtz wants to give Canadian runners an early heads-up: the Jerusalem Marathon will be run on Friday March 16, 2012, and you're invited.

Krumholtz, the sales and marketing director for Diesenhaus-Unitours Incoming Tourism in Tel Aviv, said the 42-kilometre race is attracting more and more people from outside Israel, and organizers see North America, including Canada, as ripe source for new participants. Only about 25 Canadians took part in this year's event, a small part of the 250 North Americans who pounded the city's historic pavement. Altogether 10,000 runners took part in the event, which included full marathon distances, as well as a half marathon and a very popular 10-k race. Some 1,000 runners came from outside Israel and, to no one's surprise, the race was won by a Kenyan.

Americans, Italians, French and Germans were among the largest groups of visiting runners, Krumholtz said, and they are part of a growing segment of travellers who participate in long distance races around the world. Jerusalem marathon organizers as well as tourism promoters are hoping to get a piece of that action. Their selling point, according to Krumholtz, is Jerusalem's "breathtaking course, which includes the Old City."

Runners enter through the Jaffa Gate and jog through the Old City until they exit through the Zion Gate. The course itself can be difficult given the city's hilly topography, but runners enjoy a unique racing experience of running through one of the world's most historic cities. The race begins at the Knesset, Israel's parliament, and the course takes runners through neighbourhoods such as the German Colony, Talpiot, Katamon and the Old City, Krumholtz said.

Adding to the race's allure is the option of adding a touring component, he continued. When not racing, runners can enjoy visits to the Galilee, travel down to the Dead Sea for a spa experience that includes massages and mud baths, and add an excursion to Jordan if they choose.

Jerusalem mayor Nir Barkat participating in the international Jerusalem Marathon last March. *[Abir Sultan/Flash 90 photo]*

Diesenhause-Unitours, which has been hired to promote the Marathon and serve as the official travel agent, is equipped to make all arrangements, he said.

Around 1,200 rooms have been allocated to marathon participants, mostly near the start line but some with views of the Old City walls.

Oded Grofman, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office (IGTO), said Israel is becoming known to travellers for more than its historic and religious sites.

"There is a huge trend of people travelling around the world to participate in different marathons," he said.

Jerusalem mayor Nir Barkat, who has run five marathons in cities around the world, "is pushing the city as a normal city and trying to expand the number of tourists," Grofman said. "I think [the marathon] can be a great tradition for the city."

The IGTO is increasingly receiving calls from people interested in hiking and biking trips to the Holy Land and recently, representatives of groups planning a trip to Israel are inquiring about a sports component to their visit as well.

The Jerusalem Marathon will sponsor an information booth at the 2011 Scotiabank Waterfront Marathon Exhibition from Oct. 14 to 15. Grofman hopes to grow the number of Canadian runners at the Jerusalem Marathon to perhaps 50.

"We will build the market step by step," Grofman said.

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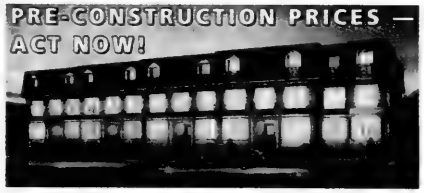

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Rabbi aims to bridge gaps in Jewish education

Vicky Tobianah
Special to The CJN

When Rabbi Lawrence Hajioff was growing up, he wanted to break the Jewish stereotype of becoming a lawyer or a doctor and instead opted to fulfil a different one by becoming a comedian.

Little did he realize that his love of laughter would lead him to become a rabbi. He is now the official rabbi for Birthright Israel in Manhattan, the Jewish educator at the Jewish Enrichment Center in New York and a teacher at Stern College, the women's division of Yeshiva University in New York.

Known as an inspiring and comedic teacher from Stern College, Rabbi Hajioff will be in Toronto on June 16 to deliver the keynote address at the Yeshiva University (YU) Torah MiTzion Beit Midrash fundraiser, honouring the beit midrash's second year in Toronto and its partnership with YU Canada.

Originally from London, England, Rabbi Hajioff grew up with a yeshiva education but called it "uninspiring." He did not take his Jewish studies too seriously and instead dreamed of becoming a comedian.

His role models were not his yeshivish rabbis but comedic acts including Mel Brooks, Monty Python and Jackie Mason. He ended up working for MTV in production, and ironically, it was there that he became reconnected to his Jewish roots.

"I grew up with a lot of rabbis who were nice, but I couldn't relate to them. When I started working for MTV, a few of my non-Jewish friends encouraged me to get involved in Jewish activities. After working in media for a few years, I realized I needed more from life," he said.

Rabbi Lawrence Hajioff

Rabbi Hajioff recalled the moment he realized he wanted to learn more about his Jewish faith.

"I was on a bus when a priest sat next to me, and he asked if I was Jewish and if he could ask me a question about the Ten Commandments. I was Jewish and I had received a Jewish education, but I couldn't even name all the Ten Commandments. So I answered him the best I could, but I realized I needed to know more about my own traditions since a priest knew more about my religion than I did," he said.

After this incident, he began taking classes and meeting new rabbis. He went back to yeshiva and began to love what he was studying, which prompted him to start studying for his smichah.

Nowadays, he is known as the "funny rabbi in New York who can relate to college students and young professionals."

One of his famous talks is called "Why Jews become comedians," which he will be delivering in Toronto on Thursday.

Rabbi Hajioff handing out a copy of "The Big Book of Jewish Humor" to Birthright Alumni participants.

He believes that comedy is deep-rooted in the Jewish people, attributing the first Jewish joke to have been told after the Jews were standing at the Red Sea and asked Moses, "Are there no graves in Egypt that we have to die here?"

"Inside the Jewish people is the ability to laugh because Jews had to deal with desperate situations and comedy was our way to deal with tough times," Rabbi Hajioff said.

He also works with Jewish alcoholics and addicts through an organization called JACS. He met all kinds of people, from Chassidim to completely secular Jews dealing with the same problems.

"It was the most incredible unity I had ever seen," he said.

He quickly learned that everyone has baggage.

"There is a disease in our generation of low self-esteem. This causes a lot of problems, and most of my job is now relationship counselling because people are waiting for the 'perfect' person they see on TV. I spend a lot of time dragging people to the chupah," he said, laughing.

After becoming ordained as a rabbi, he was selected to be the official rabbi of Birthright Manhattan. He works with Birthright alumni who "have been sparked" and want to learn more about their religion.

He travels to Israel three times a year with more than 80 students to provide students with a deeper, more meaningful experience of Israel and runs programs and classes at the Jewish Enrichment Center in New York.

One of his most successful programs is called the adult bar and bat mitzvah program for which he gives bar and bat mitzvahs to adults in their mid-20s who have never had one.

"I have people come to me who have been to Israel on Birthright, and they come back and ask 'what next?' My centre fills in that gap, maintaining the connection people felt on Birthright so it doesn't disappear. Birthright sparks, but we have to keep the flame alive."

His goal is to provide young professionals with a place to meet other Jews, learn about their traditions in a fun, inspiring setting.

"In colleges, there are usually Jewish organizations that keep students involved in Jewish life, but where do you go for your Jewish fix once college is over? We fill that void."

It is especially important for Rabbi Hajioff to fill in that gap, considering the majority of Jews do not get married in college and will meet their spouses when they are in their mid-20s.

Many people say the biggest challenge facing the Jewish community is intermarriage and assimilation but, according to Rabbi Hajioff, these are just symptoms of a larger problem.

"The real challenge is the lack of an inspiring Jewish education, making kids enjoy and want to be Jewish. The 'just say no' campaign for drugs failed because students want answers to their questions. It's the same way with Judaism. Negative advertising, like telling your kid not to inter-marry, won't work because they need a real authentic Jewish education," the rabbi said.

He added that being Jewish can be inspiring. Many young professionals who come to him say that they have never met a rabbi they feel connected to.

"The Jewish educational system has failed us to some degree, but it is changing and I am hopeful. Toronto is on the leading edge of this and has a lot of inspiring communities here," he said.

"There is a tremendous need for spirituality and authenticity in our generation. I help give people the tools to look at Judaism themselves, to empower them to take their Judaism and pass it along to others. If we make Jews passionate about Judaism when they had no passion to start with, that's a real sign of success."

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How to get your man

"How can you find good guys?" my friend Alice asks me. She's smart, gorgeous, and still looking for Mr. Right.

So, for her and all my single readers (this time the women, next time the men), here are some tips.

If you're after a millionaire (and who can blame you?) and you're poor and no Einstein, you'll have to be 22 and a busty blonde, and he'll have to be 87 and a short baldie with a protruding paunch. You'll have to get used to adoring his glossy head (sure, he has a head on his shoulders. Literally. Where's the neck?).

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When he buys you a diamond ring, say, "Oh, that's nice, but a single rose would symbolize our love just as much." But if buster hands you rose after rose, and not one diamond, throw him out immediately! Same goes with the stupid idea of a prenup – throw him out! (Who does he think you are, some gold digger?)

If you're after a famous star, first and foremost, don't "recognize" him. When you spot him, wrinkle your forehead and say, "Excuse me? Have we met before?"

His fragile ego won't stand the heat, and he'll start trying to impress you. ("How come she didn't know who I am? *Me?*")

When he confesses he's a movie star, say, "Sorry, not into the movies these days." Or, "You're a singer? Sorry, I'm a classical music fan." Or, "You're a comedian? Hate that genre, love tragic dramas."

He'll probably season his talks with some punch lines. *Never laugh!* Don't even smile. You're too sophisticated for that.

When you stroll together and run into some fans, say, "Can't understand those crazy people who admire someone just because he can memorize some silly written lines!" Or (after you watch one of his movies with him), "It's amazing how a good makeup artist hides those lines under your eyes. And the way they make you look taller amazes me." And for dessert: "Your director is a God. The way he managed to hide your belly in every scene!"

Still, a word of caution: don't overdo it. Remember, he can't survive without admiration, so throw him a bone from time to time.

If you're after a nature guy, shower him with tales of your commitment to save extinct species. Tell him how much you adore animals. Stop trying to kill his annoying, untrained puppy who's just given your new fake fur coat a No. 1 souvenir. Don't let him see you kill any animal (even a mosquito), and if he hands you a sack of organic rocks, be patient, at least until he hands you the rock you're waiting for.

And in general, for all men: be super motherly when he's got the flu. Listen to his complaints ("Honey, you've gotta see my tonsils. I can't swallow. I'll never be able to eat again! I've heard of people who pass away from this much pain!").

One final word: try to fall in love with your man. After all, love is all there is...

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1 c cornflake crumbs
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1/2 c egg whites
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4 slices cinnamon-raisin bread
1/4 c mashed banana
Strawberries and blueberries (optional)

Heat pan over medium-high heat. Combine cornflake crumbs and almonds in a bowl. Combine egg whites, vanilla extract and cinnamon in another bowl. Dip 1 slice bread in egg batter, then coat on both sides with cornflake crust; repeat with remaining bread slices. Spread mashed banana on 1 side of 2 pieces of crusted bread; top with remaining 2 bread slices to make 2 sandwiches. Cook sandwiches in pan until golden brown, 2 minutes per side. Cut in half and serve with fresh berries.

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The CJN's French-language reporter in Montreal, Elias Levy, writes about:

Oncology surgeon Dr. Tsafrir Vanounou, above, who talks about his return to practise in Montreal and his work at the Jewish General Hospital, trying to help people with cancer.

Also on the web

Montreal church sanctuary to be preserved by new Jewish school owners.

Israel-based Rabbis for Human Rights, founded in 1988, has always stressed the fact that its members, who are critical of some Israeli government policies, come from all streams: Orthodox, Conservative and Reform. But Rabbi Jill Jacobs, right, recently appointed the group's executive director for North America in New York (RHR-NA), founded in 2002, is even more insistent about this.

A beautiful summer!

I will be taking a writing hiatus until September. I am grateful to *The CJN* staff, particularly editor Mordechai Ben-Dat, for allowing me to write for the paper.

Writing is an onerous task, and coupled with my responsibilities as a father and as president at a growing Ve'ahavta: the Canadian Jewish Humanitarian & Relief Committee, it feels right to rest at this point.

Urban Writer

Avrum Rosensweig

As we head into the summer, a dreamy season when the colours of our city are as bright as the winter hues are subdued, I encourage everyone to choose a classic book to read on a topic you have always considered fascinating.

The summer is a marvellous time to open your mind and learn new ideas and concepts. Study Judaism, learn Torah. Encourage yourself to finally understand physics. Read great novels and become the mystery writer you've always wanted to be.

Over the summer, consider your ability to do tikkun olam. Be introspective. Pinpoint your personal gift and bring it to the surface, then apply it to your chesed work.

If you are a poet, then offer your words, phrases and teaching to Covenant House. An organization that helps homeless youth, it has an in-house high school. Hook up with some street rappers who write poetry and figure out ways to get their voices heard, their poetry published.

Befriend your gift, your *matanah* – your present, and if you determine that your listening skills are above standard, phone around to see if an institution exists that would allow you to listen to seniors, or immigrants, talk about their feelings, their dreams.

This summer, find groups of children who stay in the city and just hang around. Once you do, start a reading club, or sports group, and give these kids a sense of hope.

Within every child, teen or adult is that gift, that spirit that they were born with and must disseminate far and wide. Now far and wide may be your neighbourhood. It might even be your home, but it should not only stay with just you.

My father, of blessed memory, used to say, "The gates of heaven are not closed during the summer months." He is right. The atrocities in the Congo will continue throughout the next 12 weeks, and many children in Israel will be hungry by noon, with little nutritional respite until supper. Walk through those gates and invite yourself into the hearts and homes of our brothers and sisters everywhere, offer your expertise to help them get through a rough situation.

Thank you for your letters and e-mails this year and to all of you bloggers who picked up my articles and disseminated my messages to others.

Have a hugely rich summer. Start your book and dedicate it to someone who shared their gift with you. Learn how to dance. Teach your child about empathy, as it is a learned behaviour and response.

Peace should come to Israel this summer, and as I tell my son every night, 'God should watch over you, your mommy and daddy, all good people, all the kids on our planet, the animals, and bring shalom, peace to our world.

B'shalom, Avrum

PS: Ve'ahavta has just had an open house and therefore I am feeling inspired. Our new digs are stunningly beautiful and esthetically represent that we are the Tikun Olam International Centre. At the open house, we were honoured to have dozens of volunteers, donors and client present, as well as MP Irwin Cotler and Israel's consul general, Amir Gissin. You're invited to drop by. Our doors are open. Have a beautiful summer!

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Blessing. Devotion. Sanctuary

Editorial

In the pages of this supplement, we take special delight in publishing an eclectic array of articles of tribute to Israel.

These days, except in publications such as *The CJN* or by men and women of honest mind, historic literacy and fearless temperament, tributes to Israel are quite rare.

Some of the very loud and very aggressive supporters of an independent Palestinian state have nastily elbowed out of the public discourse any complimentary or admiring statements about Israel, as if Israeli achievement and Palestinian statehood were mutually exclusive. Of course, for the individuals with the most malevolence in their hearts toward the Jewish state, they are. But that is objectively absurd, and indeed a large part of the reason that Palestinian sovereign independence remains, after all these years, still unrealized.

The more civil circles of anti-Israel advocates dare not call for the elimination of the only Jewish state on earth. That would be too abrupt and probably very messy. Rather, to assuage their very selective consciences, they cry out BDS: Boycott. Divestment. Sanctions.

Let all decent people rally to the cause of BDS, they shout. For only that is the respectable, non-violent way to make room for an independent Palestinian state. Punish, wallop, reduce, vilify, defame, strangle, demonize, delegitimize the Jewish state. That is entirely all right with them.

We, however, oppose them, with all our heart and with all our might.

Yet, we need not oppose the actual use of the letters "BDS." In fact, we should appropriate them for a more accurate, more honourable, more trustworthy telling about the Jewish state.

We therefore introduce a new BDS: Blessing. Devotion. Sanctuary.

And that is what the articles in the pages of this tribute to Israel are intended, in part, to convey.

Blessing. Virtually every field of human endeavour and every aspect of the human condition has benefited from the advances wrought by Israeli scientists, scholars, engineers, mathematicians, physicians, musicians, artists, philanthropists and social entrepreneurs. Countless are the Israeli inventions that have been seamlessly incorporated into our everyday lives. The bounty of Israel's blessings to humankind flows without interruption.

See, for example, the stories about the caring and compassion of the Israeli paramedics or the upcoming Third Presidential Conference: Facing Tomorrow, at which thousands of experts from around the world will gather in Israel to try to design a better future for the world.

Devotion. Only under Israeli rule have the holy sites of the three monotheistic religions and other recognized devotions been protected by law. Only under Israeli rule have worshippers from around the world been allowed to practice their devotions in respect and reverence. The followers of the Baha'i faith can eloquently attest to this devotional truth. We urge readers to read the essay in the supplement regarding Jerusalem's Jewish heritage.

Sanctuary. When Jews have sought rescue from oppression, Israel has been their sanctuary. Last month, we commemorated the 20th anniversary of Operation Solomon, the rescue of some 14,000 Jews from Ethiopia to freedom and haven in Israel.

Next month, on July 4, we recall the 35th anniversary of the raid on Entebbe. A former president of Israel, Haim Herzog, once wrote of that exceptional moment: "Apart from this message [regarding the cause of human freedom], the IDF action at Entebbe delivered a special message to the Jewish people, telling them clearly and dramatically that, as in the time of the Maccabees, they are not alone... Jews may sometimes find themselves living in fear, but never again do they have to live without hope." See the photo montage about the Entebbe rescue in the supplement.

BDS.

Blessing. Devotion. Sanctuary. We can and should take back these letters from the propagators of falsehood and hatred against Israel. Then, cheering, like the youngsters in the photo above celebrating Yom Yerushalayim recently in Israel, we would promote real tribute to Israel.

–MBD

The swearing-in of Jay

Sarah Shapiro Goldberg
Special to The CJN

In May 2010, my son Jay led a Birthright trip to Israel. Having just graduated from the University of Waterloo, he wanted to visit the Jewish state.

After I came back to life with my first cup of coffee on the early morning of his return, he looked at me with an awkward smile. Knowing my son, I wasn't surprised when he said he was going to volunteer in the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) through a program called Machal, for non-Israelis who want to serve.

It was a natural extension for Jay to want to participate in something extraordinary, his only motive a love for Israel and an idealistic spirit. Our family understood this, accepted it and fully supported his decision.

His plan began to take shape, and suddenly it was the end of July, and off he went. In the oppressive August heat, Jay began his journey toward becoming a soldier. This is the story of Jay's final swearing-in ceremony and all of the drama that ensued.

Jay's official recruitment would begin in November, but he was required to be in Israel two months earlier. He enrolled in a pre-basic training program with Aish Hatorah called Aish Machal. This program combines pre-basic training with study and it allows for taking care of the overwhelming paperwork typical of things Israeli: applications, documents, appointments and more applications. This program provided a real sense of what was to come and the opportunity to ask himself if he was up to the challenge.

No problem.

On Nov. 1, he boarded a bus bound for a base near Eilat where he was issued his Zahal (military) uniform, which he wore with respect and pride.

For the next four months, Jay was immersed in the language and culture of army training. He was placed in a unit where they would make use of his engineering skills. Jay always wanted to be a civil engineer, but more specifically the guy who demolishes stuff – whatever makes noise and requires goggles. His facility for Hebrew made the transition easier. He became known as "the Canadian who didn't have to be here."

In December, my family in Israel, the Ilanis, attended the inaugural swearing-in ceremony marking the end of the first phase of Jay's training. They documented the event with pictures of Jay receiving his gun and Tanach. These are strange companions intended to represent the strength and humanity of a Jewish army. The breathtaking images captured the essence of the occasion with all the symbols of military pomp and circumstance.

Jay Goldberg

We knew basic training ended in March. When speaking to Jay, I asked from time to time when the final swearing-in ceremony would be.

In planning a visit to Israel, I hoped and preferred that the date would be sometime in July, since the spring would interfere with my work. However, when I lost my job in January, spring started looking much better. I knew right then I would show up at the final swearing-in ceremony and surprise my son.

I imagined myself like Forest Gump running across the reflecting pool to his Jenny, the whole world watching and cheering. But it would be me jumping over the stands, pushing through everyone, running to my son, the greatest surprise for him ever. And through the magic of YouTube, the scene of our reunion of course would be flashed across the universe.

But I quickly snapped out of my delusion, for I had three things to do before booking my flight and three days in which to do them.

First I had to ask my cousin Aviva if I could stay with her in Israel.

"We would love to have you, and by the way, here's a list of things to bring."

Next and most importantly, I contacted the employment insurance office to find out how my insurance benefits would be affected.

"Are you sure I won't lose my benefits altogether?" I asked a live clerk. "Are you positive?" I asked again.

'Just let us know the date you get back and enjoy being with your son," she answered.

The third item was to confirm the date of the ceremony. Jay had told me the ceremony would commence on March 10 with the conclusion of the traditional new recruits' 40-kilometre hike.

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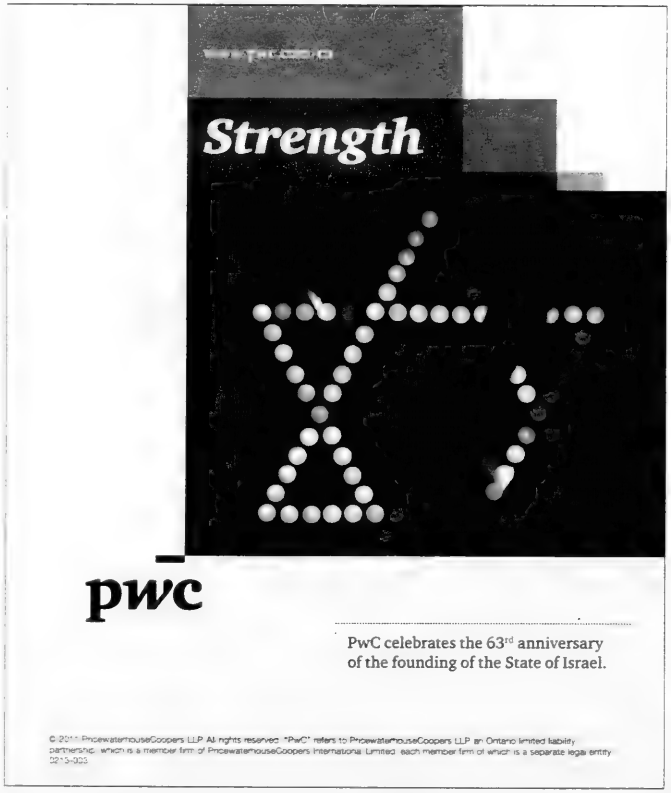
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Grandfather's dream

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But I knew that Jay could not be trusted with dates. He could easily tell me later that he hadn't meant March, but rather, June.

Through the Lone Soldier's office of the IDF I was indeed able to confirm March 10 as the date. Everyone in the IDF except Jay knew a Lone Soldier's mother was coming from Canada to attend the swearing-in ceremony. I booked the flight. I would be in Israel for four days.

Like an impatient child, I counted the number of sleeps I had remaining before it was time to leave. I could hardly breathe for the excitement and anticipation I felt.

The Monday before my departure date, I was stuck in Toronto's afternoon gridlock but so happy in my thoughts, and my daughter Robin called.

"Are you driving?"

"Kind of, what is it?"

"There's an issue. Pull over."

Shaking, I couldn't believe what I was now hearing.

My cousin Aviva had called to say that Israel was forecasting terrible rainstorms, flooding and winds. The ceremony had to be cancelled. Missing from this plague were only the locusts!

My heart sank like a stone.

The perfect example of the well-known reminder to "plan all you want, but God can laugh in your face." In Yiddish it rhymes, so poignant in its harsh truth. *(Mahn tracht; Gott lacht.)*

Although the formal ceremony was cancelled, the unit would still be doing a 40-K hike near the base, finishing in the middle of the night with a makeshift ceremony but family was not permitted to attend. I could do nothing from my side of the ocean to change things. It was left to my cousins to figure out how to rescue the situation. In true Israeli style, my cousin's husband, Rafi, began making phone calls to see what he could arrange quickly.

The morning of my flight, I decided to tell Jay I was coming. I could only leave him a message. But I was not sure if he would pick it up. With tears streaming down my cheeks I told him about my perfect plan and how God had laughed in my face.

The miserable forecast was accurate. When I arrived in Israel, it was pouring throughout the country, except in the south. Without Jay knowing and despite contrary IDF regulations, Rafi arranged for Jay's discharge early Thursday morning. All Jay was told was to be ready at 8 a.m. to catch a bus to Beer Sheva.

We left at 4 a.m. in torrential rain and headed south toward the Negev. I was jumping out of my skin but the steamy *café hafuch* (capuccino) calmed me down. The rain stopped and as the sky gradually brightened, the sun rose on a stunning desert morning. The golden sand against the electric blue sky announced the new day.

While in the car, I reflected on my marathon of crossing the ocean and travelling through the desert to celebrate a singular moment of such awesome personal significance.

At the gate, the guards asked who we were and what we were doing there. Heart pounding and legs trembling, I waited for my son to emerge. Within a few minutes Jay walked towards me escorted by his commander. I bolted through the gate like an Olympian and there experienced the most exquisite reunion of mother and son.

Jay looked healthy, strong and happy.

At the ceremony the night before, Jay was awarded the distinction of *Chayal Mitztayen* (outstanding soldier) given to a new soldier who distinguished himself as *the* most excellent.

In receiving the award, Jay was also paying tribute to his beloved late grandfather, Phil Goldberg. In May of 1948, after serving in Europe, Jay's zaide hastily departed for Israel to fight for the newborn state in the War of Independence. But he got only as far as Halifax, where he had to turn around to be at the bedside of his own father who had fallen ill. More than 60 years later, Jay actually fulfilled his grandfather's dream of defending Israel and the Jewish people.

Feeling of joy to last forever

Jay completed his basic training as a combat engineer. There was no fanfare, only the exhilaration and pride that accompany the sense of accomplishment.

Jay's sergeant gave him his beret with the hand-written inscription, in Hebrew: "My father flogged you with whips, but I will flog you with scorpions." I Kings 12:14:

The inscription is meant to convey the thought that "you are the one I chose to push harder and test further. Because I believe in you, I will make it more difficult and you will become a better soldier."

With steely determination, Jay always pushed harder.

In Jerusalem, we took in the glorious chaos of the *shuk* (market) on Friday afternoon. On Shabbat, we strolled the beautiful streets of Rechavia. After Shabbat, alas, it was time to say goodbye.

Although I travelled alone, I felt my other children symbolically beside me, sharing this milestone with their brother. I experienced every emotion over those four days, but it was the feeling of joy that I took back with me to last forever in my memory.

I pray that my son continues his service in good health.

I pray that God will watch over all of our sons and daughters who serve the State of Israel and will keep them safe from harm, steadfast in the hope that peace will come some day soon.

I dedicate this story to my cousin, Aviva Rubinstein Ilani, her husband, Rafi, and their children, Sh'ked, Nitzan, Raviv and Ayla, who made my reunion possible and perfect.

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Boycotting Israel is a mistake, Coen Brothers say

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While on a visit to Israel to collect a $1-million award from Tel Aviv University, American filmmakers Joel and Ethan Coen said that they did not believe that boycotting Israel would solve political problems.

The production-direction team responsible for a string of successful Hollywood dramas in the last two decades, from *The Big Lebowski* to *Miller's Crossing*, came to the country recently to receive the

Ethan and Joel Coen

Dan David Prize for their creative contribution to filmmaking.

The Dan David Prize committee called the duo a unique example in cinematic history for their abilities to tell a simple story in a complex manner.

Named for businessman and philanthropist Dan David, the prize is administered by a board of directors headed by Tel Aviv University president Yoseph Klafter. Ten per cent of the recipients' prize money is donated on their behalf to doctorate and post-doctorate student grants.

Responding to a question about musicians and filmmakers who boycott the State of Israel because of its policies and actions, screenwriter and director Ethan Coen said, "People respond to real problems from the heart, and they think that's the right thing to do. We don't agree with that opinion, that that's how to deal with these problems."

The brothers' Jewish heritage is on display in a number of their films, most obviously in *A Serious Man* – translated into Hebrew as *The Good Jew*. Despite many references to Jewish cultural themes in their movies, the two deny that their own Jewishness is necessarily connected to their filmmaking.

"There were Jewish characters, but in regards to whether our background influences our filmmaking... who knows?" says Joel. "We don't think about it... There's no doubt that our Jewish heritage affects how we see things."

"We grew up in a Jewish community, but we never thought to make a story that deals with Israel," Joel continued. "We don't really know Israel – we write American stories. That's what we know."

"We've wanted to come here for a long time, but life got in the way," Joel said. "We're very happy for this opportunity. We'll spend a few days at Tel Aviv University."

The Coen Brothers were nominated for 12 Academy Awards in the last year alone for their most recent movie, *True Grit*. The film follows a decade of successes that include *No Country for Old Men*, *A Serious Man*, and *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*

The other prize winners for 2011 were University of California at San Francisco professor Cynthia Kenyon and Harvard medical school professor Gary Ruvkun for their work in gerontology and Stanford University medical school professor Marcus Feldman for his work in the evolutionary sciences.

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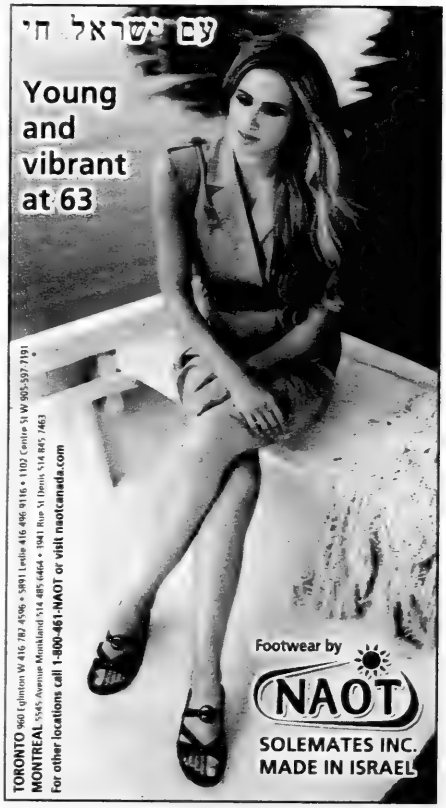
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For Tel Aviv-Jaffa residents and workers sick of skyrocketing gasoline prices and incessant traffic jams, the introduction of a new pilot bike-rental project this month couldn't have come at a better time.

Like some 200 other cities across the globe, Israel's commercial and cultural centre was looking for ways to encourage fitness and discourage fossil-fuel consumption. The launch of Tel-Ofan (*ofanayim* is Hebrew for bicycle) synchs with the municipality's multimillion-shekel investment in additional bike lanes to serve about 400,000 residents and many thousands more who commute in for work.

Tel Aviv-Jaffa Economic Development Authority CEO Sharon Kenan said that Tel-Ofan began with 40 stations and 450 subscribers, expanding daily to reach an eventual goal of 150 stations with up to 20 German-made bicycles each.

Using an electronic key fob, the subscriber picks up a bike and then parks it at the destination station. There's no charge for the first half hour, and if the bike is docked for at least 10 minutes, the user's "clock" restarts from zero.

"The purpose is that we want people to share the bikes," said Kenan, who heads the project on behalf of Mayor Ron Huldai. "While you're doing whatever you're doing, someone else will ride the bike you docked."

Kenan's staff worked on Tel-Ofan for three years before rolling it out. One of the trickiest operational details was how to make sure that when somebody comes to a station there will always be a bike available in good condition, and that the station of destination will always have a free docking place. That problem was tackled with the assistance of mathematicians at Tel Aviv University, who established formulas after researching typical bike-riding patterns in the city. Based on those formulas, trucks will patrol the rental stations on a regular basis, balancing supply and demand.

Another major challenge, according to Kenan, was to ensure a completely stable information technology system managing the project under the hood. And to deal with possible theft, damage and vandalism of the bike fleet, the EDA put both physical and electronic safeguards into action.

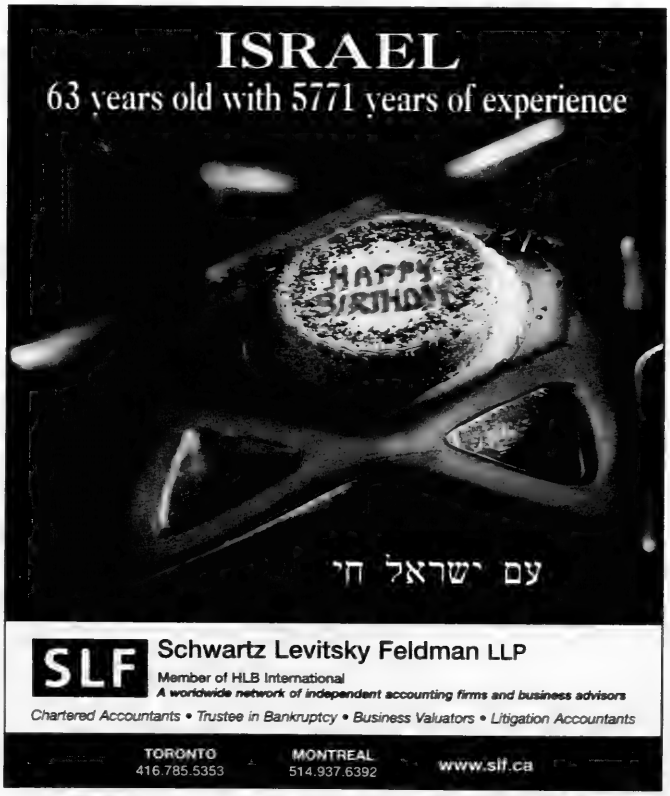
Now that all the pieces are in place, the next step is to physically accommodate the expected increase in bicyclists. To answer this need, the municipality is investing many millions of shekels to add to its existing 65 miles of bike lanes.

"In the last five years, we've invested 10 million shekels per year in constructing bike lanes, and for the next five years the municipality has tripled the budget for this project," said Kenan.

"Strategically, the ultimate goal is to increase awareness of bikes as a means of transportation and increase the number of people using them, which will substantially reduce traffic problems and air pollution."

Sign-up can be done on Tel-Ofan's website; via a toll-free phone number (*6070); or in person at City Hall.

A young couple take their bicycles to the open air market in Tel Aviv. *[Flash90 photo]*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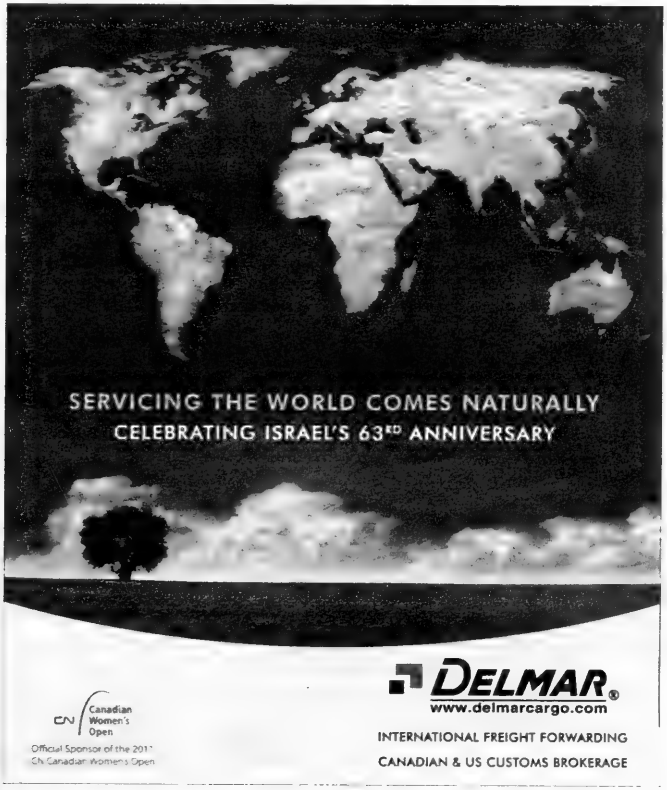
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Audacious Israelis race to the moon

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Their robot will be about the size of a soda bottle, and it's expected to combine the best of Israeli technology from billion-dollar companies with cutting-edge research in academia. Their mission, if completed, could put Israel on the map as the third country to soft-land on the moon.

Working under the name Team SPACE IL, the founders of this non-profit Israeli lunar project include the team's CEO Yariv Bash, a computer and electronics engineer; chief operating officer Kfir Damari, a communications engineer; and chief techology officer Yonatan Weintraub, a master's student and graduate of NASA's International Space University.

The Israeli team is enrolled in the Google Lunar X Prize (www.googlelunarxprize.org), a global contest to reinvigorate space research by having the first privately funded team send a robot to the moon. However, the mission is also a social one: the men have pledged to donate all potential prize winnings – $30 million (US) – to Israeli students as a way of encouraging them to study science.

The logo of SPACE IL, the team entered in the Google Lunar X contest.

Competing against 28 other teams from countries around the world including the United States, Canada and Chile, SPACE IL plans to land its lunar robot by the end of 2012. The robot will be expected to complete a 500-metre moonwalk and take various high-quality images and videos to be beamed back to Planet Earth.

The team is planning for its micro-robot, about the size of a pop bottle, to hitch a ride on a commercial satellite launch – and for that it is calling on Israeli business and academia – to help propel the vision of putting the blue and white Israeli flag on the moon.

"The goal here is that we have a good opportunity to create a chance for Israel to get to the moon so we can put the Israeli flag there," Weintraub said. "We see the benefit for Israel's image in the world. And the education [aspect] is important here, too. When [former U.S. president John F.] Kennedy made his speech about the moon landing, he ignited the imagination of an entire generation. We want to do the same, to get kids to pursue careers in technology and science," he told Israel21c.

Weintraub first got fascinated with space studies where he was a preschooler. "I was looking for something very interesting to do and am lucky to be involved in a field where there are great opportunities to follow my passion."

Now finishing his master's degree in systems engineering through the space division at Israel Aerospace Industries, Weintraub studies the way engineers should be thinking about satellites as a holistic system, and not as parts, "making it work in a synchronized fashion."

This is what Weintraub was doing when he learned of the international race to the moon. Israeli-style, he and his two partners joined together at the last minute and scraped together the $50,000 entry fee. Industry experts in communication technology such as Elbit, and academics from the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology and Tel Aviv University are supporting the SPACE IL crew in its quest to raise the estimated $10 million needed to put the robot on the moon.

Like the race to fly a plane across the Atlantic Ocean in the last century, the Lunar X Prize founders hope to attract some of the world's greatest minds to change the face of space research, which, until now, has relied on costly government-funded initiatives. Only the United States and Russia have succeeded in landing on the moon, and the United States abandoned this project because of the restrictive costs. No more than 10 per cent of any Lunar X entrant's research money can come from government funds.

From left, SPACE IL's Yonatan Weintraub and Kfir Damari with Lori Garver, deputy administrator at NASA, at Tel Aviv University.

The moon is a first step – research developed through the Lunar X contest is expected to advance the space industry in general.

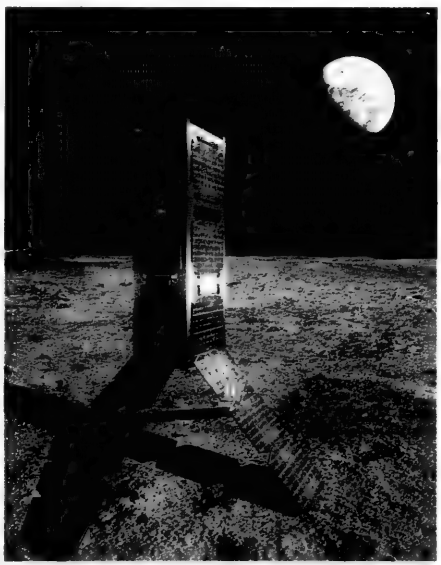
Space research has the potential to help humanity understand more about the process of climate change, and to develop inventions that could be directly applied to medical devices like better imaging technologies, diagnostics and even remote surgery, Weintraub said.

"When you build designs for space, you are pushing the limits of what technology can do, because the devices need to work by themselves."

Developing for extreme environments like the moon lends itself to technology transfer in many areas, some yet unimagined. Just minimizing the size of everything pushes industries forward, he said.

"The first PC came to us as a result of the American space program, for the most part, and history has shown that these kinds of projects built by really talented people can create some high-end technologies that can be used on Earth afterwards," he added.

"When we land, it will be by far the smallest spacecraft to land on the moon, and it could show how missions to space can be done on an order of magnitude less than what NASA now spends. We want to break the glass ceiling, proving that we can do a lot for science with a lot less."



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In helping Palestinians, IDF paramedics defy stereotypes

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Yana Kisluk tossed her long ponytail over one shoulder and adjusted her M-16 over the other.

The pretty 21-year-old, who wears diamond stud earrings and eye makeup, looks like any other young Israeli doing her compulsory military service.

As a paramedic in the Israel Defence Forces, however, Kisluk belongs to a small group of Israeli soldiers whose job is to provide care for Palestinians, rather than simply defend against them.

On a recent morning, Kisluk's team of two paramedics and a driver got a call about a newly arrested Palestinian prisoner who said he is diabetic and needs a check of his glucose level. Kisluk and her colleague, Hagai Hayat, got into the ambulance and set off to the nearby military jail.

The prisoner, Adnan Abu Tabeineh, a lecturer in history at the Open University in Hebron, was brought in, his legs shackled.

"I feel very dizzy," he told the paramedics in broken Hebrew.

"Did you take your medicine today?" Kisluk asked.

"No," Tabeineh answered. "I have one medicine with me that the soldiers took away and another that I left at home."

Kisluk pricked his finger and measures his sugar level. It was 310, well above normal.

"He needs to take his medicine now," she told the Israeli soldiers at the jail. "You need to make sure he gets his other medicine from home."

"Just take your pill and you'll be fine," she reassured Tabeineh.

There was no talk about why he was detained, and the soldiers declined to answer a reporter's questions.

Twenty minutes later, Kisluk and Hagai were back in the ambulance, heading for their base and lunch.

Kisluk, who immigrated with her family to Israel as an infant, said she keeps her political opinions and her army service separate.

"Sometimes we don't even know if someone is Arab or Jewish," she said. "We just treat whoever needs it the most."

Hayat, a gentle soldier with dark hair and dark eyes, remembers a recent drive-by shooting attack in the West Bank that left four Israelis dead.

"As soon as we got the call, we started speeding there, putting on flak jackets and helmets," he said. "We were the second team to arrive and the casualties were lying on the ground. I went over to each of them, but they had no pulse. I did an EKG and saw that it was impossible to revive them. It was so difficult. I have all of this training and I couldn't do anything."

Israel Defence Forces paramedics in the West Bank treat Palestinians. (Linda Gradstein Photo)

The paramedics spend 14 months in an intensive course and then must agree to serve for at least two more years in the army. For Kisluk, that means serving one year longer than most women. But she sees it as good preparation for a future career in medicine.

"Sometimes I laugh when I think that people my age in the U.S. are almost done with college and I haven't even started," she says. "But that's just the way it is in Israel. I do feel that I'm doing something meaningful here."

The paramedics, whose primary purpose is to care for Israeli soldiers, co-operate with local Israeli and Palestinian rescue services. For security reasons, they are not allowed to enter Arab towns or villages. Medical services are provided there by the Red Crescent, which is affiliated with the Red Cross.

In the parts of the West Bank that are either under sole Israeli control or joint Israeli-Palestinian control, the paramedics will not enter Arab villages, but often treat victims of car accidents on the main roads. Palestinians will even bring family members who need urgent medical attention to the gates of army bases, and the paramedics will come out to treat them.

Betty Ben Zaken, 21, who is responsible for the 11 paramedics in the West Bank, said they treated 115 Palestinians in 2010.

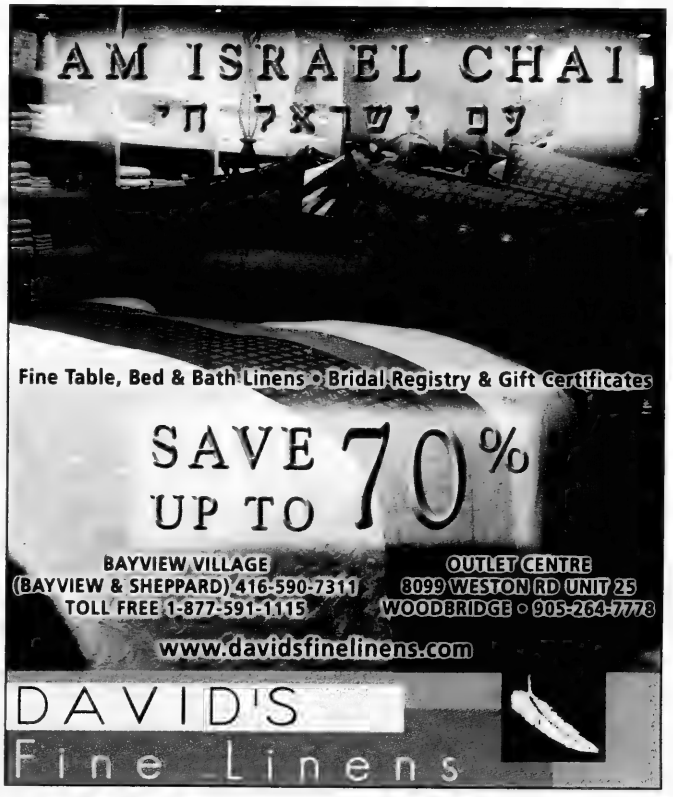
She said the Israeli soldiers take precautions to ensure that potential patients are not terrorists.

"We wear helmets and flak jackets to protect ourselves," Ben Zaken said. "But we also took an oath to treat anyone who needs it, and that comes first."

Last month, an Israeli paramedic helped a Palestinian woman give birth at an Israeli checkpoint. Human rights groups have charged that Palestinian women often are delayed at checkpoints and forced to give birth there. Israeli officials say they do everything possible to speed their passage through, but ambulances, which in the past have been used to smuggle weapons, must be checked. Ben Zaken says they help with at least one Palestinian birth per month.

Earlier this month, she said, family members brought an elderly man having a heart attack to the army base and the paramedics were able to save his life.

"I think it helps to show Palestinians that some Israeli soldiers just want to help," she said. "I hope that it influences how they think of us."



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Time to assert Jerusalem's Jewish heritage

Nathan Diament
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Among his many statements related to Israel recently, President Barack Obama got at least one thing right when he said at a London news conference that Jerusalem goes deep into how the Jewish people think about their identity.

As we marked 44 years of a reunited Jerusalem on June 1, we should appreciate the centrality of Jerusalem to Jewish identity.

This is why most Israelis and American Jews consistently reject the idea that Israel surrender swaths of the holy city as part of a peace deal with the Palestinians.

Jerusalem has been a touchstone of our identity throughout our history, and our contemporary experience gives Jerusalem a central place in our faith today.

From the religious perspective, when Jews pray, we face toward Jerusalem – and the Temple Mount in particular – no matter where we are in the world. We pray each day for the welfare of Jerusalem, and we conclude our most sacred services, the Passover seder and Neilah on Yom Kippur, with the pledge and prayer, "Next year in Jerusalem."

Historically, we regularly read biblical accounts of our forefathers and mothers that take place in and around Jerusalem. King David made the city his capital 3,000 years ago, and it has been the national capital of the Jewish people – and no other nation – ever since.

Only brute force has kept us out. Such was the case, we must still recall, from 1948 to 1967, when Jews were barred entry to the Old City and denied worship at the Western Wall during the time that the West Bank was controlled by Jordan.

Since Jerusalem's reunification in 1967, the city has been open to all. As noted by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in his recent address to the U.S. Congress, "Only a democratic Israel has protected freedom of worship for all faiths."

Moreover, reunification has enabled Jerusalem to flourish economically and culturally. While it is a poorer city than Tel Aviv, Jerusalem has a vibrant tourist trade, entrepreneurial businesses and first-rate theatre and museums.

Some, in Israel and elsewhere, assert that Jerusalem can be easily divided with minimal impact upon the life of the city, let alone the sanctity and safety of its holy places. Indeed, there are neighbourhoods, especially those to the east of the West Bank security barrier, where Jews seldom venture.

But modern Jerusalem is far more an interwoven checkerboard of Jewish and Palestinian areas than starkly segregated enclaves. The Arab area of Beit Safafa lies between the Jewish neighbourhoods of Talpiot and Gilo, while the Arab neighbourhood of Sheikh Jarrah lies between the Old City and the Jewish neighbourhood of French Hill. Moreover, an area like the City of David or Silwan may have more Palestinian than Jewish residents, but it is deeply connected to Jewish history.

It is no more feasible to separate the Palestinian and Jewish neighbourhoods of Jerusalem from one another than to ethnically divide the neighbourhoods of Manhattan.

Proponents of a "two-state solution" are wont to say that "everyone knows" what the details of a deal are. Those details often include the presumption that Jerusalem will again be divided and will serve as the capital of two states: Israel and Palestine.

It is high time to repudiate this presumption. The international community would never expect the Muslims to cede sovereignty over Mecca, the cradle of their faith and history, any more than Americans would be asked to return Philadelphia to the Queen of Britain. The Jewish people should be afforded no less respect. Jerusalem must remain united under Jewish sovereignty.

Days after the 1967 Six Day War and the reunification of Jerusalem, one of the great leaders of religious Zionism, Rabbi Moshe Tzvi Neriah, wrote that the Jews were not worthy to hold on to Jerusalem in 1948 because they were divided into many factions.

"In 1967," he wrote, "we entered the city through one gate, the Lions' Gate, with one army, the IDF, under one flag."

Of course, we Jews find ourselves in many factions today. We must fight on many fronts to assert the Jewish heritage of Jerusalem. We must commit ourselves to confronting those who would redivide our capital from without and to working to unify the Jewish people from within.

We must do it for the sake of Jerusalem.

Nathan Diament is the director of public policy at the Orthodox Union.

A Jew prays at the cemetery on the Mount of Olives in eastern Jerusalem. Due to its proximity to the Temple Mount, the cemetery was always considered a place of special privilege for Jews to be buried there. After Israel's War of Independence, many of the gravestones were vandalized or uprooted. ***[Israel Sun photo]***

We must talk about the two Jerusalems

Rabbi Jill Jacobs
JTA

After my first visit to Israel, at age six, I proudly toted my photo album to Hebrew school for show-and-tell. As the class crowded around a picture of the Kotel, my teacher marvelled, "Look how blue the sky is!"

I squinted at the picture: the sky didn't look any bluer than the sky in Framingham, Mass., where I grew up. But I believed her. Of course, the Jerusalem sky would be bluer than anywhere else in the world.

I'm still not sure about that sky, but my teacher's comment sums up the relationship that many American Jews have with Jerusalem. For many of us, Jerusalem has become more of a spiritual ideal than an actual place.

On June 1, many Jews celebrated Yom Yerushalayim, or Jerusalem Day, which marks the 1967 military victory that led to Israeli control of East Jerusalem.

In the American Jewish communities that celebrate Yom Yerushalayim, the day often becomes a time for rhetoric about the perfection of Jerusalem. We may quote the ancient rabbinic claim that nine-tenths of the world's beauty rests in Jerusalem. We speak of Jerusalem as the city of peace and as the holy city. We sing Naomi Shemer's song *Jerusalem of Gold of Bronze, of Light.*

Some of this talk reflects a conscious political attempt to close down any discussion about the status of Jerusalem in a peace agreement. Some of this talk arises from a well-intentioned desire to put aside politics and focus on Jerusalem's religious meaning.

But nothing about Jerusalem is apolitical.

If we focus only on the holiness and beauty of the place, we unfeelingly ignore the pain of its Arab residents, low-income families, foreign workers and others whose lives there involve injustice and lost opportunity. If we focus only on the injustices committed there, we forget the religious power of Jerusalem for Jews, Muslims and Christians.

Jews and Muslims walk their respective ways in the Old City. *[RNS photo]*

When we choose to speak about Jerusalem only in idealistic terms, we fail to grapple with the essential messiness of the actual place. In the real Jerusalem, people go to work, run errands and worry about their children. In the real Jerusalem, haredi Orthodox and secular Israelis battle over Shabbat laws and segregated bus lines. In the real Jerusalem, English speakers and well-off Israelis eat sushi in upscale cafés.

In the real Jerusalem, longtime Arab residents are evicted from the homes they have occupied for decades so that religious Jewish settlers can move to homes they have purchased in the neighbourhood. In the real Jerusalem, inspiring activists and advocates devote their life to creating a better city for all residents. In the real Jerusalem, Jews, Muslims and Christians come to pray.

The disconnect between the idea of Jerusalem and the reality of the place is not a new phenomenon.

Classical Jewish texts distinguish between "*Yerushalayim shel malah,*" the spiritual, heavenly Jerusalem, and "*Yerushalayim shel mata,*" the earthly Jerusalem. In *Yerushalayim shel malah,* God is visible, suffering is absent and there is perfection. In *Yerushalayim shel mata,* real people struggle with deep political, religious and personal conflict. In *Yerushalayim shel mata,* perfection remains elusive.

When we speak only about the beauty and holiness of Jerusalem, we effectively act as though we already live in *Yerushalayim shel malah.* This approach gets in the way of our making progress in ensuring that the actual Jerusalem is a just and peaceful place.

If we are able instead to engage with *Yerushalayim shel matah,* in all of its messiness and complexity, we have a chance to create a better future for the city. Encountering this messiness means visiting, or at least reading about, the diverse communities living in the city. It means seeing what neighbourhoods make up east Jerusalem, who lives there, and how life differs in the Arab and Jewish parts of the city. It means spending time in religious and secular communities and understanding the tensions as well as the commonalities between them. It means visiting the wealthiest and poorest neighbourhoods of the city.

Jerusalem has become the primary battleground for the peace process and for internal debates about the nature of Israeli society. Jerusalem's status in these debates is both symbolic and real.

The rabbis of the Talmud describe Jerusalem as the portal to heaven. There is, according to these texts, a direct line from Jerusalem to the Divine throne. However, these same rabbis elsewhere assert that one of the doors to "*gehenom,*" the underworld, also sits in Jerusalem. Jerusalem, the holiest of all cities, offers the possibility of Divine encounter. But even the ancient rabbis understood the flip side of this holiness: we can get so involved in our own religious longings that we fail to see that we are falling into unhappy territory.

Next year, let's make Yom Yerushalayim a time for real communal conversation about the messy, complicated and exciting history, reality and future of the city. If we succeed in doing so, we may move ourselves just one step closer to realizing *Yerushalayim shel malah.*

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World experts gather at Israeli presidential conference

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Israeli President Shimon Peres

Nearly 200 of the world's most recognized names in fields from diplomacy to medicine will share their ideas at the Third Israeli Presidential Conference: Facing Tomorrow 2011, June 21 to 23, at the International Convention Center in Jerusalem.

Approximately 3,500 people are expected to attend plenary sessions dedicated to designing a better tomorrow for the world, the Jewish People and the State of Israel.

The conference was the brainchild of Israeli President Shimon Peres, who visualized it as a Jewish version of the major World Economic Forum at Davos, Switzerland, a yearly international gathering of leaders committed to improving the state of the world through global, regional and industry policymaking.

Canadian MP Irwin Cotler

"He had a vision of bringing Jews from all over the world to connect them to Israel and to their identity," says Israel Maimon, an Israeli lawyer, author and former cabinet secretary who heads the initiative. "He came to me and said he knew I and others could fulfil this dream."

While the first conference did include mainly Jewish speakers, its mandate has broadened. "We also want to attract non-Jews to see the innovation in Israel in entrepreneurship," Maimon told Israel21c. "Once they see the atmosphere here, they will fall in love with Israel."

Planners start by pinpointing the issues to be discussed and then identify relevant experts likely to attract participants. High-profile "messengers" such as venture capitalist Yossi Vardi and Bank of Israel governor Stanley Fischer talk up the conference with colleagues abroad, building enthusiasm among potential speakers.

U.K. Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

United Kingdom Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks is to be among this year's speakers.

"We simply approach people and invite them," says Maimon. The positive response has been extremely encouraging.

"To see the best speakers coming to Israel, and to see so many people coming from the outside to hear those speakers, even in times of political isolation for Israel, means we are successful. We have the same mission as Israel21c, to show Israel in a light you don't see in classical media. When participants write about being inspired by the content and atmosphere and networking done at the conference, this is also a sign of success."

Half the scheduled speakers are from Israel and half from abroad, including North America, South America, Europe, Pakistan and China.

Along with Rabbi Sacks, a few of the names on this year's lineup include former White House adviser Elliott Abrams; *Palestine-Israel Journal* founder/editor Ziad Abu Zayyad; former U.K. prime minister Tony Blair; Procter & Gamble-Israel CEO Sophie Blum, U.S. economist Abby Joseph Cohen, Canadian MP Irwin Cotler; Abraham Fund co-executive director Mohammad Darawshe; IMAX CEO Richard Gelfond; former U.S. secretary of state Henry Kissinger; Harvard Medical School professor of pediatrics Dr. Judy Lieberman; Rome Chief Rabbi Riccardo Shmuel Di Segni; *New York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman and architect Moshe Safdie.

"None of the speakers gets a fee for the lecture, which is unusual," says Maimon. "For some, we pay for their flight and accommodations."

A conference of this calibre is quite expensive to pull off, even without honorariums. Maimon estimates the budget at $3.2 million, financed by contributors who believe in the event's potential to boost Israel's image to the outside world.

The sheer number of speakers and topics makes it impossible for participants to attend all sessions. This is not an oversight, says Maimon.

"We want to face them with the dilemma of 'Where am I going? What am I missing?' With six panels going on in one time frame, they won't be able to go to everything."

To make things more interesting, this year's conference offers a variety of forums, such as one-on-one presentations and round tables.

In addition to plenary sessions on energy, marketing, new media and global economy, the conference will explore the future of such topics as Middle East extremism; nuclear proliferation; world hunger; alternative energy; space exploration; U.S.-Israel relations; brain research; economics; medical innovations and moral dilemmas; Israel and the Diaspora; Jewish philanthropy; European Jewry; religion, politics and international relations; Israel's economy; and, of course, peace prospects.

If concrete solutions come out of the conference, that would be icing on the cake. "Our goal is more modest than at Davos," says Maimon. "We try to stay in the field of giving a platform to raise and discuss issues. Our ultimate goal is to... discuss openly in Israel issues that are challenging not only Israelis and Jewish people but also the world."

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Terror attack reshapes identity of Israelis from Russia

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Faina Dorfman, who immigrated to Israel from Uzbekistan hoping that her only child would have a better life here, walks along a stretch of beach just south of a tattered seaside disco in Tel Aviv called the Dolphinarium.

Ten years ago, a young Palestinian detonated a bomb packed with nails and bullets as he stood amid a crowd waiting to be let inside for a night of dancing.

The suicide bomber stole away the life of Dorfman's 15-year-old daughter, Yevgenia (known as Genya), along with the lives of 20 others, most of them teenage immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

"The world is a crazy place where people kill each other and never learn," said Dorfman, a strong sea breeze blowing as she spoke. "Like everyone else, I never thought this madness would reach me, my family."

The June 1, 2001, attack, which also wounded more than 100, would become seared into the Israeli consciousness as one of the most infamous of the second intifadah.

For Russian-speaking immigrants, the bombing marked an initiation to the reality of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that would bring them into the fold of Israeli society in the most painful of ways.

"It was seen as sort of a rite of passage, as it is described in anthropological terms," said Larissa Remennick, a professor of sociology at Bar-Ilan University. "To become one of 'us' is to demonstrate participation in a national log of losses, that you, too, have paid a toll.

"Despite the terrible nature of this tragedy, the Russian community, if it can be called a community, was kind of christened in blood together," said Remennick, whose research focuses on Russian Jewish immigrants around the world.

In the 10 years since, Russian-speaking immigrants have gone on to pay a disproportionate toll in terms of suffering, some experts argue, as many live in border areas in northern and southern Israel that have been the repeated targets of rocket attacks by terrorists in Gaza and Lebanon.

Ruth Bar-On, founder of SELAH, an acronym for the Israel Crisis Management Center, which assists immigrants affected by sudden tragedy, rejects the idea, expressed at the time of the attack, that such suffering is a way into the Israeli collective.

Instead, Bar-On points to the outpouring of compassion and support by native Israelis seeking to help the families of those killed or injured following the attack.

Some 600 people volunteered their services within two days after the explosion, she said.

"It was a turning point, this wave of support, compassion and generosity," Bar-On said.

"It is something that touched everyone... because everyone wants a better future for children, and all the parents repeated this description of this being why they had come here," she said, referring to those who had lost children in the attack. "It's something that touched every Israeli.

Young Israelis in 2001 mourn for friends who were killed at the Dolphinarium disco. ***[File photo Israel Sun]***

"And Israelis also simply got to know these families, whether bereaved or of the wounded, and got to know the young people affected because of the massive media attention."

Dorfman, a museum curator in her native city of Tashkent, who after immigrating to Israel in 1994 cleaned apartments and stairwells to support herself and Genya, said she might not have survived the tragedy without the support she received from SELAH volunteers and other Israelis.

"If something like this happened in Tashkent, I would have been totally alone in coping, but here there was so much support," she said.

Dorfman remains in touch with fellow members of a support group that SELAH formed of bereaved parents from the Dolphinarium attack. She also travelled with the group for what the organization calls healing retreats.

The attack transformed so much, she said, but it also reshaped her identity.

"Before, when I would say how 'we' did things, I was referring to life in the FSU [former Soviet Union] because I did not feel as deeply part of society then. After the attack when I spoke of 'we' and 'us,' I meant as an Israeli," she said.

With her daughter at the time of the attack was Genya's best friend, Sonya Shistik. The two had been classmates and neighbours in the Tel Aviv suburb of Bat Yam, their bond forged in a ballet class where both were serious dancers.

Both were critically injured from the bomb and left unconscious for days. Genya died of her wounds 2-1/2 weeks later – on June 19, the same day Shistik, by then conscious, turned 16 and asked what happened to her friend.

Shistik, who spent months in the hospital and had multiple operations, said it was too painful to speak about the attack. But she offered that like Dorfman, she also felt her identity transition from feeling somewhat like an outsider as an immigrant to feeling more rooted here.

"I felt more Israeli after the attack," said Shistik, who immigrated to Israel from Siberia as a young girl. She added, "It had something to do about being connected to an event so specifically part of the conflict."

Now 25 and living in Jerusalem, Shistik works doing voice and movement therapy.

Michael Philippov, a researcher at the Israel Democracy Institute specializing in the political behaviour of immigrants to Israel from the former Soviet Union, said the disproportionate number of immigrants affected by terror and rocket attacks has done nothing to dampen their nationalistic spirit but has made them more likely to leave the country.

"People don't talk about it, but the fact that immigrants have been relatively hurt more by such attacks has led to various processes," most notably the decision to make their lives elsewhere, he said, often in Canada, Australia or larger cities in Russia.

According to statistics, some 90,000 immigrants from the former Soviet Union who came to Israel as part of the historic wave of immigration that began with the fall of the Iron Curtain have left the country. But Philippov said the figures do not include immigrants who have left but return annually to visit relatives here, estimating the real figure to be significantly higher.

He cited government statistics that revealed approximately 60 per cent of those who emigrated from Israel in recent years were Russian-speaking immigrants.

"When asked why they leave in surveys, they said that they feel more affected... and under threat than sabras," he said, referring to native-born Israelis.

Meanwhile Dorfman, the bereaved mother, feels that Israel is home. She says she tries to focus on the beauty of everyday life and volunteers at SELAH, where she teaches workshops to other bereaved immigrants on how to harness a bit of that beauty through the art of flower arranging.

Helping others, Dorfman said, "helps me move forward."

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In the ensuing battle, 103 hostages were rescued. The commander of the operation, see the photo at left, Lt.- Col. Yonatan Netanyahu, was the only Israeli soldier to die in the rescue. He was the older brother of Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Three hostages died in the operation; one was susequently murdered in a hospital by Ugandan soldiers. All the hijackers were killed. To this day, the rescue remains as a powerful symbol of the extent to which Israel will go to defend its people.

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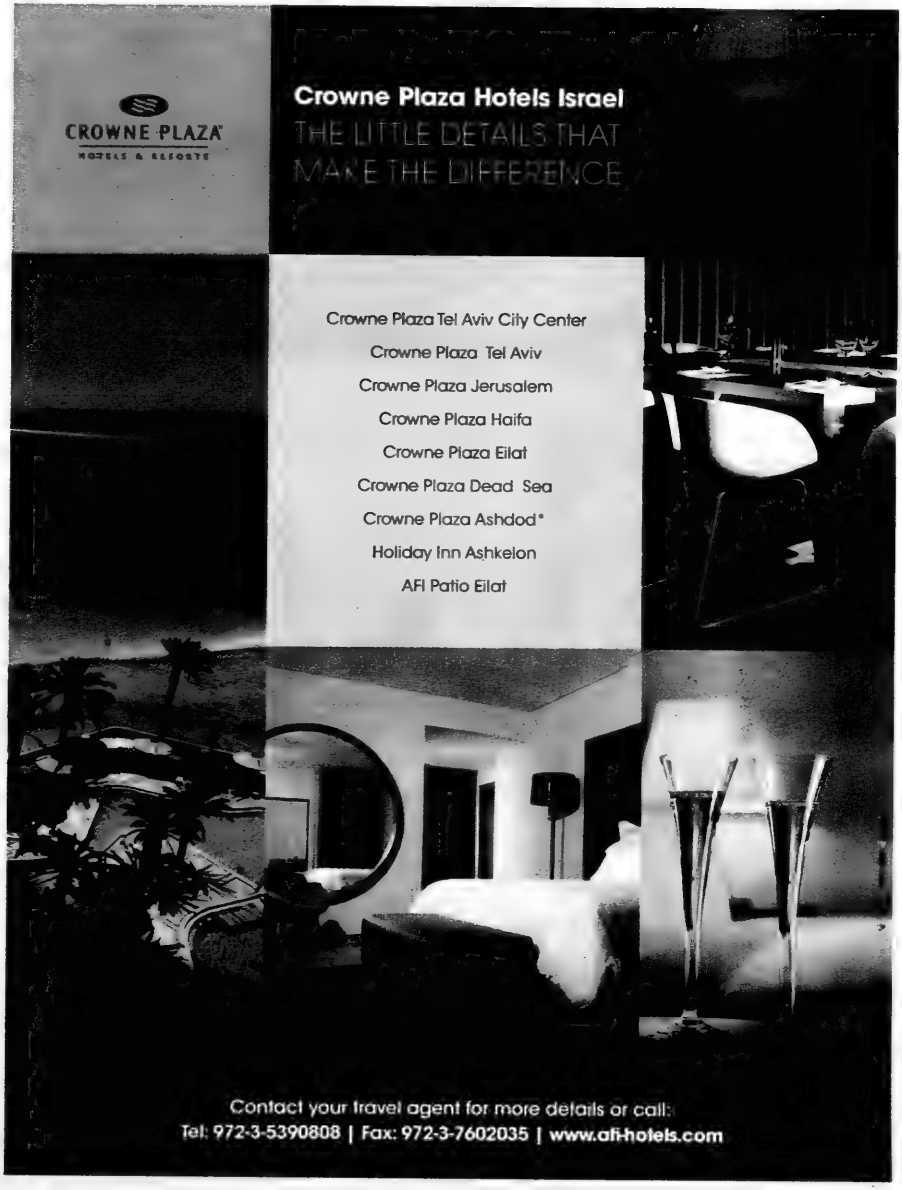
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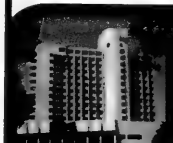

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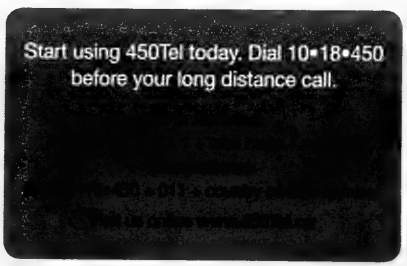

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Nothing like an Israeli breakfast

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"The Herods Tel Aviv showcases luxury accommodations with an outdoor pool, indoor spa, themed culinary offerings in the dining room and 1930s-style restaurants. In fact, throughout our entire hotel chain, guests will discover a healthy and delicious gastronomic experience, featuring lots of salads and fruits for adults and children.

"For guests from abroad, there is nothing like a lavish Israeli-style breakfast, which is a sight for the eyes and a treat for the stomach," he added.

In Jerusalem, things might be a bit more laid-back than in Tel Aviv with its 24/7 action-packed pace, but that doesn't mean hotels in the Holy City are offering anything less in terms of fascinating vacation packages to guests with children.

"We have been anticipating this demand for summertime fun for the entire family from our overseas clientele for awhile now. Based on the feedback that we have received, the hotel's summer activities have become a key attraction for our guests," said Ilan Brenner, assistant general manager of marketing and sales at the Inbal Jerusalem Hotel.

The Inbal's "singularity" (it is not part of a large chain) is actually a marketing advantage. It's located adjacent to the Old City and features beautiful interior and exterior architectural design. The Inbal offers many summertime perks for families with children, including adjoining rooms and spacious family units, poolside grill bar for adults and children, kids club and pool, state-of-the-art spa and health club for the parents, and even a kids TV channel.

"Because the hotel is isolated from the hustle and bustle of the city and located next to a very quiet park [Liberty Bell Park], the parents can actually sample a bit of paradise in the Holy City," Brenner said. "We've tried to anticipate every detail, right down to featuring a kids TV channel. In other words, while mom and dad can watch the news or a movie in peace in their room, the youngsters can enjoy *SpongeBob* next door, without disturbing their parents.

"We offer a variety of family vacation packages, some of which include freebies to a number of cultural sites including the Biblical Zoo, which is considered one of the top tourism venues in all of Israel. We are constantly looking to entice our guests with a variety of amenities that will make their stay an unforgettable experience," Brenner added.

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There are many enticing vacation packages to choose from at Israeli hotels. We've compiled a list of the top hotels across the country.

Inbal Jerusalem Hotel

There are a variety of family vacation packages to choose from with discounted rates based on the number of nights stayed at the hotel. The first-class spa and health club offers a variety of treatments for adults. The menu in the hotel's Italian-themed Sofia restaurant has been upgraded to include many new dishes prepared by chef Moti Bochbut's talented staff. (*www.inbalhotel.com*)

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Herods Tel Aviv 1930s-themed restaurant

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Facilities offered specially for kids

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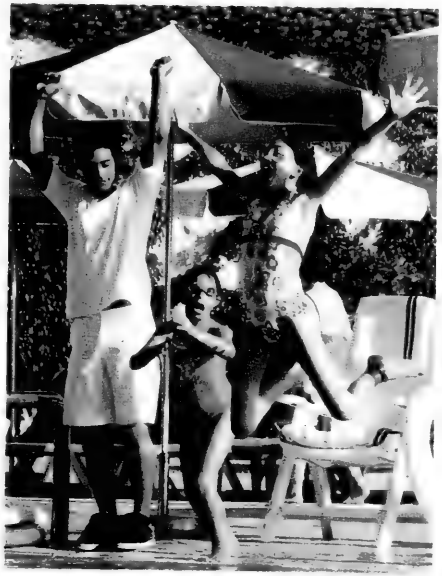
David Citadel Hotel

The hotel's new state-of-the-art kids club is a major feature at the luxury facility. Sony PlayStation and Wii video games are offered, as well as a kindergarten where stage performances also take place, an arts and crafts centre and large movie screen. The Jerusalem hotel is putting the finishing touches on a series of renovations in the lobby terrace area, the breakfast dining room, the executive lounge and health club. (*www.tdchotel.com*)

Ramada Jerusalem Hotel

The hotel's "We Love Kids" program includes children's indoor and outdoor activities, as well as discounted children's room rates. The hotel complex features a large landscaped outdoor pool area, as well as an indoor pool with a health club and sauna. The Ramada has a reputation for hosting lavish summertime simchahs, including weddings and bar mitzvahs in the main ballroom and out by the pool. (*www.jerusalemramadahotel.com*)



Kids splash down into Inbal Jerusalem Hotel pool.

Dan Hotels

The chain, made up of 14 hotels, offers the "Danyland" kids clubs. The clubs are run by experienced, professionally trained leaders and offer a variety of activities, including puppet shows, arts and crafts, sports, movies, cookery and more. The fun doesn't stop at the end of the day either, as there are discos, talent contests, magic shows and other entertainment during the evening hours as well. In addition, each child who arrives during the summer receives vouchers that can be cashed in for a light snack and each child receives a gift. For teenagers, there's a Danyland Teen Club for teens and pre-teens, which offers sports activities, movies and more. (*www.danhotels.com*)

Holiday Inn/Crowne Plaza

Formal and informal entertainment for youngsters are featured in almost all of the hotels during the daytime, along with daily evening musical and stage shows for adults and children. Guests who stay at hotels in Tel Aviv and Haifa receive free tickets to local attractions. Crowne Plaza Hotels in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv are renowned for their upscale kosher cuisine. (*www.afi-hotels.com*)

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Island Suites Hotel in Netanya

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Fattal Hotels

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Prima Hotels

Each hotel in the chain has a distinctive concept, which is reflected in its design, atmosphere, and personal hospitality. For instance, at the Prima Galil in Tiberias, guests are treated to a Galilee experience, which is enhanced by the hotel's landscape, products, art, tales and ambience.

Guests are encouraged to create their own ways of exploring the region via a checklist of recommended activities, including various sports, bicycling, jeep trips and visits to local wineries as part of extended day-long culinary tours, as well as the hotel's own Galilee tastings. Other summer activities include a kids club offering arts and crafts workshops, fun and games in the hotel and pool area, free guided walking tours and discounted admissions to local attractions. (*http://english.prima.co.il*)

Island Suites Hotel

Located along Netanya's beautiful coastline, this new hotel offers a variety of affordable family plans during the summer. Island has spacious suites (one or two bedrooms), family rooms, fully equipped kitchen, and a magnificent balcony overlooking the Mediterranean.

The facility boasts a large outdoor pool, kids pool, gym and rejuvenating spa with facial treatments, and wet and dry saunas. Island offers a pool bar featuring beverages, ice creams and snacks. There is a weekly barbecue around the pool. During the summer, the hotel will open the Bleecker Street coffee shop, featuring fresh pastries, as well as lunch and dinner menus. The hotel has a shopping service and offers free bicycles. (*www.islandsuites.co.il*)

Sheraton Tel Aviv

The pool deck has been adapted to children's needs. There's a children's pool for ages three years old and under, sports entertainment and table tennis. From Aug. 10 to 25, the hotel will feature a children's arena that includes free Internet, computer stations, Sony PlayStation, games, kid friendly snacks and beverages.

In co-operation with the award-winning Golan Heights Winery, the Sheraton is launching a wine stand in the lobby, where premium wines will be sold. Wine-tasting events are scheduled. As for entertainment, there will be a twice weekly jazz night at the pool area just before sunset, where you will be able to enjoy the music while revelling in the beauty of the Mediterranean coast. (*www.sheratontelaviv.com*)

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Cultural attractions in Israel this summer

Jerusalem

June-July 28

"Jerusalem Season of Culture" – highlights include International Philosophy Festival; Merce Cunningham Legacy Tour; evening performances in the Mahane Yehuda outdoor market every Monday during July, and the Renee Fleming finale concert on July 28. *www.jerusalem-culture.com*

July 7-16

The popular International Film Festival features 200 local and international films, screened at the Jerusalem Cinematheque.

August

Wine-tasting festival at the remodelled Israel Museum.

Aug. 14-19

Puppet Theater Festival for children and families. *www.traintheater.co.il*

Aug. 15-27

Annual Hutzot Hayotzer International Arts and Crafts Fair with artists, concerts and more. *www.artfair.jerusalem.muni.il*

Aug.18-19

The Jerusalem Beer Festival is at the Old Train Station.

September

Houses from Within: Jerusalem's most beautiful private homes, synagogues and gardens are open for public view for one weekend this month. *www.batim-il.org*

Tel Aviv

June 30

White Night is a popular annual all-night event that brings tens of thousands into Tel Aviv's streets. The White Night celebrations commemorate the July 2003 UNESCO designation of the White City of Tel Aviv, with its exceptional collection of Bauhaus architecture, as a World Heritage site and the city's well-deserved reputation as the "city that never sleeps." *www.visit-tlv.co.il*

July 14

The annual Opera in the Park will feature the Israel Opera chorus and soloists from Israel and overseas in Mozart's *Magic Flute*, conducted by David Stern. An enchanting evening of fine music under the stars in the heart of Tel Aviv's Hayarkon Park – and all free. *www.israel-opera.co.il/eng*

Sept. 8-10

Loving Art. Making Art: the opening of the city's art-exhibition season, with all 75 museums and art galleries throughout Tel Aviv open to the public, free of charge, into the night, with many special exhibitions. Events also take place outdoors, along the city's boulevards and in the parks. *www.visit-tlv.co.il*

Herzliya

Located just north of Tel Aviv, the coastal resort city of Herzliya offers more than four miles of pristine beaches, the largest marina in the Mediterranean basin, a recently renovated mall and a vibrant entertainment area.

July-August

Music Festival on the Water: this summer festival at the Herzliya Marina square overlooking the ocean features duets by local and international artists performing opera, pop and jazz. Every Tuesday evening in July and August. Admission is free.

August

Goldstar Zappa Festival: a two-day event featuring the best of Israeli rock with performances on stages along the Herzliya beach (with disabled access). Admission is free.

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It's a bird, it's a plane... it's the stars of the hit FOX-TV series *House* frolicking in the Sea of Galilee?

While hunky Jesse Spencer (Dr. Chase) was valiantly attempting to "walk on water," Amber Tamblyn (Dr. Masters) was admiring the beautiful rings and bracelets she had purchased the day before in Safed's captivating Artists' Colony.

The entourage, which also included Omar Epps (Dr. Foreman), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Cuddy) and the show's creator and producer, David Shore, toured Northern Israel as part of a week-long America's Voices in Israel (AVI) organizational initiative, led by its director, Irwin Katsof.

AVI's goal? Simple. Expose influential personalities to the beauty of Israel. All of the stars admired the serene beauty of the Galilee region.

"It was just so much fun to able to relax and get away from it all, even if it was only for a day. It's just so peaceful and beautiful up here," Tamblyn said.

And that is indeed the selling point for a number of posh Galilean boutique hotels, which are located around the mountainous town of Safed and along the banks of Lake Kinneret (Sea of Galilee) in the city of Tiberias below.

"The pastoral beauty, fresh air and unique historical mystique of Safed and the Galilee region [make this] the perfect place for tourists who wish to get away from the big city and just relax," said Nadav Brada, general manager of the Ruth Rimonim Safed Hotel.

In Safed, tourists can walk through the narrow alleyways of the Old City and pray in one of the spectacular ancient synagogues. The popular *Lecha Dodi* (*Come My Beloved*) Friday night sing-along prayer was actually composed in one of the town's ancient synagogues by 16th-century Safed Kabbalist, Rabbi Shlomo Halevi Alkabetz. The adjacent Artists' Colony boasts some of Israel's most unique jewelry and art galleries. Just bring cash and a willingness to bargain with the locals, who are only too happy to partake in a bit of Middle East marketing.

The Ruth Rimonim Safed Hotel (http://english.rimonim.com) is a unique boutique facility, where part of the structure dates back over 300 years, to the time when the Ottoman Empire ruled over the region.

"Of the 77 rooms in the hotel, 36 are located in the ancient part of the hotel," Brada said. "Every one of the rooms in the hotel is designed in a different manner, which is what makes it so unique.

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Wine cellars, spas delight guests

Hacienda Forestview Hotel

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"We also have a fully stocked wine cellar, where we feature musical entertainment every evening, a spa and a swimming pool that faces in the direction of mystical Mt. Meron, as well as delicious food in our dining room. Our guests, many of whom come from abroad, enjoy our free guided tours [twice a week] through the Old City and the Artists Colony."

As you wind your way down from Safed to Tiberias about 15 minutes away, you can see with the naked eye that Lake Kinneret and the adjacent Golan Heights are abuzz with various types of outdoor activities.

"This is a place where families and kids can enjoy so many types of water sports, including kayaking, motor-boating, jet-skiing, as well as horse-back riding, jeeping and even rappelling across the Golan Heights," said Omar Assle, manager of the Rimonim Galei Kinneret Hotel.

For those tourists who enjoy culinary exercises, sans the Indiana Jones adrenaline spike, the Galilee and Golan Heights regions sport some of Israel's top wineries. Hotel concierges can easily arrange day-long treks to any number of wineries in the area.

The Galei Kinneret Hotel also bills itself as a family-friendly boutique hotel.

"We are not one of those big, crowded hotels. Our accent is on entertainment for the whole family," Assle said. "The youngsters go to a Kid's Club where they can enjoy swimming, painting, magic shows… There's even a kids buffet in the dining room. Parents can relax by the pool or in the spa, go to our private beach, and in the evening, they can enjoy a show on our terrace opposite the pool. We are small (120 rooms), classic hotel."

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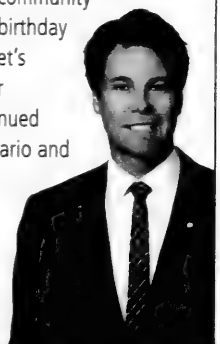

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Northern Israel's resorts are popular getaways

Prima Galil Hotel

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The Prima Galil Hotel (http://english.prima.co.il) is a concept hotel that prides itself on its various indoor and outdoor experiences for guests of all ages. The hotel's Galilean evenings (Monday and Thursday) entice guests to sample Galilean delicacies served on authentic platters, while listening to live music performed by local musicians. The hotel is also a popular venue for bar mitzvahs, with the picturesque Lake Kinneret serving as a stunning, natural backdrop.

One of the best-kept vacation secrets in the region can be found near Kfar Vradim in the western Galilee. The Hacienda Forestview Hotel (www.c-hotels.co.il), which is built like a Spanish homestead, sits amidst 20 acres of natural green forest. It is renowned for catering to body, soul and palate. The Hacienda highlights three different themed spas: C and Enjoy – highlighting nine treatment rooms for couples with mud treatments and body peeling; C and Relax – featuring a Turkish steam bath, Jacuzzi and baths for reflexology treatments; C and Feel Fit – which showcases the hotel's exercise room.

"When you are feeling relaxed, you are more than ready to enjoy an incredible culinary experience," a C-Hotels spokesperson said. The Hacienda offers a colourful and healthy array of breakfast servings. However, it's the South American-style barbecue evenings, featuring prime cuts of beef and other delectable dishes prepared by chef Itzik Marciano that accentuate a real gastronomic extravaganza.

'When you are feeling relaxed, you are more than ready to enjoy an incredible culinary experience'

Recognizing that kids shouldn't be left out of the culinary equation, the Hacienda also highlights a delicious buffet for kids, right down to the toasted marshmallows and melodic outdoor kumsitz.

Bon voyage!

Omar Epps, left, and Jesse Spencer frolic in the Sea of Galilee.

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Compelling narrative, visuals recall Ethiopians' rescue

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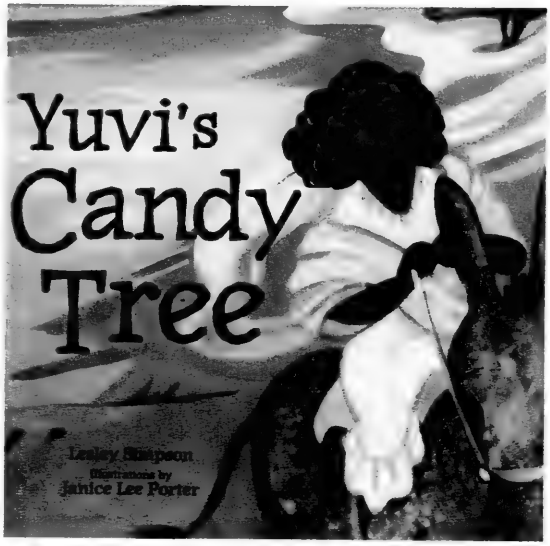

The publication of *Yuvi's Candy Tree* by Lesley Simpson, Kar-Ben Publishers, 2011 is a clever, thoughtful commemoration of the 20th anniversary of Operation Solomon, Israel's heroic, secret rescue of 14,325 Ethiopian Jews from the chaos of the Horn of Africa over an intense, worried period of 36 hours!

Written by experienced Canadian journalist Lesley Simpson, the book introduces the remarkable story of Ethiopia's Jews to a young audience of readers.

The Yuvi of the title is Yuvi Thashome. Like the little girl in the story, the real Yuvi actually did find her way to freedom in Israel some 10 years before Operation Solomon, during the series of secret, clandestine rescue operations that became known as Operation Moses.

In merely 28 elegantly crafted pages, Simpson tells the heart-warming story of five-year-old Yuvi's harrowing walk to freedom and the start of her new life in Israel.

Simpson's brisk, to-the-point narration is exquisitely enhanced by the colourful, expressive, emotionally evocative illustrations by Janice Lee Porter.

Like the little girl in the story, the real Yuvi actually did find her way to freedom in Israel

The book is a delight to look at, intended by the publishers to be visually absorbed as much as it is to be read. The combination of Yuvi's compelling story and the superb drawings that illustrate it will be a magnet pulling in and holding the attention of young readers.

Yuvi's Candy Tree is a gentle introduction for young readers to the unbelievable story of Ethiopian Jewry. It is a perfect stepping stone to other recently published books on the same subject aimed at young adult readers, such as *Daughters of the Ark* by Anna Morgan and *Cry of the Giraffe* by Judie Oron.

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Israel for Beginners

Mordechai Ben-Dat
Editor

Distance can be a distorting lens. Detail is sacrificed for perspective. But lacking accurate detail, the resulting perspective is often skewed, too.

Such is the case with Israel.

Because of the nature of news coverage given to the Jewish state, which nearly exclusively if not also obsessively in some quarters, relates to its conflict with the Palestinians, very little else is known about it.

Its people, its culture, its folkways are a dark passageway of little information and very slight insight even to the well informed westerner.

Israel for Beginners, by Angelo Colorni (Gefen Publishing House), is a satiric, humour-infused, but nevertheless quite serious introduction to the more accurate detail of what and who the modern State of Israel actually is.

Colorni should know. He has lived there for almost 40 years. Born in Mantua, Italy, Colorni moved to Israel at the age of 26.

Colorni is a scientist. He works at the Israel Oceanographic and Limnological Research, National Center for Mariculture, in Eilat, and is regarded as one of the world's foremost authorities on diseases of aquatic organisms.

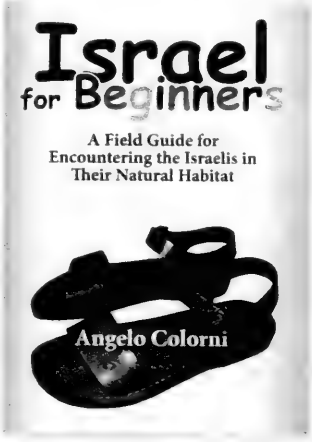
His many years of study and practise of his specialty have clearly fostered sharp powers of observation and description, for these powers and skills are greatly on display in this book.

Colorni writes cleverly with wit and does not spare the cutting edge of his sense of humour when he writes about his fellow countrymen and women. Very few sacred cows in the barn and cowshed of Israeli daily life, so to speak, are left unpoked.

His observations fall broadly into five categories of the country's character: *The Language, The People, The Lifestyle, The Land* and, what he perceptively calls, *The Flip Side of the Coin*. In all, Colorni provides some personal 50 musings. Each begins with an subject-appropriate biblical reference which, as often as not, is as much a punch line as it is an introduction.

One example of Colorni's reflections illustrates the wallop and clobber of his approach to his fellow Israelis.

On the subject of "Sunflower Seeds," he begins with a quotation from the Bible. Psalm 126:6, which as readers will see was not necessarily intended by the compilers of the biblical canon for the purpose to which Colorni applies it. "He that goeth forth... bearing precious seed..."



Then he writes, "A typical case of evolutionary convergence of behaviour, common only to Israelis and parrots, is the love the two species share for sunflower seeds. Parrots use their bills, while native Israelis use their front teeth, but both can compete in naturalness, if not gracefulness. When cracking the shells and removing the seeds with the tops of their tongues..."

And so on...

Deftly, with love and humour in his heart, Colorni touches many of the fundamental axes of Israeli life.

An additional very significant bonus of this book are the drawings and illustrations provided by Avi Katz.

Katz is one of the modern Jewish world's pre-eminent graphic artists and illustrators. His skilled hands bring to life the insightful, sarcastic, tender, witty charms of Colorni's mind. Even though the illustrations are in black and white, they still convey the piquant moods of distinctly Israeli moments.

Israel for Beginners is not just for those who are beginners. Even experienced travellers to that country will find pages and pages of delightful, funny and even tearful reading.

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United Church wing calls for boycott

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

A Toronto presbytery of the United Church of Canada (UC) is calling on its members to boycott six Canadian and Israeli companies because of their activities in "illegally occupied territories."

The Holy Land Action and Awareness task group, a creation of the Southwest Presbytery, or section, of the UC, said on its website that it hopes to "inspire people of conscience to refuse to do business with companies who are enabling the illegal occupation: Ahava Dead Sea Laboratories, Motorola, Caterpillar, Veolia Environnement and Indigo Books."

Targets firms 'enabling illegal occupation'

In announcing the boycott, the task group cited the appeal by Palestinian groups for an international boycott, as well as a recommendation of the general council of the United Church of Canada.

"In 2009, the General Council of the United Church of Canada recommended that members prayerfully consider their actions directed to end the illegal occupation of Palestinian territory and towards reconciliation, including but not limited to economic boycott."

Rev. Brian McIntosh, spokesperson for the task group, said supporters of the boycott are being asked to send letters "to the companies and the distributors of their products asking that they do not distribute their products and to tell them to cease producing in the occupied territories."

He said the task group contacted the companies directly, but they have ignored their request.

According to the task group's website, "Caterpillar supplies bulldozers and earth-moving equipment to the Israeli military"; one of Motorola's subsidiaries "supplies Israel with the military tools to sustain its occupation and oppression of Palestinians"; Ahava extracts its minerals and operates from a part of the Dead Sea that is in the West Bank, while Veolia Environnement, through its subsidiary Connex, is a central partner in a $500-million light rail system that will link Jerusalem to West Bank settlements.

As well, Indigo majority owners Heather Reisman and Gerry Schwartz founded the HESEG Foundation for Lone Soldiers, which provides scholarships for study in Israel and other support to IDF troops without families in Israel, including those participating in the Cast Lead operation.

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Seeing how it's really done

Actors Sarah Drew, left, and Kevin McKidd, centre, of the American TV medical drama *Grey's Anatomy* stand next to real-life doctors during a visit to the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. Drew and McKidd visited Israel last week. [*Flash90 photo*]

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CANADA

Cataract Pioneer Dies

VANCOUVER — Herb Fitterman, the ophthalmologist who in 1968 performed what is believed to be Canada's first lens implant surgery to treat cataracts, has died. The now-standard procedure was controversial at the time. Fitterman died April 22 in Vancouver as a result of complication from a fall suffered while on vacation. He continued to see patients until a week before his death. The Saskatoon-born Fitterman studied medicine at the University of Manitoba and interned in Vancouver.

WORLD

Giffords Released

HOUSTON — Gabrielle Giffords, the Arizona congresswoman who was shot in the head in January, was released from hospital June 15, just days after the release of photos of her taken in May. She will move to her husband astronaut Mark Kelly's home in League City, Texas, near the Johnson Space Center, and will return to the hospital daily for speech, music, physical and occupational therapy. It's unknown whether she'll ever return to her job in the U.S. Congress. The first Jewish representative elected from Arizona, Giffords had been in a Houston recovery facility. The third-term Democrat was shot Jan. 8 as she met with constituents in Tucson. Six people were killed

Suspects Enter Plea

NEW YORK — Two men who allegedly wanted to attack New York synagogues and other targets have pleaded not guilty to weapons and conspiracy charges. Algeria-born Ahmed Ferhani, 26, and Mohamed Mamdouh, 20, a naturalized American from Morocco, both now living in New York, entered their pleas June 15 in a Manhattan court. New York Police arrested them after Ferhani bought guns, ammunition and an inert hand grenade from an undercover officer. The arrests followed months of surveillance in which police said the suspects were heard discussing attacking Jews and other targets. Authorities have said they were driven by anger over the treatment of Muslims around the world.

Portman Gives Birth

NEW YORK — Israeli-born actress Natalie Portman has given birth to a baby boy, her first child. *People* magazine reported June14 that Portman gave birth, but did not say when the baby was born or where the birth took place. Portman and the baby's father, New York Ballet dancer and choreographer Benjamin Millepied, who is not Jewish, are engaged to be married. The two met on the set of the film *Black Swan*, for which Portman won the Academy Award for best actress.

Bill Aims To Protect Circumcision Rights

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Brad Sherman will introduce a bill to prevent cities from banning male circumcision, the California lawmaker's office said.

Sherman's bill, which his office announced June 14, comes in response to a measure that qualified recently for the November ballot in San Francisco that would outlaw the circumcision of males under age 18, making it punishable by a $1,000 fine and a year in jail.

"Male circumcision has been practised for thousands of years and is a deeply important ceremony for two major religions," Sherman, a Jewish Democrat, said. "The Religious and Parental Rights Defense Act of 2011 ensures that Jewish and Muslim families will continue to be able to enjoy the free exercise of their religious beliefs."

Sherman, whose congressional district is in the Los Angeles area, pointed to studies in the medical community that show the health benefits of circumcision.

"To infringe the religious rights of so many Americans, San Francisco should have some compelling medical reason," he said. "However, the medical literature actually shows clear benefits of male circumcision. Congress has a legitimate interest in making sure that a practice that appears to reduce disease and health care costs remains available to parents."

A similar effort to put a circumcision ban on the ballot in Santa Monica, Calif., was dropped this month.

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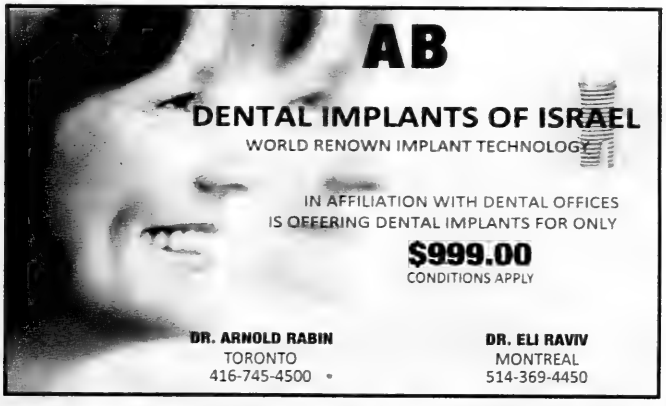

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Toronto to revise anti-discrimination policy

Aimed at blocking QuAIA

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

A motion to amend Toronto's anti-discrimination policy was passed by city council last week.

James Pasternak, councillor for Ward 10 York Centre, put forward the motion at last week's council meeting in an effort to block groups such as Queers Against Israeli Apartheid (QuAIA) from participating in city funded events.

QuAIA has marched in the Pride Parade every year since 2008.

The motion asks City Manager Joe Pennachetti to report back to the executive committee later this year with an updated anti-discrimination policy ensuring that "events which are funded by the city, and/or take place on city property" conform to Toronto's policy of "promoting respect, tolerance and diversity. And that the grants policy and use of space policy are consistent with the updated anti-discrimination policy."

The motion passed council by a vote of 37-1, with eight councillors absent.

Pasternak said the motion is an outgrowth of the need for the city to update its anti-discrimination policy – it was last modified 13 years ago, he said – as well as in response to groups such as QuAIA who "threaten public safety" at public events.

The motion comes just weeks after the city's executive committee voted to receive a report from Pennachetti that said the term "Israeli apartheid" did not technically contravene the city's anti-discrimination policy.

Pasternak's motion seeks to force city staff to "eliminate the current ambiguity" in the policy, Pasternak said in a statement.

Council had asked Pennachetti to review the policy last year after public outcry over Pride Toronto allowing the controversial group to participate in its event yet again.

Last week, council officially adopted Penacchetti's report along with Pasternak's amendment rider.

James Pasternak

"The urban landscape [of Toronto] has changed a lot over 13 years and we have to always update our policy," Pasternak said.

"By passing this motion, council sent a strong message that discrimination is not something we will fund or ignore in Toronto. The current anti-discrimination policy is out of date and out of touch."

Pasternak said that most of the work on his motion occurred behind the scenes, where he "worked hard" to get "enough support" from his fellow councillors to ensure the motion would pass.

"The real purpose of this motion is to ban QuAIA and return respect and tolerance to our civic events," Pasternak said.

He added that while drafting the document he sought advice from different sources – including Canadian Jewish Congress – on how best to word his motion.

In a motion passed earlier this year, the city decided to fund Pride Toronto only after Pride week has occurred, on condition that QuAIA not be allowed to participate.

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From the editor's desk...

Last week in this space I wrote about a recent visit to The Meir Medical Center in Kfar Saba, the small city located about half way along the narrow nine-mile waist of the country, between the Mediterranean on the west and Kalkilya on the east in the West Bank.

I wrote about the hospital to demonstrate how utterly out of touch the loud, noisy proponents of boycott, divestment and sanctions (of Israel) truly are with the details of daily life in the Jewish state.

Co-existence between Jews and Arabs is a permanent fact at the hospital. It is not a slogan. It is a way of life. It is an every-minute-of-every-day, seven-day-a-week, life-saving way of life at the hospital. About 20 per cent of the staff of the hospital are Arabs as are about 20 per cent of the patients.

They – the staff and the patients - are all too busy going about their important work or getting on with their health-restored lives to be overtly disturbed by the boycotters.

But of course, it is unfair to the hospital and to the 2,300 people who work there to write about them only as a rebuttal to the boycotters. The Meir Medical Center stands out in its own right. The staff there have saved, healed or mended countless lives. They deserve to be written about. Period.

The director of the hospital, Dr. Asher Elchayany, emphasized to *The CJN* last month that what had impressed him most about the hospital from his very first moments there were the high quality of patient care and the overarching feeling of family that permeated relationships among all the professionals and the patients.

In addition, Elchayany spoke with great pride about some of the exceptional clinical and research programs that are attracting attention from around the world.

For example, Simultech is a paradigmatic Israeli innovation. It combines high purpose with high tech and was created entirely at the Meir Medical Center.

The program's full title is Simultech – the Centre for Medical Simulation. It is an entirely contained suite of offices that enables medical professionals who deal with obstetrics to enhance their training, learn the newest techniques and improve their skills. The offices along with, of course, the most advanced state-of-the-art electronic, computer and digital equipment offer a comprehensive replication of the birth-giving experience from the patient's first visit to her physician through the arrival of the baby at birth.

A full-day training session at Simultech entails 6 to 7 hours with professionally trained technicians who operate the machinery and with actresses who play the roles of the expecting patients.

Theprogramisnotonly for novices. Experienced professionals as well sign up to refresh their skills. The results of testing are not shared with outsiders. The assessments are for the eyes only of the professionals testing themselves.

"Pilots use specialized electronic equipment to train, why can't doctors and nurses?" asked Elchayany.

David Olsfanger is a cherubic physician from South Africa who moved to Israel 35 years ago. He is the head of the intensive care unit and guides a visitor through the unit as would a docent at the Art Gallery of Ontario waxing lyrical about the import of the powerful works he tries to explain to others.

"It gives me a lot of pleasure to work here," Olsfanger told *The CJN*. "In Israel, you've got to have a mission. You need a commitment. Without it, you run down."

Without a doubt, Olsfanger's mission is the ICU at the Meir Medical Center. The sense of excitement when he spoke was palpable. "The success of the ICU stems from the quality of nursing in the unit. We have 25 nurses here. The ratio is one nurse for every two beds. The best nurses in the hospital work in this unit."

We spoke briefly about the dedication of the staff in the ICU specifically and in the hospital generally, to the thousands and thousands of patients each year.

סימולטק
מרכז לסימולציה ברפואה

"Our hospital is in an area where Arabs and Jews live and work in close proximity to each other," Dr. Olsfanger said. It was quite clear to a visitor from Canada that the proximity of which the doctor spoke is also the governing culture and working ethos of this hospital.

That the boycotters are so utterly unaware of this is not surprising, only sad. ***MBD***

Layton reaches out to Israeli ambassador

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

When if comes to the Middle East, Jack Layton seems to be trying to balance his new role as leader of the official Opposition with calls from his party's hardliners to sanction Israel.

In early June, the New Democratic Party leader met with Israeli Ambassador Miriam Ziv to clarify his party's stance on the latest Gaza flotilla, the peace process and other controversial issues regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"Earlier this week, I met with [Ziv] and urged the government of Israel to lift the blockade of Gaza. I also indicated that it was not New Democrat policy to support the flotilla, but reiterated [our] concern for the safety of protesters and urged that the utmost caution be used," he wrote in a June 9 entry on the NDP website.

Jack Layton

An embassy spokesperson called the meeting "productive and friendly," adding that Layton "showed an earnest willingness to maintain an ongoing dialogue with the ambassador."

Layton's website commentary was perhaps a pre-emptive effort to change the impression his party is inherently anti-Israel.

At last weekend's NDP national convention in Vancouver, a small but vocal segment of the party failed to push through motions in support of the flotilla and in favour of sanctions against Israel.

A hard-left group called the NDP Socialist Caucus spearheaded the motions. The same group also advocates boycott, divestments and sanctions against Israel, and accuses it of practising apartheid.

Earlier this month, two NDP members of Parliament, Alexandre Boulerice and Alex Atamanenko, representing the ridings of Rosemont-La Petite-Patrie and B.C. Southern Interior, respectively, were listed as supporters of the Canadian Boat to Gaza on the group's endorsement page.

Boulerice later removed his signature after Layton announced the party does not endorse the flotilla, but members are free to do so. As of *The CJN*'s deadline, Atamanenko was still a signatory.

Calls to the party for comment were not returned.

Read more on this story at www.cjnews.com.

United Chesed helps needy without delay

Laura Fixman
Intern

Some 30,000 Jews in the Toronto area live below the poverty line, and about 9,000 of them are children.

The United Chesed of Toronto aims to provide support to these people who are struggling to meet the basic needs of food and housing, as well as to help those who can work find jobs.

"We can make a difference in someone's life in a very tangible way," said United Chesed's executive administrator Bernice Chaplin.

She works on the front line, assisting people who call for help, and she gets to know them. One very sick 58-year-old woman couldn't leave her house, Chaplin said, but United Chesed got her a donated computer and Internet for a year to help her connect to the outside world.

"She was so happy that the world could come to her," Chaplin said.

United Chesed was founded in 2000 by Brian Price, a dentist who saw a need in the community that he believed wasn't being filled. He wanted to help those who couldn't be helped by other organizations because they don't meet the requirements for whatever reason, such as being on disability.

"There's a huge amount of poor Jewish people in the city, and I don't think people understand that," Chaplin said.

She said that United Chesed, which relies on private donations, doesn't turn anyone away. People in need require help immediately, she added, so the organization can usually provide help within 24-hours.

Chaplin said that she got food coupons for two teenage girls whose immigrant parents didn't have money for food or rent a few hours after the sisters contacted her.

"We can do so much with very little," she said.

United Chesed receives a wide variety of donations, including furniture, infant formula and clothes. It also pays certain bills for people, such as their heating or electric bills. Chaplin said that the organization helps around 15 people a week, mostly through an e-mail network of donors.

"Once the word goes out, it's amazing how people in need hear about us," Chaplin said.

If United Chesed had the money to do whatever it wanted, Chaplin said that Price dreams of starting a hostel that provides breakfast and a mobile food bank in York Region. York Region doesn't have a one, and currently people in need have to spend bus fare to reach a food bank.

United Chesed held an event on June 14 to raise awareness of the problems of poverty in the Toronto area. "It will make people think how lucky they are in their life," Chaplin said before the event, which featured wine and Scotch tasting, as well as a silent auction.

A man who was helped by United Chesed shared his story at the event. Chaplin said the evening didn't cost much to produce and it got people thinking about United Chesed.

Chaplin enjoys her work because she feels she's helping people, and she said many of them tell her how grateful they are, which touches her.

One woman the organization helped lives in a basement apartment with her four children. Her eldest daughter had had a baby recently, and the woman was having trouble paying rent and buying food. When she was helped by United Chesed, she said it was the first time in 20 years that she felt as if someone was holding her hand. Chaplin said this kind of reaction is why she loves her job.

"It's the type of thing that sends shivers up your spine," Chaplin said.

Six and a half years ago, United Chesed had one employee who worked out of her home. Chaplin said that since she started working with the organization a year and a half ago, it has grown exponentially, though she still works out of a small donated office space in a basement.

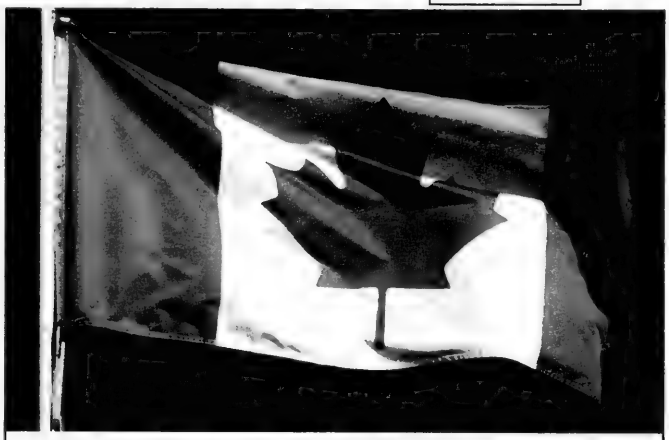
Chaplin said many people aren't aware of the poverty in the Jewish community. A lot of people don't think Jews can be as poor as the people who United Chesed helps, she said.

To learn more about United Chesed of Toronto, go to www.unitedchesed.com.

ISRAELI SCOUTS GET A NEW LEADER

Gil Pasternak, father of six, was recently appointed to head the Hermon group of the Israeli Scouts in Canada. Hermon is the only active Israeli Scouts group in Canada. Pasternak is proud of the group and of the fact that it is still very active. He speaks to *CJN* writer Yossi Tastassa about his objectives and aspirations for the Hermon scouts.

To read the story in Hebrew on The CJN website, please scan the attached QR code .



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COR logo used by non-kosher daycare caterer

Parents misled, but no Jewish facilities involved

Jennifer M. Macleod
Special to The CJN

No Jewish schools or daycares were affected in a recent scandal involving Whole Green Kids, a now-defunct catering company that reportedly falsely packaged bargain-basement meals as kosher, halal, organic, local and whole-grain, the Kashruth Council of Canada says.

But with daycare operators refusing to comment about the company since it was the focus of an investigative report several weeks ago in the *Toronto Star*, it's impossible to tell how many Jewish parents may have relied on the company's claims when choosing meals for their children in schools and daycares not under the council's auspices.

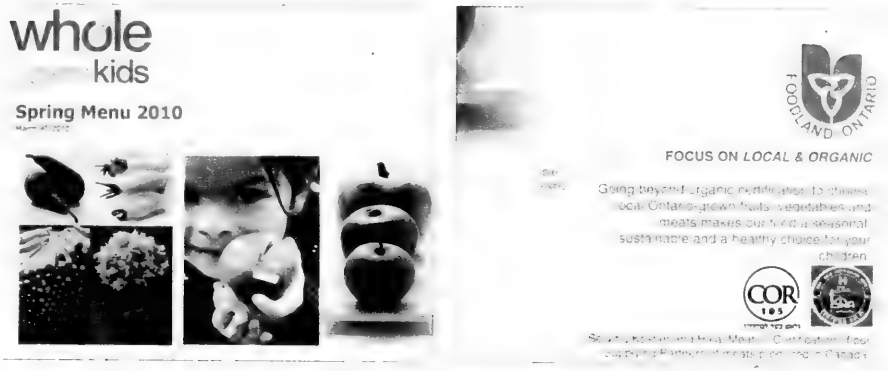
The Kashruth Council, the country's largest kosher certification agency, which oversees the COR hechsher, said it received a call from a consumer before the story broke.

"We had received a general inquiry a while back about it," said spokesperson Richard Rabkin, but a "cursory examination" concluded that "the product was not being advertised as kosher at all."

He admitted, however, that the council was unaware of an unauthorized COR logo that features prominently on the Whole Kids website's home page, which was still online last week. He also said the council was unaware of kosher claims throughout Whole Kids' menus and other materials. "There was no need for us to get involved in a specific way."

Whole Green Kids, which appears to be out of business, operated for three years, according to a "statement of facts" submitted by owner Susan Blouin to the *Toronto Star*. She claims the company employed more than 40 people and served more than 1,000,000 meals at 75 schools and daycares in Toronto and Ottawa before its alleged misdeeds came to light.

"All my schools were extremely happy with service and quality for years," she wrote, blaming "incompetent staff and personal vendettas" for the failure of her business and adding that she'd downsize with "much more professional people."



Images from the Whole Green Kids Spring Menu

That's unlikely, given a province-wide public health alert about the company following several food-safety violations

Blouin and her husband were renting a $2.2-million Etobicoke home and driving a Porsche Cayenne while charging daycares $3.70 per child per day for meals the company said contained "as much local and organic content as possible."

Whole Kids' spring 2010 menu offered "Free-Range Chicken Breast with Vegetarian Sauce" and "Ontario Garden Organic Vegetables and Homemade Hummus." It boasted that the food was "free of trans fats, artificial colouring and artificial preservatives" and used "non-GMO natural butter."

The menu, like the company's home page, displayed the COR 105 logo alongside the "Certified Halal" logo of the Islamic Society of North America as "certification of our supplying partners of meats," saying that "meal alternatives can be substituted for tofu or special cultural meats based on availability."

COR 105 is the hechsher number assigned to Shefa Meats, but even if Blouin had purchased meat from Shefa, it would have been reprocessed, cooked and repackaged in an unsupervised facility. It's unlikely she did, however, as the *Star* also reported that suppliers had been asked to write "kosher" and "halal" on meat labels.

Shefa did not respond to calls and e-mails for comment.

The CJN also received no reply after repeated attempts to contact Blouin, who made many other claims, such as buying meat from local organic supplier Beretta Farms. "We have not done business with Whole Kids since Fall 2009," owner Cynthia Beretta said.

Whole Kids also claimed to belong to the U.S.-based Whole Grains Council, which told *The CJN* that the company made only one annual payment, in 2008.

There are a few legitimate kosher daycare caterers, but the Kashruth Council's director of kashrut, foodservice division, Rabbi Tsvi Heber, said that such "meals would always be sent out with proper seals and stickers identifying meals as kosher under COR."

Inspection manager Joe DiLecce of the Canada Food Inspection Agency said falsely claiming to be kosher contravenes the Food and Drug Act, which "prohibits the use of the word kosher or any letter of the Hebrew alphabet," or anything "likely to create an impression that the food is kosher." It also forbids the ambiguous term "kosher style."

"We take any contravention of the Food and Drug Act seriously," DiLecce said, adding that consumers can contact the CFIA directly at 1-800-701-2737.

"Part of our investigation," says DiLecce, "is really to determine... what's the mindset?" Most commonly, a company buys kosher ingredients but uses them in an unsupervised facility. In most of these cases, a warning is sufficient.

But "if somebody's intent is blatantly fraud," DiLecce said, "we go to them and say, 'Show us [kashrut] documentation.'"

Penalties can include up to $50,000 in fines and six months in jail, but neither of these is common, and "indictment is pretty rare," DiLecce said.

The Kashruth Council can also take legal action if its logo is misused. Rabkin said consumers can call or e-mail the council (416-635-9550; questions@cor.ca) about suspicious products or companies.

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Muslims urged to embrace pluralism

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

The ongoing clash between western democratic values and fanatical Islam has nothing to do with Islam itself, but with moderate Muslims and non-Muslims who refuse to exercise the moral courage to speak truth to Islamist power.

This is the essence of the message that author and renowned progressive Muslim Irshad Manji gives to readers in her new book *Allah, Liberty & Love: The Courage To Reconcile Faith and Freedom* (2011 Random House Canada).

Irshad Manji
[Jimmy Jeong photo]

"Moderate Muslims are so consumed with western colonialism that they've diverted themselves from dealing with the imperialists *inside* Islam," she writes in one chapter of the book.

The need for the Muslim world to wake up, reflect and make the switch "from group victimhood to individual agency" is the key to stopping the spread of Islamo-fascism, Manji writes.

Speaking to *The CJN* in Toronto just prior to the local launch of her book, Manji explained why it's important that Muslims embrace pluralism and reject Islamo-tribalism, while non-Muslims must rebuff the urge to be moral relativists when it comes to Islamist culture today.

It's all about encouraging reform-minded Muslims to embark on what the Qur'an calls *ijtihad*, "Islam's tradition of critical thinking, debate and dissent," she said.

And she believes that huge numbers of reform-minded Muslims exist around the world. All they need is encouragement to speak up against an oppressive interpretation of Islam by many of their communal leaders, she said.

For Manji herself, this is a way of life. She writes openly and honestly about how she has always had a questioning nature, which landed her in trouble with her parents as well as with inflexible instructors at her Vancouver *madrassah* (Islamic school).

When it comes to Jews and Israel, Manji said the Qur'an has much to say on the subject, but many of these passages have been taken out of context.

"If we're going to have serious reinterpretation of the Qur'an for the sake of religious pluralism" then a discussion about how these passages can be interpreted as both positive and negative towards Jews is essential, she said.

Muslims need to stop "being fearful and ashamed" about interpreting the Qur'an in ways that contradict the Islamist interpretation. Honour killings, the debasement of women and the glorifying of violent jihad are not what Islam is truly about, Manji said.

As a book from God, she said, any interpretation is a human one, and thus potentially wrong. Only when Muslims are unafraid to admit this publicly can a healthy debate and discussion be had and dogma about the Qur'an is minimized.

Manji, who describes herself as a devout Muslim, said it's a "spiritual responsibility" for all three Abrahamic faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians – to create societies in which "we can disagree with one another with civility and in peace. Anything less is to usurp the mantle of God."

For Manji, this means that the worship of one God obliges her to "defend liberty," she said. "So Islam and freedom are compatible... one obligates a responsibility for the other."

As a freethinking Muslim, she said her own community must consist of more than just other like-minded Muslims. It needs to include Jews and all other so-called infidels, as described by many radical Muslim leaders who misquote the Qur'an.

"I define my community as a constituency of shared values, not on the basis of inherited identities. Which is why it is so obvious to me that Jews who believe in liberty, in universal human rights, freedom of expression and in pluralism of peaceful ideas... those Jews are part of my community," she said.

Manji cited her Facebook community as one of the "genuine" communities in her everyday life. She noted how her friends on the popular social networking site represent views from across the political spectrum, and hail from all faith groups. Most importantly, she said, they can freely challenge one another's beliefs and learn from each other.

She said as a person of faith she cannot abide by the idea that there is a truth that "can never change and should never change, precisely because I am not God. Only God knows the full and final truth of anything, so I embrace the fact I have limited knowledge" and she remains open to better arguments from others to inform her decisions and judgments. This position is one of moral courage in the face of intractable religious views, she said.

Manji hopes that her book and the ideas it disseminates – the same ones she promotes on the Internet via her website www.irshadmanji.com, where she also offers a free, downloadable reformist translation of the Qur'an – will have an impact on today's Muslim youth by letting them know that there are other ways of thinking and speaking "without dishonouring" their families.

Manji will discuss the book at the Toronto Reference Library (789 Yonge St.) on June 27 at 7 p.m.

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Media's responsibilities

Some weeks ago, the *Globe and Mail* published an extensive feature story by Patrick Martin about Hamas. Provocatively titled Inside Hamas, it now appears on the paper's website as part of a multimedia series of interviews and additional feature pieces. The scope and breadth of the *Globe*'s web series is indeed impressive. It brings a wide swath of points of view to bear on the question that underlines the series, namely, who and what is Hamas?

In advertising the series in the pages of its print edition, the paper offers its readers a chance to talk to Hamas. The *Globe* "asked readers to pose question for Hamas." Ahmed Yousef, an adviser to Ismail Haniyeh, Hamas' prime minister for the Gaza Strip answered the questions. Some of the questions of course, are cries from the heart of people troubled by Hamas. Some are sycophantic by people supportive of them. Not surprisingly however, all of Yousef's answers are self-serving, false and base propaganda.

When asked why Hamas does not allow the Red Cross to visit Gilad Schalit, Yousef answered that "Hamas cannot allow the Red Cross to have access to Gilad Schalit due to the compromising position this would put the Red Cross in. Knowledge of his whereabouts could compromise the position of a valued international organization in the Gaza Strip."

His answer is patent, nonsensical rubbish. The truth is that Hamas has not the slightest interest whatsoever in allowing the Red Cross to fulfill its humanitarian mission – which includes visiting prisoners or captive soldiers – regarding the Israeli soldier whom they kidnapped nearly five years ago.

When asked about the Hamas charter, Yousef answers "The covenant does not advocate the murder of Jews, but for the Palestinians to defend themselves against the continuing occupation."

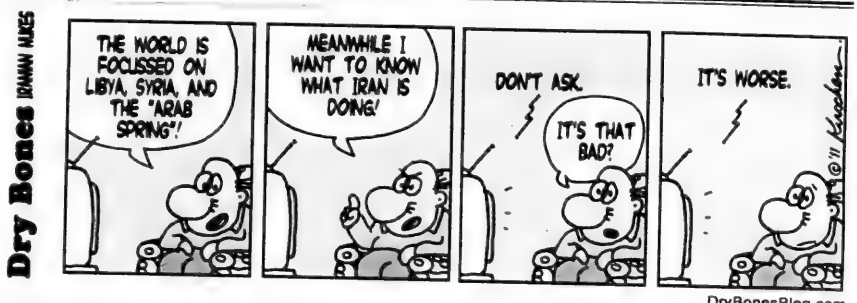
His answer is brazenly untrue. This is what appears on the subject in Article 7 of Hamas' charter, from the organization's website. "The prophet, prayer and peace be upon him, said: The time will not come until Muslims will fight the Jews (and kill them); until the Jews hide behind rocks and trees, which will cry: O Muslim! There is a Jew hiding behind me, come on and kill him!"

Hamas' foundational documents and its behaviour place beyond doubt that it is a terrorist organization – and officially considered as such by the Canadian government – that advocates genocide of the Jews and politicide of the Jewish state.

It is clear that through its series, the *Globe and Mail* has tried to advance the vexing discussion on Middle East peace. But we must ask ourselves are there not also any overriding responsibilities on the news media? In the interests of free speech, full and honest exchange of information, and truth, at what point does a newspaper stop serving democracy, humanity and the pursuit of peace and instead simply slide into being a mouthpiece for propagators of hatred, intolerance and genocide?

25 years ago in *The CJN*

Canada knew about war crimes allegations against Kurt Waldheim, the ex-UN secretary general and recent president-elect of Austria, when it accredited him as Austria's ambassador to Canada in the early 1960s, McGill University law professor Irwin Cotler charged.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Politics on Israel Day

In the upcoming 2011 Ontario provincial election, an estimated 96,200 residents have been franchised to cast their vote in the provincial riding of Thornhill. Approximately, 37 per cent, or 34,600, are Jewish. Since the riding was first created in 1999, each of the three past elections have been hotly contested. In 1999, the Progressive Conservatives won by only 343 votes. In 2003, the Liberals won by 796, and in 2007, the PCs won by 1,733. What makes this election interesting is that for the first time, both the PCs and Liberals are fielding high-profile Jewish candidates. I'm sure we are in for quite a battle. In fact, I suggest the gloves have already come off.

At the recent Israel Day event held at Mel Lastman Square, I was shocked to have to listen to one of the event organizers stand up on stage and promote Thornhill's incumbent PC candidate by politically associating him with the prime minister's pro-Israel stance. It saddens me greatly that this tactic would be used at a public event attended by many non-Jews. And if this incident is an example of what we are to expect in the months ahead, coupled with the demand for public funding for Jewish education from many, but not all of Thornhill's Jewish community, I can just imagine the negative response we will see emanating from the riding's remaining 61,600 non-Jewish voters. To quote former U.S. president Theodore Roosevelt: "The most practical kind of politics is the politics of decency." Based on what I observed during Israel Day, I somehow doubt we will see too much of this happening in Thornhill.

Alan L. Simons
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The Megillah narrative

I always enjoy reading Rabbi Dow Marmur's insightful columns. I would like to amplify on an important point he raised in his column "Artistic creativity and interfaith co-operation" (June 10). Rabbi Marmur indicates that there is some measure of question regarding the historicity of the events of Purim. He is absolutely correct. There are a number of rabbinic disputes regarding the unspoken details of the Megillah narrative. For example, Rashi and Tosafot, in their respective talmudic commentaries to Menachot 64b, argue whether the protagonist, Mordechai, lived until the end of the Second Temple era. Likewise, Rashi and Tosafot clash in their commentaries to Rosh Hashanah 3b-4a whether or not Darius was the son of Esther. On details of this nature, there is indeed plenty of room for rabbinic luminaries to disagree, and it is to this sphere of inquiry that Rabbi Marmur refers. At the same time, I presume that there is general rabbinic agreement that the basic event of the Megillah actually occurred (even though we do not know the background details), because the author of the Megillah is identified by the Talmud in Megillah 14a as a prophetess, and Maimonides' sixth principle of faith (of 13) is to believe that the words of the prophets are true.

Shalom Spira
Montreal

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Shoresh Jewish Environmental Programs

Thank you for featuring Shoresh's Kavanah Garden in *The CJN*'s Heebonics section ("Kavanah Garden entwines Judaism with environmentalism," June 2). One thing I would like to add is that Shoresh's Kavanah Garden would not exist without the support of our community partners. UJA Federation of Greater Toronto has graciously given us permission to develop the Kavanah Garden on their land at the Lebovic Jewish Community Campus while also providing us with financial and capacity building support. As well, we are grateful for the support of our granting agencies, including Environment Canada, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Earth Day Canada and the Natan Fund.

Risa Alyson Cooper, Director
Shoresh Jewish Environmental Programs

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Looking for an old friend

I am looking for an old school friend from 52 years ago. She may be in Canada. Her brother, Eric Levine, immigrated to Canada about 52 years ago. His family in Manchester, England, had an umbrella repair shop on Bury New Road. His sister was my friend, Myra Levine, who would be 67 now. Our school was Waterloo Road Jewish School, and we then went on to Wilton Polygon Jewish School.

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Journalist discovers Peruvian Jews died in the Holocaust

Roxana Olivera

Growing up in Catholic Peru, journalist Hugo Coya knew very little about the Holocaust. At school, he says, he was left under the impression that the death of the Jews of Europe had simply been part and parcel of the casualties of World War II. And, naturally, he never imagined that there would be any connection between that dark chapter of European history and his native Peru.

But a visit to Auschwitz changed all that.

At the death camp, after a guide presented him and his visiting group with piles of empty suitcases, shoes, eyeglasses, hair and canisters of Zyklon B, Coya says he felt a desperate need to understand what had happened there. He wondered: "Who knew what, and, when? Did Peruvians know about it? If so, what did they do about it?" Naively, he asked the guide whether any Peruvians had perished in the Holocaust.

"[The guide] looked at me quizzically. He looked into my eyes, wrinkled his eyebrows and said, 'Peruvians? What do you mean by Peruvians?'" Coya recollects from his office in Lima, a big smile on his face. "I said, 'From Peru. You've heard of Machu Picchu, right? Of the Nazca Lines?'" No reaction. "Then the guide said, 'To be frank, in the 10 years that I have been working here, you are the first person to ask me that question.' Then, he pointed me to a computer where I could type in my search."

A quick search on that computer produced a result that amazed Coya: Twenty-two Peruvians. "Even the guide was dumbfounded, and, needless to say, I was in absolute shock," Coya tells me. "Who were they? Why did they leave Peru?" he asked himself. "How did they end up in concentration camps? Did any of them survive? Did they try to seek assistance from the Peruvian government? We knew nothing about them in Peru. And, why was this historical tragedy not included in Peru's school curriculum?" Answers to those questions did not come to him as easily as it did with the one computer search.

His hunt for answers, he says, became nothing short of an obsession.

Three years into his research, Coya gathered enough information to put together the story of Héctor David Levy and his family. All this, he says, he accomplished with the assistance of the Memorial of the Shoah in Paris, the Beate Klarsfeld Foundation, the International Tracing Service, Yad Vashem and, he said, even from queries he placed on Facebook.

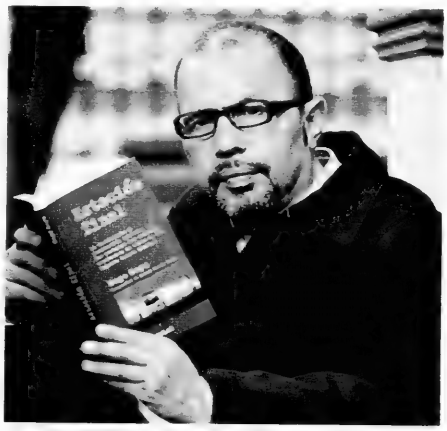
Levy was born of French parents, on June 7, 1898, in San Luis, Peru. In 1910, his mother took him, along with his three siblings, to Paris where he was to pursue a better education. He served in the French army during World War I. Having fought in the Battle of Verdun, Levy refused to believe that his life, and that of his young family, was in danger when the hunt for Jews began in France. While some of his relatives took shelter in Algeria, Levy was caught by surprise when he and his family were rounded up in Paris. On Dec. 13, 1943, he, his wife, Irène; his four-year-old son, Gérard, and his seven-month-old daughter, Michèle, were deported to Drancy, en route to Auschwitz. In Auschwitz, his wife and children were gassed on arrival. On April 4, 1944, unable to endure the hardships of forced labour, Levy was executed.

As Coya discovered the identities of the other Peruvian Jews, their individual stories began to unravel.

Having left Peru to settle temporarily in Paris, Jaime, Rosita and Florita Lindow shared a passion for haute couture. Indeed, Jaime and Rosita had worked alongside French fashion designers Lucien Lelong and Pierre Balmain. The plan these talented cousins envisioned was to save enough money to return to Peru, but tragically their lives were cut short in the gas chambers of Auschwitz in early 1944.

Coya's curiosity about another family, the Assas, took him to Istanbul, where, travelling at his own expense, he says, he had one of his most memorable moments. "I found myself sitting down while a group of rabbis searched their archives for material related to the Assas," he says, shaking his head. As it turned out, he and the rabbis did not share a common language in which they could communicate. Coya spoke to them in Spanish, while the rabbis replied to him in Ladino. Asked whether they were able to understand one another, he replies, with great laughter, "Just perfectly!"

While they were in Marseille, the Assa family was planning to return to Peru. Instead, the family of four ended up being deported to Sobibór. There, Eleazar, 22, and Jabijo, 21, took part in the Sobibór uprising that broke out on Oct. 14, 1943. "These young brothers took several rounds of bullets in their backs as they tried to cut the camp's fences with their bare hands," says Coya, raising his voice. "They sacrificed their lives so that their fellow prisoners could escape from the clutches of death, and we don't know anything about them in Peru?"



Hugo Coya with his book

As Coya carried on his investigation, he found the only survivor among the 22 Peruvians. Unlike most Peruvian Jews who were of French origin, Victoria Barouh was of Turkish and Greek background. In November 1930, Barouh, her mother, father and three younger siblings left Peru for the French town of Béziers in search of a better life. On May 30, 1944, she, along with her family, was sent to Auschwitz. That was the last time Barouh saw her family. She, however, survived Nazi horrors at four different camps.

Coya also came across the legendary story of a one-legged Peruvian Catholic woman who had joined the Resistance in France. Magdalena Truel Larrabure lost her leg after a Nazi tank collided with her on a sidewalk in the heart of Paris. During her rehabilitation, she witnessed the brutality facing her Jewish friends and neighbours. "Shortly afterwards," adds Coya, "she was fighting on their behalf."

Truel helped Jews by forging documents for the Allies in Paris. Unfortunately, the Nazis captured her, tortured her and deported her to Sachsenhausen in Germany. On May 3, 1945, she died along thousands of other prisoners during the infamous death march. Although Truel is unknown in Peru, she is recognized in France as a Resistance fighter. Peru's indifference toward Truel enrages Coya. "She deserves a monument!" he says. "Why is she buried as a mere statistic in some far away archives?"

As for the role that Peru played in the Holocaust, what did Coya find out?

It turns out that the president of Peru during this period, Oscar Benavides, had plans to launch his own version of Kristallnacht against the tiny Jewish community in Lima. Not only that, Coya got his hands on diplomatic cables in which high-ranking government officials instruct all consular personnel to deny visas to anyone of Jewish origin, and to deny admission to Peru to anyone who bears any "Jewish traits." The cables are dated Sept. 9, 1938.

In October 1942, the Peruvian government turned down an appeal made by the World Jewish Congress to grant visas to 200 Jewish children – aged four to 10 – who, having already become orphans in France, would have been adopted and looked after by Jewish families in Lima. In the end, the children died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz.

For nearly five years, Coya kept on his desk at home all his findings about the Peruvian Jews he had so carefully catalogued. One day, he says, his maid asked him, "Sir, what do I do with all those papers sitting on your desk? They are collecting moths and spider webs. Do I throw them out?" It was only at that point that Coya realized he had to do something about his research. "I had no concrete plans about what to do with all that material, so I decided to donate it to the Jewish community in Lima," he says, laughing.

To do so, he called Gustavo Gorriti, a personal friend and well-known journalist in Peru, asking him to introduce him to the rabbi. When Gorriti learned about Coya's research, he advised him to write a book. "He said to me, 'Are you crazy? You want to give away all this work? How many years have you spent on this investigation? This is a book!'"

Reluctantly, Coya contacted a publisher. Ten minutes into his conversation with the publisher, he says, he was already signing a contract to write a book. Before *Estación Final* (*Final Station*) hit the bookstores, Coya's book was already sold out. His book is now a bestseller in Peru, and on its third reprinting since it was first published in May 2010. It has even made its way to the stalls of Lima's informal book market, a market well-known for its huge selection of pirated book editions.

Coya's search about Peru's role in the Holocaust is far from over. He says he has enough material to write two more books on the same topic. But before then, he wants to have *Estación Final* translated to Hebrew. And he said the longest avenue in Lima should be renamed, as the current one bears the name of president Oscar Benavides – the same president who set into motion the anti-Jewish measures.

"It is obscene to continue to pay homage to that fascist dictator," he says, pounding his fist on his desk. "That avenue should, instead, bear the name of one of the Peruvian victims of the Holocaust."

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Tough decisions in a hard environment

On March 26, 2001, early in the second Palestinian intifadah, Mahmud Amro, a Fatah-Tanzim sniper, positioned himself on the heights of Abu Sneina, a neighbourhood in Hebron that had been turned over to Palestinian Authority jurisdiction. He took aim at a man standing well below, at the entrance to Avraham Avinu, an enclave that's part of the city's renewed Jewish community. Instead of striking the man directly, Amro's shot hit his target's 10-month old daughter, Shalhevet Pass, killing her. Her father, Yitzchak, sustained a leg wound from the bullet's ricochet.

In the days following this terrible act of terrorism, all hell broke loose. At first, the toddler's parents refused to bury her, insisting the Israel Defence Forces re-conquer Abu Sneina before the funeral.

After her parents finally acquiesced to Shalhevet's burial, residents of Hebron's Jewish community rampaged vengefully through the city, ransacking Arab shops, destroying Palestinian vehicles, homes and businesses. Human rights groups claimed the army and police stood idly by.

In the ensuing months, several Arabs were shot at as they drove through different places in the West Bank. One was killed. Several were injured. A group calling itself the Shalhevet-Gilad Brigade claimed responsibility.

Later, in July 2003, Yitzchak Pass was arrested at a roadblock just north of Jerusalem, together with his brother-in-law. Eight blocks of explosives were discovered in the car they were in. Initially suspected of more serious security offences against Palestinians, Pass was eventually indicted for illegal possession of explosives, receiving a two-year prison sentence.

Yair Lootsteen in Jerusalem

Amro, Shalhevet's murderer, was caught nearly two years after committing his heinous crime. He was sentenced to three concurrent life sentences for her murder and for his part in organizing a suicide bombing in Jerusalem's Machane Yehuda market that killed six people.

So where does this take us and why retell this sad, disturbing story? Well, to remind ourselves that some things haven't changed at all in the 10 years since Shalhevet Pass' murder, but others have.

The second intifadah is well behind us, mainly due to the immeasurable efforts of the IDF and General Security Services (the Shin Bet). West Bank Palestinians seem to understand that they won't achieve their nationalist aspirations through violence. Terror attacks against Israelis are at a decade-long low.

Hebron is still volatile. It's a powder keg that's almost always ready to explode, with several hundred Israelis living in an enclave brimming with ancient, biblical Jewish history as well as that of more recent, turbulent times. They're cordoned off from the thousands of Palestinians with whom they share the city, many of whose basic rights are limited to ensure the Israelis' security.

Next to an Israeli-Palestinian agreement on the future of Jerusalem, there are few issues that will be as contentious and as difficult to resolve as those relating to Hebron. That's not new, but it's a real shame, because a truly peaceful Hebron has the potential to become a wonderful Mideast tourist destination.

The lack of sufficient law enforcement in the West Bank is also not new. Ten years after the riots after Shalhevet Pass' murder, some extremist Israelis still believe they can and must take the law into their own hands when things don't go their way. They describe their unlawful actions as the "price tag" that others, mostly Palestinians, must pay when they are frustrated.

Most recently, the day before Shavuot, a mosque was torched in the Samarian village of Maghayer, and graffiti was sprayed on one of its walls in Hebrew that read "price tag Alei Ayin," apparently referring to an unauthorized outpost not far from Maghayer that had been destroyed by Israeli authorities days earlier.

The police are investigating this inexcusable act.

Meanwhile, Amro remains a detestable terrorist who deserves to spend the rest of his days rotting behind bars. It would not, however, be terribly surprising to find his name on the list of hundreds of prisoners that Hamas demands in exchange for Gilad Schalit, the IDF soldier kidnapped five years ago on the border between Israel and Gaza.

Israel has a moral obligation to reunite Schalit with his family. The price will be high. Terrorists such as Amro will, unfortunately, be released.

Life here is complicated. Difficult decisions are made in complex and changing surroundings. Not all is grim, however. Results take longer than anticipated, but there is room for hopefulness.

Netanyahu and the narrative wars

Many of the "expert" talking heads on the Middle East – diplomats, academics, journalists, etc. – are clueless, and this is particularly true regarding Israel. Instead, they project their biases and repeat the "conventional wisdom" with conviction, but little insight.

This pattern was repeated in the analyses of the Obama-Netanyahu speech marathon that took place recently in Washington, D.C. In the *Globe and Mail*, for example, Paul Koring wrote that the "hard line" and "tough-talking [Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu refused to budge," offering "only the tiniest glimmers of hope" for peace. Similarly, a *New York Times* headline dismissively read "Netanyahu Gives No Ground in Congress Speech."

This analysis again missed the reality on the ground, in which the main issue is not a distant peace, but rather a deadly narrative war waged by the Palestinians and their supporters. In a pre-emptive attack launched just before Netanyahu's arrival, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas (a moderate in comparison to Hamas) repeated the myths in an article published in the *New York Times*.

Abbas' highly articulate ghostwriters invoked the invented history of 1948 in which "Zionist forces expelled Palestinian Arabs to ensure a decisive Jewish majority in the future state of Israel, and Arab armies intervened." Erasing the Jewish victims of mass terror, and reversing the cause and effect of the Arab invasion, Abbas highlights victims such as himself, living as refugees in tents, while being "denied that most basic of human rights." The tale then invokes the fictitious "1967 borders" (actually the 1949 ceasefire lines), and "occupied territories" as obstacles to peace.

This mythology of Palestinian victimhood and Israeli aggression fuels the continued violence, as well as the demonization of Israel via boycotts and related campaigns. It's the antithesis of the negotiations and compromise necessary for a peaceful outcome. Extending these lies to the present, Abbas wrote that: "it was the descendants of these expelled Palestinians who were shot and wounded by Israeli forces... as they tried to symbolically exercise their right to return to their families' homes."

In response, Netanyahu's challenge on the stage of the U.S. Congress, and before a global audience, was to recapture some of the tortured history. Netanyahu is uniquely qualified for the task, and every word echoed this objective. In contrast to the propaganda painting Israel as a foreign invader, he reminded everyone that, "This is the land of our forefathers, the Land of Israel, to which Abraham brought the idea of one God, where David set out to confront Goliath, and where Isaiah saw a vision of eternal peace. No distortion of history can deny the 4,000-year-old bond between the Jewish people and the Jewish land."

His target audience also included Jews and Israelis – particularly rebellious students and members of anti-establishment groups such as J Street – who have no memory of 1947 or 1967. In place of unabated and violent Arab rejectionism, many embrace the myth that post-1967 Israeli policies and settlements are the main obstacle to readily attainable peace.

Gerald Steinberg in Jerusalem

Netanyahu also sought to bring this generation back to the difficult realities, reminding them: "Our conflict has never been about the establishment of a Palestinian state. It has always been about the existence of the Jewish state... In 1947, the United Nations voted to partition the land... The Jews said yes. The Palestinians said no. They were simply unwilling to end the conflict."

For most of the past 20 years – when some Israelis mistakenly thought that the Oslo peace process had ended the conflict – Palestinian myths have marched unopposed across the propaganda battlefield. They have conquered campuses, newsrooms and foreign ministries filled with Arabist diplomats. While they're falsely accusing Israelis of violating human rights, Netanyahu reminded his audience, Arab leaders, including Abbas, "continue to educate their children to hate. They continue to name public squares after terrorists. And worst of all, they continue to perpetuate the fantasy that Israel will one day be flooded by the descendants of Palestinian refugees."

The experts missed all of this, and the fact that before the conditions necessary for peace and compromise can emerge, the pro-Palestinian armies must first be defeated in the narrative wars. By leading the counterattack, and giving no ground to the mythmakers, Netanyahu is making an important contribution toward eventually ending the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The Lodz ghetto in song and historical context

In the summer of 1998, David Kaufman, a Toronto independent filmmaker and a klezmer aficionado, attended the KlezKanada music festival, held annually at Camp B'nai Brith in the Laurentian mountains north of Montreal.

Kaufman, a former Montrealer fond of popular Jewish music, was at the festival to make a documentary about the klezmer revival. Brave Old World, a band that had played a remarkable role in reviving klezmer, was at KlezKanada to perform Yiddish songs from the Lodz ghetto – the last one in Poland to be liquidated by the Nazis – written by Yankele Herszcowicz, a Holocaust survivor who had been a popular troubador in the ghetto until his deportation to Auschwitz.

Kaufman, whose intention was to showcase Brave Old World in his film, was mesmerized, "completely blown away," by the band. "They were wonderful, the Beatles of the Jewish world."

He was particularly impressed by Brave Old World's interpretation of Herszcowicz's bittersweet songs, which he had never heard, and reflected the fears and hopes of the ghetto's bedraggled, starving inhabitants.

Impressed by the power and "Brechtian detachment" of his songs, Kaufman, now 63, knew he wanted to make a film that both encapsulated Brave Old World's performance and the story of the Lodz ghetto, which the Nazis sealed in 1940 and liquidated in 1944.

Almost a decade would elapse before Kaufman made *Song of the Lodz Ghetto*, which had its debut at last year's Ashkenaz festival in Toronto and was screened at Toronto's Jewish Film Festival last month.

During the interval, Kaufman – a former CBC TV producer and director who had worked for *The Journal* and *The Fifth Estate* – made *The New Klezmorim: Voices Inside the Revival of Yiddish Music*, which premiered at the Jewish Film Festival in Toronto in 2000 and was subsequently broadcast on 13 PBS stations in the United States and on Bravo! TV in Canada.

Kaufman, whose first film was titled *A.M. Klein: The Poet As Landscape*, a 1980 biopic about one of Canada's finest poets, churned out a succession of still more films before finally getting around to *Song of the Lodz Ghetto*. After *The New Klezmorim*, Kaufman made a short film on the American Jewish writer Roger Kamenetz for the CBC and Vision TV and two documentaries on Kristallnacht (*Night of the Reich's Pogrom*) and on a ghetto revolt (*From Despair to Defiance: The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising*) for the History Channel .

It was not by chance that Kaufman – the son of an immigrant

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

from Ukraine who settled in Canada in 1917 – was interested in the Holocaust. "When I attended Adath Israel day school in Montreal, many of my classmates were the children of survivors. So at a young age, the Holocaust was part of my cultural world."

Kaufman's interest in the Holocaust was reinforced by his wife, Naomi Alboim, a public policy consultant, Queen's University adjunct professor and former deputy minister in the Ontario government whose mother managed to leave Warsaw shortly after Germany's invasion of Poland in 1939.

In 2005, Kaufman was finally ready to cast aside all distractions and get down to the business of making *Song of the Lodz Ghetto*.

With two foundations having promised to cover some of his expenses, Kaufman devised plans to videotape a Brave Old World concert of Herszcowicz's songs. A serious illness sidelined Kaufman, once again delaying the project.

After his recovery, Kaufman ran into an old benefactor, Montreal businessman Hersh Segal, who had helped finance his A.M. Klein film. Having secured Segal's assistance yet again, Kaufman brought Brave Old World to Toronto in April 2007 for two concerts of the Lodz ghetto program.

David Kaufman

The following summer, he went to France, Poland and Israel to complete his research and interviews.

Since *Song of the Lodz Ghetto* is "a feast of historical photography," as Kaufman describes it, he spent countless hours in archives sifting through some 10,000 images, the largest collection of ghetto photographs

He chose 300 images, some of which were taken from the ghetto's official photographers, Mendel Grossman and Henryk Ross (who immigrated to Israel shortly after the war). Kaufman also obtained the colour slides of Walter Genewein, a German accountant who was employed by the Nazi occupation administration.

Kaufman conducted interviews with Chava Rosenfarb, the Yiddish writer; Jo Wajsblat, Herszcowicz's best friend, and a host of survivors, all of whom were teenagers during the war. As well, he interviewed two Israeli scholars: Gila Flam, an ethnomusicologist who compiled the first major collection of songs from the ghetto, and Michael Ungar, who wrote a monograph on the ghetto.

Kaufman's documentary, deftly fusing music with historical narrative, is not by any means the first movie about the ghetto. Alan Adelson's *Lodz Ghetto* came first in 1989. While Kaufman thinks that *Lodz Ghetto*, based on diaries kept by its inhabitants, is "a very good" film, he points out that it is bereft of interviews with survivors and has a minimal musical score. By contrast, *Song of the Lodz Ghetto* breaks new ground by virtue of its conventional narration and recollections of survivors.

Song of the Lodz Ghetto revolves around two diametrically opposing figures – Herszcowicz, a tailor who literally sang to support himself amid incredible hardship, and Chaim Rumkowski, the elder of the ghetto who was appointed by the Nazis to maintain order.

Kaufman, who likens Herszcowicz to Bob Dylan, claims his songs uplifted the sagging spirit of ghetto dwellers and symbolized "the transformative power of music." He wrote 33 songs with texts, notably *Rumkowski Chaim*, *A Gantz Fayn Mazltov* and *Es Geyt a Yeke*.

Chaim Rumkowski

"Herszcowicz was the most outspoken opposition figure to Rumkowski," said Kaufman, a McGill University graduate who majored in English literature and co-founded the Jewish Student Press Service with the late David Twersky. "He got away with his criticism, at least for a while, because he was smart and funny."

Having survived Auschwitz, Herszcowicz returned to Lodz, married a Catholic Pole and raised a family. In a tragic turn of events after Poland launched a state-sponsored antisemitic campaign, he committed suicide.

Rumkowski, who gambled he could save Jewish lives by transforming the ghetto into a giant factory for the German effort, remains a controversial figure to this day.

Kaufman is of the opinion that Rumkowski's strategy, born of sheer desperation, was an intelligent one. But ultimately, he was at the utter mercy of the Nazis, whose overarching policy was the extermination of European Jews.

"It's far-fetched to call him a collaborator. His foremost concern was the well-being of Jews. But he was corrupt and promoted a cult of the personality."

Kaufman, an avid photographer whose exhibitions have appeared in Toronto and Montreal, has just begun marketing *Song of the Lodz Ghetto*.

In the meantime, there will be further screenings in Toronto in the fall and a screening at the Rochester Jewish Film Festival next month.

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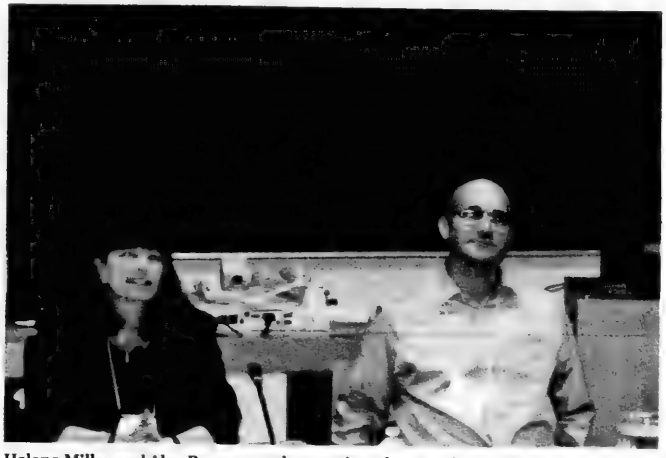

Helena Miller and Alex Pomson at the opening plenary of the Network for Research in Jewish Education conference. *[Frances Kraft photo]*

Jewish education book launched

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

The International Handbook of Jewish Education, a two-volume tome published by Springer Science & Business Media in April, was launched June 12 at the 25th annual conference of the Network for Research in Jewish Education.

The academic meeting, held for only the second time in Canada, was hosted by York University's faculty of education and Israel & Golda Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies. Some 75 academics attended the three-day conference.

Twenty-five years ago, a book on research in Jewish education with 69 chapters, 89 authors, and more than 1,300 pages, would have been unimaginable, said Michael Zeldin of Hebrew Union College (HUC) in Los Angeles, who chaired the opening plenary and wrote the book's preface.

At the plenary, the book's co-editors – Helena Miller, Alex Pomson and Lisa Grant – discussed "Key questions of research in Jewish education," with Grant participating by video conference from Jerusalem.

Miller – who is research and evaluation director of UJIA in London, England – spearheaded the project after learning of a comparable book on Catholic education three years ago. She enlisted Grant, of Hebrew Union College, and Pomson – formerly a Koschitzky Family Chair of Jewish Teacher Education at York, and now based at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem – to round out the group of editors geographically, and also because they are "the absolute best in their field," she said.

Among the target audience for the book are graduate students and emerging researchers, Grant said.

Despite the size of the book, however, there are some gaps, she added.

Miller told *The CJN* that there is no chapter about Jewish education in South Africa or Germany, although the book addresses Jewish education in a range of places like the former Soviet Union and the Netherlands.

Also, Pomson told *The CJN* that the editors would have liked to include a chapter about the increasing influence of philanthropic foundations.

He noted later in the plenary that some participants had started to address the issue but "kind of froze" for fear of jeopardizing funding. The closest the book comes to addressing the issue is a chapter on the intersection between foundations and informal Jewish education, he said.

Miller's biggest regret about the book, she said, is its price ($599 U.S.). Parts of the book are available online at http://www.springerlink.com/content/978-94-007-0353-7#section=878172&page=2&locus=99.

Pomson said he hopes the book will lead to interest in comparative research in Jewish education, such as geographic and cross-cultural comparisons. "What one learns is really quite fascinating," he said. "It requires funders with a global vision."

Miller said that she and Pomson will soon begin researching the effect of Jewish day schools in the London area on the lives of families. The book doesn't have a chapter on families per se, but "families come through very strongly" in sections on parents, gender and intermarriage.

Other current issues in Jewish education include Jewish identity and Israel education, Miller told *The CJN*. As well, she noted emerging fields like technology, gender, and pluralistic education, were addressed at some of the conference sessions.

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Chabad Youth Network holds awards night

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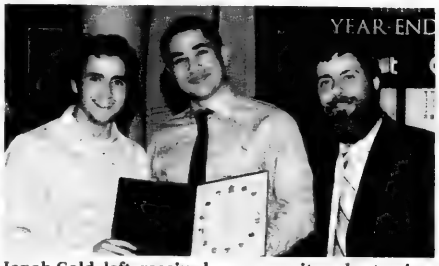
Chabad Youth Network (CYN) of Ontario recently capped off the school year with an award ceremony for the participants of the Torah 4 Teens (T4T) and Teens For the Community (TFC) programs.

More than 100 teens participate in activities and fundraising events to benefit Jewish communities in the Toronto area through TFC. T4T, the educational arm of CYN, offers professionally developed, Education Ministry-approved high school courses in Jewish philosophy and biblical commentary to over 200 students weekly.

At the June 6 event, MC and TFC volunteer Danielle Elmaleh recalled that "during one of our meetings, we decided to make lunch bags for kids our age without shelter... this event was so significant to me because those kids who needed these lunches were my age, and they needed my help.

"And all of a sudden, the test I had next week and the project I had due didn't matter anymore, because the feelings the volunteers get after we truly help someone is better than any feeling in the world."

Echoing her sentiment, two-time TFC South president Michael Saskin said: "It is difficult to explain how much we volunteers benefit from TFC. First, it is a chance to gather with your friends and enjoy yourselves while making a positive impact on the world. Secondly, we benefit from doing such amazing things to help the community that we never would have done otherwise. Lastly, there is an inexplicable feeling of satisfaction when looking back on the great things we have done."



Jonah Gold, left, received a community volunteerism award from Sam Eskenasi, assistant to MP Mark Adler, centre, and Rabbi Shmuli Nachlas, CYN director.
[*Ben Katan Photography*]

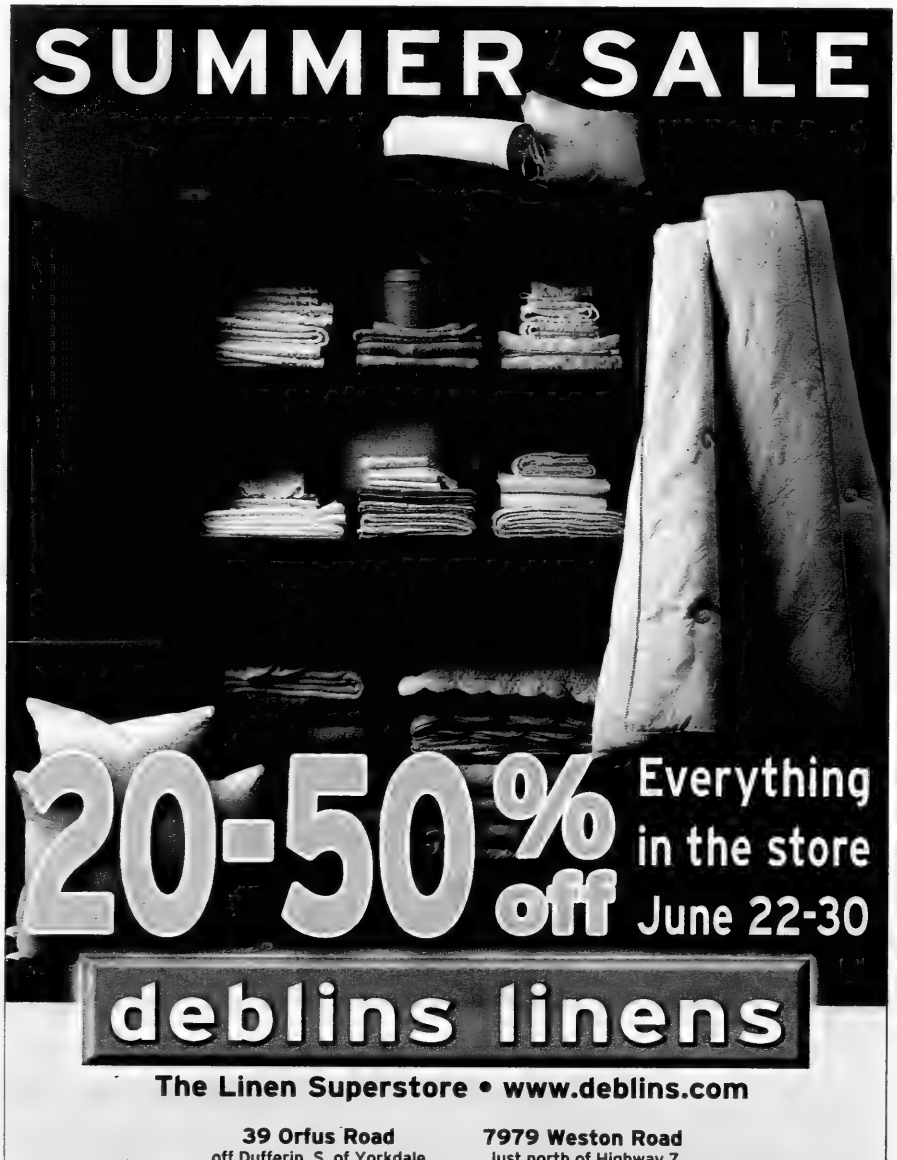
Robbie Raskin, who received an award through the T4T program, said: "In class, we take issues from today's society and discuss them from a Jewish perspective. It's pretty cool to see how some of the underlying messages of the Torah are being portrayed in our everyday lives."

Sylvia Babins, the mother of two boys who participate in both T4T and TFC, said: "We as parents believe that we should be inspiring and instilling morals into our children that will get them through life and teach them to be good people. But let me tell you that there is a big role reversal in my house."

Rabbi Shmuli Nachlas, CYN's director, said that the "teens have consistently demonstrated their dedication and exceptional work ethic, and we're pleased to acknowledge everyone involved for their diligence and achievements."

CYN is not affiliated with any particular synagogue or community. It is run as an independent organization, with a broad vision to cater to the unique needs of any and all Jewish teens in the Toronto area.

For more information about TFC, T4T or CYN, visit www.JewishYouth.ca or call 905-889-7582.



SIDDUR CELEBRATION: Students at Associated Hebrew Schools Posluns Education Centre on Neptune Drive recently celebrated the publication of their very own siddur – *Siddur Imre Pi* (The Words of My Mouth). This year-long project saw students in every grade contributing to the siddur, some of which were completed with the help of an artist in residence. Pictured are current Grade 6 students who completed their projects last year and returned to Posluns for a special tfillah service and celebration.

Leo Baeck purchases school for south campus

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

The Leo Baeck Day School announced last week that its south campus will move from Holy Blossom Temple to the building that is now Arlington Middle School, on the west side of Cedarvale Park, in September 2012.

The largest Reform Jewish day school in North America – with 375 students at Holy Blossom and 510 at its north campus in Thornhill – has entered into an agreement of sale and is currently in a period of due diligence, head of school Eric Petersiel told *The CJN*.

In a June 17 e-mail to parents, Petersiel and Laurie Davis, president of the 37-year-old school, wrote that they expect the sale to close Aug. 24, barring unforeseen serious issues.

The Toronto District School Board building is being purchased through the Toronto Lands Corporation, a subsidiary of the TDSB, which agreed to the sale June 14.

The TDSB had decided to close the 90,000-square-foot 40-year-old building, which is 1.89 kilometres from Holy Blossom, and modify four surrounding schools to accommodate the middle school grades, the e-mail said.

Petersiel told *The CJN* that the projected cost to Leo Baeck to buy and renovate Arlington would be less than the original proposed redevelopment that was to have been included as part of renovation plans at Holy Blossom.

"We're quite confident that the financing will have minimal impact on our school," he said, adding that there may be a "modest increase" in tuition. Renovations at Arlington are expected to begin in September and continue for a year while students remain at Holy Blossom.

Although Petersiel said he believes a religious Jewish day school is best served in a synagogue environment, Holy Blossom, where Leo Baeck has been a tenant for 19 years, has "a lack of adequate play space, a lack of room for potential growth and a lack of outdoor and indoor play facilities." As well, he noted, its 24,000 square feet of space is significantly smaller than Arlington.

Mark Anshan, president of Holy Blossom, said the synagogue is "delighted for Leo Baeck. We think it's an amazing opportunity for them… We support them fully, and will continue to support them and to see them as close and important partners."

Holy Blossom is still going ahead with its renewal project, but its scope and nature will be different, Anshan told *The CJN*.

In an e-mail to congregants last Friday, Anshan wrote that all of the synagogue's major donors have "strongly reaffirmed their commitment." As well, he added, "with $18.7 million raised thus far, and with the costs of the project expected to significantly decrease" without Leo Baeck as part of it, "we are now actually closer to reaching the 85% of our total costs threshold than we were before."

Holy Blossom's architects, Diamond and Schmitt, are reworking their plans, which include a central atrium a restored sanctuary, a new larger family chapel, and a renovated social hall, Anshan wrote.

The school facilities, which have been shared in the past, will continue to be used for Holy Blossom's supplementary, nursery and Hebrew schools. Other uses are also being considered, Anshan said.

An information meeting for Leo Baeck parents is scheduled for June 27, and a fall gathering is in the works for Holy Blossom congregants, with details to be sent over the summer.

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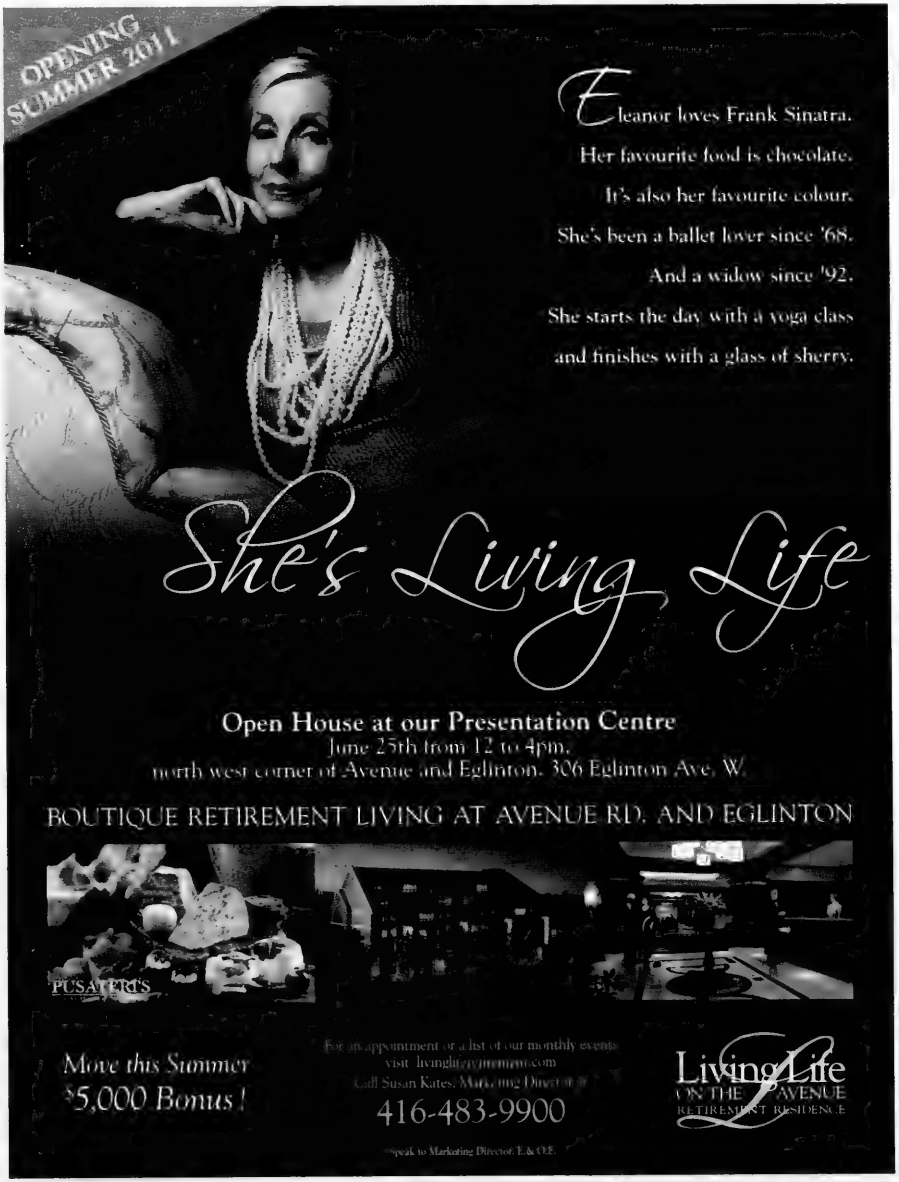
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Congregation opens in Thornhill Woods

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Rabbi Erin Polonsky's office at Temple Sinai Congregation, where she has served as associate rabbi for seven years, was filled with moving boxes last week as the 36-year-old mother of three prepared to wind down her duties at the temple and take on the leadership of a brand-new congregation.

As of July 1, she will be the spiritual leader of Neshamah Congregation of York Region (neshamah.ca), a Reform congregation based in Thornhill Woods.

Neshamah (which means "soul") owes its existence to two lay leaders at Temple Sinai, who are also leaders in the Reform movement: Austin Beutel and Stephen Morrison.

Morrison credited Beutel more than himself for observing "the need for a more significant [Reform] presence in Thornhill."

The area has two longstanding Reform congregations: Temple Har Zion, about 10 kilometres away on Bayview Avenue, and Temple Kol Ami, which is closer but "has elected to stay fairly small," according to Morrison.

He noted that having a congregational rabbi from the time of a synagogue's inception is unusual. "Most new congregations, at least in the Reform and Conservative movements, start with a lay base, then when they get large enough to afford a rabbi, they hire one on a part-time basis."

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Rabbi Polonsky, who grew up in Thornhill and whose family joined Temple Sinai when she was a preschooler, recently moved north again, to be part of the community she wants to serve, and is of the same demographic as the majority of the anticipated congregants.

The synagogue's president, Jeremy Rakowsky, also typifies the demographic the founders have in mind. Rakowsky, 38, and his wife Robin are the parents of two children, age 9 and 7.

Although he grew up in the city, he said in a joint interview with Rabbi Polonsky at Temple Sinai, most of his friends have moved north.

"There's a huge group of us," he said, referring to young families in Thornhill with two working parents, and looking to affiliate with a synagogue close to home where they can educate their children Jewishly. A Sunday school will open this fall, according to the website.

For now, the rabbi's office will be in her home, and synagogue services will be held at the North Thornhill Community Centre, except for the High Holidays, when they will be at La Gondola banquet hall in Concord.

Prayer books will likely be stored at Rabbi Polonsky's house, or at Rakowsky's. "It will require some shlepping," she admitted. "But that's also what builds community, rolling up your sleeves together. It's exciting."

She said she has a passion for working with young families and showing children that "there's a Jewish angle to what they're watching on TV and learning in school, and that it really is all connected. You don't have to put your Jewish hat on when you come into the synagogue and take it off the other times. It's just the lens that we look at the world through all the time."

Rabbi Erin Polonsky, left, and Jeremy Rakowsky – rabbi and president of Neshamah Congregation. *[F. Kraft photo]*

Overall, she envisions a "friendly, easygoing, comfortable atmosphere" at the synagogue. "I think the overarching theme is accessibility and openness and acceptance."

Annual membership dues are intentionally low, at $500 per family. "People are not affiliating because it's too expensive, even though every synagogue says, 'We won't refuse you,'" the rabbi said.

Rakowsky added that founders intend to keep the congregation "as green as possible" by eschewing the use of paper in favour of e-mail, a blog, the website, Facebook, and the rabbi's Twitter column (RabbiErin).

Rabbi Polonsky also plans to incorporate "virtual tfillah" aspects into some of the services, projecting prayers onto a screen as well as images that encourage thoughts related to the words of the prayers.

"Our kids are in a digital world," said Rakowsky.

Children will also have access to musical instruments "so they can be part of making music" at the services, the rabbi said. "We love to sing."

Rakowsky, who also grew up at Temple Sinai, said the new synagogue's mission statement is "The traditions we grew up with, for today's world.

"I want my kids to know where they came from, and to know their traditions."

Neshamah Congregation's first official Shabbat service will be on July 22.

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Learning at The CJN

Marni Shankman
Co-op Student

I've been at *The Canadian Jewish News* for almost four months now, and my time here is winding to an end.

I first came to *The CJN* as part of a school initiative to help students prepare themselves for the working world. Instead of learning in the classroom, we learn and experience first-hand what it means to be an employee, in office buildings, hotels and hospitals.

Coming to the office at 8:30 a.m. and leaving at 11:30 to go back to my afternoon classes, I spend my mornings at my desk, updating *The CJN*'s online blog, Heebonics, and working on articles I have been assigned.

At first, coming to *The CJN*, I was unsure of what to expect. I was nervous, and a little intimidated.

I was worried that I wouldn't be able to keep up with the other writers, or write articles that were good enough for the newspaper. I had no experience writing for a newspaper, and knew that I would be way behind the rest of *The CJN* staff.

However, when I arrived, everybody made me feel welcome and helped me with any problems that I had, so I was able to adapt very easily to the work setting.

The editor of the paper, Mordechai Ben-Dat, helped me immensely when it came to learning and improving my skills. Every week, he taught me something new about the paper, whether it was how to choose pictures for upcoming issues, how to arrange articles in newspaper format or how he responds to letters sent to the paper. I have learned a whole lot simply by listening to him.

I chose *The CJN* as my placement because of the Jewish component. Being from a family of avid *CJN* readers, it seemed obvious to me that I would want to choose it, and I especially liked the idea of being at a newspaper that was so community oriented. The main goal of *The CJN* is to keep the Jewish community of Canada connected and informed, and I wanted to be a part of that.

I'd like to think I made some kind of impact during my time at the newspaper, no matter how small it was. I realize now that I've had an opportunity that others would love to have.

I have spent four months at an award-winning newspaper, learning, and improving my skills with the help of newspaper professionals. I now know how to update blogs and turn rough notes into articles, and I was even lucky enough to interview the author of a book I reviewed. I have updated Heebonics and have seen the website read by people all over the world. It gives me a great sense of accomplishment to know that the words that I have written are being read by people across the globe.

These past four months have helped me realize that journalism is a career that I want to pursue. I love the feeling of being published, and knowing that your opinions are agreed (or disagreed) with by thousands of people.

I remember sitting in my classroom, and my teacher telling me that the time at our placements would fly by and be over before we knew it. I didn't believe him then, but I guess he was right. My time here has passed by so quickly; I don't know where it has gone.

I've learned so much in these short months and am thankful to Mordechai and the rest of *The CJN* staff for taking a chance on me, and allowing me to come to learn from them. It's an experience that I will always remember, and I will certainly miss coming in to work at the paper.

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חאמזה אל חטיב- הטרגדיה הסורית

חאמזה אל חטיב היה ילד סורי בן 13 שאהב לשחות במתקן ההשקייה בחווה המשפחתית. ב-29 באפריל הוא הצטרף לאביו להפגנה נגד השלטונות הסוריים בעיר דרעה. שירותי הבטחון עצרו אותו ומאז לא נראה שוב. כעבור חודש הוחזרה גופתו למשפחה, כשהיא שבורה, ירוייה וסימני התעללות ברורים ניכרים בה. שירותי הבטחון שברו את לסתותיו ואת שתי ברכיו, גופו כוסה בכוויות סיגריות ואבר המין שלו הושחת. על גופו היו סימנים מכות חשמל. כאשר רשת אל ג'זירה פרסמה את התמונות המזעזעות האלה, גלים של מחאות זעם פשטו בכל סוריה. אנשים הבינו פתאום שאם השירותים החשאיים של אסאד מסוגלים לעשות את זה לילד בן שלוש עשרה- אף אחד בסוריה איננו יכול להרגיש בטוח יותר. חמזה אל חאטיב הפך לדגל שהולך בראש ההפגנות שהולכות ומחמירות משבוע לשבוע.

סוריה שונה ממצרים, כי השבט העלאווי של אסאד הוא מיעוט קטן- וברור להם שהם בעצם נלחמים על חייהם- איש מהם לא יישאר חי אם יפסידו, כולל אסאד עצמו. לי אישית, המחשבה שהאכזריות הזאת מונהגת על ידי רופא מזעזעת שבעתיים. לי כישראלי היא רק מראה שוב בחריפות באיזה חבל עולם מחורבן נמצאת ישראל, ועם אילו כוחות אפלים היא צריכה לנסות לעשות שלום.

ישראל מצילה חיים של ילדים פלשתינאיים

אני פותח את הגלוב אנד מייל, שאיננו ידוע באהדה לישראל, ומוצא על פני שני עמודים שלמים כתבה ענקית על ארגון ישראלי שמציל ילדים שזקוקים לניתוחי לב ("להציל לב של ילד"). מחצית הילדים הם פלשתינאים, והארגון הזה מצליח לשבור להם את המיתוס האנטי ישראלי. הכתב נסע לבית חולים וולפסון בחולון וראיין את ההורים, הילדים, המנתחים, האחיות. מה אומר לכם- ליבי רחב מגאווה. כפי שאומר הקונסול אמיר גיסין- זו צריכה להיות התשובה הישראלית למסע ההסתה נגד ישראל במקום לנסות להיראות מסכנים וקורבנות טרור. גם אם המעשים האלה לא יגרמו לטרוריסטים להפסיק את מעשיהם- ישראל אומרת לעולם- אנחנו בני אדם, ילדים הם ילדים, ואם חיות האדם שאחראים על גורלם לא שמים עליהם- זו בעייה שלהם. אבל שישאר בינינו.

מחיר החופש-יהודם פירוצקי

אין ישראלי שלא היה רוצה לראות את גלעד שליט שב הביתה בריא ושלם, כולל שרי הממשלה וקודקודם, שעבורם זה שווה יוקרה פלוס מושבים. אך בניגוד לאזרחים וחברי אופוזיציה, לממשלה יש גם אחריות לבטחון תושבי המדינה! משפחת שליט, כמו כל משפחה אוהבת מוכנה לנקוט בכל האמצעים הדמוקרטים כדי ללחוץ על הממשלה שתשלם כל מחיר להשיב את יקירם הביתה. איננו יודעים מה מתרחש מאחורי הקלעים של המו"מ עם החמאס ומה המחיר שישראל מתבקשת לשלם בשחרור רוצחים עם דם על הידיים. מנהיגי החמאס יודעים מה שיודע כל סוחר מתחיל- שעם הביקוש עולה המחיר, וככל שגובר הלחץ לשחרורו- גובר התיאבון בסוריה, לרשימה שאיננה מקובלת על ידי הממשלה הנוכחית. שמעתי מפי אנשי בטחון בכירים שאם הטפול בשחרור גלעד לא היה מתנהל בראש מהדורות החדשות, יכול להיות שהמו"מ היה מסתיים מזמן. כדאי שפוליטיקאים יקירי ציבור וסתם צדיקים יחפשו זרקורים אחרים כדי להשתזף, ואז יתכן שישוב גלעד מהר יותר.

A tradition we can do without

Rabbi Mordecai Zeitz

Tradition is part of being Jewish. There are many traditions that have continued unabated throughout Jewish history. Pesach, Shabbat, mezuzah, tallit and tfillin – to mention but a few – are all part of the Jewish personality.

Add to them menshlichkeit, mutual respect and honesty, and we have a pretty good overview of basic Jewish tradition, which touches on both God and man, the dual aspect of Judaism. Our history shows that as these traditions survive, so do we as a people continue to thrive. Tradition is integral to who we are.

This Shabbat, we read of a tradition with long roots in our Jewish experience that's unfortunately alive and well. It's one whose practitioners know of no half measures, and therein lies the danger. It's the tradition of *machloket*.

Moses is aware of this, and we can appreciate the need for severity in punishing the rebellion of Korach and his 250 followers. They were a drop in the Jewish population bucket of three or four million people, but rebels are fully devoted to their cause, as misguided as it may be. We know this only too well, as nowadays, a minority bent on terrorism can hold entire countries hostage.

Machloket has disrupted many families and friendships. When a difference of opinion becomes an inability to even hear the other side, we have the makings of a Korach situation. If left to fester, it can lead to disaster. And so, brilliantly, the portion also offers us the antidote.

When the "bad guys" are defeated and the situation defused, Moses must perform another public duty. He gathers the staffs of all the tribal leaders and in the morning assesses the results. The staff that blossoms is designated by God to be the priestly family – end of argument.

Rabbinic Reflections

The staff of Aaron blooms and gives fruit – not apples, or even grapes, but almonds. Why almonds? There's a type of almond that at the start of its growth tastes very sweet, but after time on the branch, it becomes bitter and inedible. There's another type that starts out bitter but then ripens and becomes sweet.

The almond offers a profound message. At times a cause may appear sweet and truthful, but as it develops, it becomes engulfed in bitterness, with tragic results. That's *machloket*. That's Korach.

Then there are situations that at first appear bitter and hard to swallow, or even hard to comprehend, but with time, we come to realize how sweet they are. That's *darchai noam, darchai shalom*, the way of peaceful coexistence.

If I can recognize someone else's right to what I want for myself, it's the beginning of shalom. It's probably easier to leave in a huff and declare a *machloket* than stick it out and share part of a dream. But in marriage, friendship, business or community, putting oneself in someone else's shoes can mean the difference between war and peace.

Machloket is one tradition we can easily drop without fearing God's wrath. Quite the reverse: God will bless our considerate actions with *shlaimut* (fulfilment) in our pursuit of shalom within ourselves, our families and our entire community.

Rabbi Mordecai Zeitz is spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Tikvah Ahavat Shalom Nusach Hoari in Montreal.

Book collecting – a passion

I donated 7,000 books to a Canadian university library several months ago. It was emotionally wrenching, but less traumatic than anticipated. After all, I had contemplated the move for some time. It was inevitable; who can stem the tide of advancing years?

It had taken me more than six decades to assemble my collection. Three efficient and deft packers, hired by the university, needed only three days to utterly denude my once crowded shelves.

Where did my cherished books come from? Over the years I haunted antiquarian and second-hand book shops in Canada, the United States and Europe. I pored over bookseller's catalogues and spent anxious moments at book auctions. Now and then I was able to pluck unusual and unexpected items from neighbourhood garage sales. The quest for rare and desirable titles – books to fill gaps in my collection – was unending.

There is an unbridgeable gulf between accumulating books and collecting them. Popular and widely read books usually end up on a few sparse shelves in the living room. They may be regarded as fine literature, but they command little attention and have limited commercial value.

To collect books, on the other hand, demands time, knowledge, energy – and for many enthusiasts, the husbandry of limited resources.

Bookmarks

Bernard Baskin

I was surprised and disappointed how few of my friends and colleagues shared my passion. They dutifully and respectfully surveyed my cherished volumes. They asked questions such as these: "Have you read all these books?" or "If this book is 400 years old, how come it is such good condition?" or "Who does the dusting?" Finally, some benighted individual, out of his depth, would blurt out "Thank God for the public library."

What about subject matter? Mainly books about books, the history of printing, books from private presses, books illustrated by notable artists, unusual Judaica and books from the 17th and 18th centuries concerned with occultism – especially the terrible witchcraft mania.

Fortunately, I never fell victim to the notion that the truly dedicated bibliophile will never waste time in reading books, which should instead be spent in collecting them.

Are rare books expensive? You can purchase the most significant and famous collection of Jewish books and manuscripts in private hands – the Valmadonna Trust Library – for about $25 million. This is a lot of money. But consider the numerous paintings sold annually at auction for sums far greater – many of them to Jewish collectors of art.

It is possible and even likely to grow tired of a single painting, but not of 200 manuscripts and 13,000 books. The Valmadonna Collection will always retain its value, beauty and importance. Not so works of art that suffer the vagaries of changing tastes and financial speculation.

Fighting anti-Israelism in the U.K.

My View

Lawrence Hart

When he was ambassador to Britain – a post that he left earlier this year in order to head Israel's delegation to the United Nations – Ron Prosor expressed his dismay that "the core British values of fairness, decency, and common sense" were "under threat" when it came to Israel.

Writing in the *Telegraph* (June 10, 2008), he lamented that "Israel faces an intensified campaign of delegitimization, demonization and double standards." Britain, he feared had "become a hotbed of radical anti-Israeli views and a haven for disingenuous calls for a 'one-state solution', a euphemistic name for a movement advocating Israel's destruction."

Prosor's concerns are, of course, well founded and echo the views of so many who have drawn attention to the increasingly hostile climate that Israel – and Jews in general – need to contend with, not only in Britain, but throughout Europe. Recently, in the *Jerusalem Post* (June 8, 2011), columnist Isi Leibler referred to "the pathological antisemitic hatred sweeping Europe." The mix of what he describes as "rampant anti-Israelism" with "the revival of classical antisemitism" has, in his opinion, created an environment for the Jews of Europe that may be "even worse than the 1930s during the heyday of Nazi propaganda."

Part of the problem, in Leibler's view, is that "in many communities the Jewish leaders are in a state of denial, insisting that the levels of antisemitism are wildly exaggerated, arguing that the principal issue of contention is the Jewish state and that one must distinguish between the demonization and delegitimization of Israel and Jew hatred."

And while there is more than ample evidence that Leibler's impressions of European Jewry are accurate, there are fortunately still instances where the resolute voices of activism and urgency are able to filter through the ether of appeasement and complacency.

Such voices were heard in mid-May at a convention in London, sponsored by the Britain Israel Communications and Research Centre (BICOM). Under the banner of "we believe in Israel," and launched with the pledge that "we will not be seen as the generation who did not do enough," the meeting attracted 1,500 delegates, the largest attendance ever at an Israel advocacy conference in Britain.

The list of (almost 100) speakers included Jewish Agency for Israel chair Natan Sharansky; Israel's minister of education, Gideon Sa'ar; Britain's ambassador to Israel, Matthew Gould; the former commander of British troops in Afghanistan, Col. Richard Kemp; politicians from both the British House of Commons and House of Lords; academics; journalists, and religious and community leaders. Notably, 20 per cent of the participants were of student age.

At a time when anti-Israel sentiment in Britain is becoming ever more strident and uncompromising, it's especially encouraging that the BICOM conference was so successful. The message may at last be percolating that it's long overdue that the Jewish collective gets off its knees and begins to stand up to those who, through word and action, seek to destroy the State of Israel.

And what better place to start than in Britain, which, through its post-colonial geographic machinations in the aftermath of World War II, created the template for most of the conflict in the Middle East in the first place.

The legacy of Entebbe

Jewish & Digital

Mark Mietkiewicz

"This operation will certainly be inscribed in the annals of military history, in legend and in national tradition," said Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister who approved the raid on Entebbe 35 years ago.

Jonathan Rosenblum was studying in an ulpan that summer and remembers the tension and then the joy. "Complete strangers were embracing on the bus. For once, Jewish unity seemed like a reality…" Decades later, Rosenblum put those events into perspective. "While the first realization of the miracle of the Entebbe rescue will always rank as one of the happiest moments of my life, the memory today is a bittersweet one. For it always calls in its wake the question: will we Jews in the Land of Israel ever again experience the same feelings of unity we did that morning?" **[http://bit.ly/enteb07]**

Writing last year in the Huffington Post, David Suissa argued that Israel's next "Entebbe moment" should be political, not military. "What [Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu] needs to do now to shock the world is present a peace plan. He should do so with the boldness and precision of a military operation… If Bibi's bold move brings down his government and he loses his job, well, that's the life of the hero… Let him sacrifice his position for the greater good, like his brother sacrificed his life." **[http://bit.ly/enteb08]**

On the military front, lessons learned at Entebbe may have helped prepare for this year's killing of Osama bin Laden. U.S. Vice-Admiral William McRaven is credited with organizing the special forces raid that led to bin Laden's death. In the mid-1990s, McRaven, then a U.S. Navy SEAL, wrote a book about commando operations, devoting a chapter to Entebbe. **[http://bit.ly/enteb10]**

As for its silver-screen legacy, Entebbe has proven irresistible to filmmakers. *Victory at Entebbe* cast Burt Lancaster as Shimon Peres and Richard Dreyfuss as Netanyahu. **[http://bit.ly/enteb13]** The superior *Raid on Entebbe* had Peter Finch as Rabin and Yaphet Kotto as Idi Amin. **[http://bit.ly/enteb16]** Israeli-produced *Operation Thunderbolt* featured Yehoram Gaon as Yonatan Netanyahu, and was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film in 1977. **[http://bit.ly/enteb15]**

After the rescue, the Organization of African Unity initiated a complaint in the United Nations, condemning Israel's "act of aggression." Soviet delegate Mikhail Kharlamov said "the armed action against Uganda was an act of direct, flagrant aggression." But in the end, the Security Council did not adopt the resolution condemning Israel. **[http://bit.ly/enteb11]**

I'll leave the last word to Israeli ambassador Chaim Herzog, who delivered these remarks as the UN debated the legality of Israel's actions. **[http://bit.ly/enteb12]**

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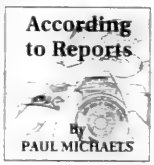
Iranian nuclear threat is more than hype

Last week, the *National Post* drew upon two new studies examining Iran's uranium enrichment capacity. In a front-page story on June 8, foreign affairs writer Peter Goodspeed described scenarios in which Tehran would be able to produce a nuclear bomb relatively quickly.

"Using data released last month by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on Iran's enriched uranium stockpiles and the operations of its nuclear program, U.S. weapons expert Gregory Jones [in a study published earlier this month by the Nonproliferation Policy Education Centre] calculates it could produce enough highly enriched uranium for a nuclear bomb in just eight weeks," Goodspeed wrote.



He also cited another study, released on June 7 by the Rand Corporation, which concluded that "Iran today has largely acquired the materials, equipment and technology needed to develop a nuclear weapon."

Both studies warned that there's little the international community – and in particular the United States and Israel – can do to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

Goodspeed cited the Rand report on this limitation: "'International efforts to control exports and interdict trade can now only hope to slow Iran's progress and possibly deny it the specific technologies needed, for example, for nuclear warhead miniaturization and for mating a warhead on a missile.'" On the subject of missiles, *Ha'aretz* reported on June 10 that, according to a UN-convened panel of experts, Iran has skirted sanctions and accelerated its development of medium (900-km) and long-range (2,000-km) ballistic missiles. These advances were aided by the transfer of prohibited missile technology from North Korea to Iran, by way of China.

In the same issue of the *Post*, editorial writer Matt Gurney related the gist of a recent conversation with an unidentified Israeli military expert: "While the West remains absorbed with the Palestinians and the Arab uprising, Iran is still busily working on its nuclear weapons and increasing its influence around the world, especially in Latin America. Israel is prepared for 'different scenarios' with Iran, he said without elaborating, but has reconciled itself to the reality the United States will not attack Iran and destroy its nuclear program. The officer was openly dismissive of the effectiveness of sanctions."

IAEA director Yukiya Amano

All these warnings were bolstered by Yukiya Amano, the IAEA's director, who, according to Goodspeed, said on June 6 that aspects of Iran's nuclear activities may be linked to a weapons program.

Amano's declaration is an important and timely reminder that we should be skeptical of efforts by some in the West to downplay Iran's nuclear threat. Take investigative reporter Seymour Hersh's piece in the June 6 issue of the *New Yorker* magazine. Hersh argued that, while the United States and Israel have been unable to find "irrefutable evidence" of Iran's hidden nuclear-weapons program, there may also be reason to doubt the consensus view that Iran has the intention to develop a nuclear bomb.

Writing about Iran's "booming trade" with Turkey and Syria, Hersh left the impression that Iran wouldn't risk impairing its growing economic ties by pursuing a reckless nuclear path. In what can only be described as unintentionally risible, Hersh related what a senior Turkish official told him: "'We tell the Iranians all the time that we would not like to see a nuclear bomb in Iran. They know the price of not telling the truth.'"

Hersh concluded his piece by quoting Mohamed ElBaradei, the former head of the IAEA (and until not long ago, the favoured candidate of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood to run for the country's presidency). Said ElBaradei: "'During my time at the agency, we haven't seen a shred of evidence that Iran has been weaponizing, in terms of building nuclear-weapons facilities and using enriched materials... I am not God – nobody is – and I don't know the future intentions of Iran, but I don't believe Iran is a clear and present danger. All I see is hype about the threat posed by Iran.'"

No less than the "hype" recently expressed by ElBaradei's successor, Yukiya Amano, are we to assume?

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'Last non-violent way to get things to happen'

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The task group believes a boycott is "the last non-violent way to get things to happen. Our position is that as in South Africa, after how many years of apartheid, there will be a response with growing international economic pressure," Rev. McIntosh said.

"I think economic pressure from around the world, applied in growing strength, will cause Israel and the companies to think twice about continuing these illegal activities in the territories.

"We see this as a policy of solidarity with Palestinians living under occupation since 1967 and calling for enforcement of Geneva Conventions and UN resolutions around international law and illegality of economic activities in occupied territories."

When asked whether the presbytery had launched similar boycotts against countries such as Syria, Libya, Iran or China, Rev. McIntosh said, "We don't see it as equivalent to other situations in the world in so far as there's been a lack of international response to Israel and these companies."

When asked if the presbytery was asking the Palestinians to change their behaviour in any way, he replied: "The campaign is in solidarity with the Palestinians. If you're asking if we are choosing sides, we are, as we don't see the suffering as equal in this situation.

"Israel has acted with more culpability, and there have been few departures to violence by the Palestinians since the second intifadah."

Turning to Operation Cast Lead, the Israeli military operation in Gaza that came after 10,000 rockets and mortars were fired into Israel, Rev. McIntosh said: "Cast Lead was a horrific campaign in 2008-09, and now they're not allowing in humanitarian aid," referring to the proposed international flotilla that promises to run Israel's blockade of Gaza.

Rev. McIntosh said the onus is on Israel to withdraw to its pre-1967 borders.

"We see that Israel needs to show good faith… because they hold the power. The Palestinians have no power as a political entity."

The presbytery's boycott policy comes only about three months after a two-week mission in Israel and the Palestinian territories by senior UC leaders. The mission, three days of which was led by Canadian Jewish Congress, was meant to provide balance to the church's position on the conflict.

At its 2009 General Council, the Church adopted policy items that called for full Israeli withdrawal to pre-1967 lines, recognition of east Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza as occupied territories and "ending all forms of violence by the Israeli government upon the Palestinian people."

The church, however, voted down a proposal for boycott, divestment and sanctions, in part after lobbying efforts by Congress.

National UC spokesperson Bruce Gregersen said local regions (presbyteries) of the church can adopt their own policies vis-a-vis the Middle East and the Southwest Presbytery's views "are not at variance with the overall national policy."

The church leaders' recent trip to the Middle East will prompt a policy review, but any new changes won't be debated until the next General Council in 2012. Gregersen acknowledged the west Toronto presbytery's views could have an influence on the larger Toronto wing of the church and on the national body as well.

Asked if he thought a boycott could advance peace, Gregersen said the Church's policy is to "encourage the end of occupation… which is necessary for a peaceful resolution."

Moshe Ronen, chair of the Canada-Israel Committee, said the presbytery's boycott "is a futile initiative… It's a campaign that does not advance anything.

"If you want to promote peace, this is not the way."

Ronen said the UC policy has mischaracterized the root of the conflict.

"It's not properly focused. It's focused on the occupation and presents it as the central or core issue, but it's not. The core issue is the non-recognition or acceptance of Israel as a Jewish state."

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Political leaders join in Holocaust Memorial Day

Diane Koven
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA—Our government is committed to standing firm with the Jewish people, said Environment Minister Peter Kent, speaking on behalf of the federal government at the annual ceremony commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day.

The ceremony, held at the Canadian War Museum on June 14, recognized the heroism of three people designated Righteous Among the Nations for risking their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust. Family members received awards on behalf of Petronela Ziolo and Wladyslaw Ziolo and of Julia Ciurko, whose moving stories were told.

"The threats facing Jews today are the gravest since the Shoah... we must confront those who would, if given a chance, perpetrate another Holocaust," said Kent. "The Jewish people will never, ever stand alone again."

The ceremony, organized by the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem in co-operation with the Zachor Coalition – a group of 30 organizations – was attended by parliamentarians, senators, heads of diplomatic missions to Canada, Holocaust survivors and their families.

Grazyna Swist, granddaughter of Righteous Among the Nations Julia Ciurko, and Beata Swierc, granddaughter of Righteous Among the Nations Wladyslaw and Petronela Ziolo, light a candle on the Yad Vashem menorah on behalf of the heroic actions of all the Righteous Among the Nations who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust. Beata's children Paul Swierc, Elizabeth Christina Swierc, and the latter's fiance Daniel Justin Biernacki look on together with U.S. Ambassador to Canada David Jacobson, second to right, and executive director of Canadian Society for Yad Vashem Yaron Ashkenazi.

Buses brought people from Montreal and Toronto as well, including students from Robbins Hebrew Academy and the Kachol Lavan Choir.

Toronto resident Joe Gottdenker spoke about his childhood hiding with a Christian family. He talked about the trauma of being separated from his birth mother and then, three years later, when the war ended, of being reunited with his birth mother and separated from the woman he had come to know and love as his mother.

Bob Rae, acting leader of the Liberal party, said antisemitism is "a chronic condition... always under the surface, and it doesn't take much to ignite it." He said that much of the criticism of Israel is really hatred for the Jewish people and warned that we must be vigilant. "The human soul is capable of such terrible things," he added.

Elizabeth May, leader of the Green party, and Thomas Mulcair, deputy leader of the New Democratic Party, both spoke of their commitment to ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust are learned and that it is never repeated.

Eliaz Luf, Israel's deputy chief of mission, said the Holocaust was not "just a Jewish tragedy, it was a human tragedy." Praising the acts of tremendous courage of those who risked their lives to save Jews, he said: "They not only saved Jewish lives, but they saved the belief that the world was not hopelessly evil."

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School merger target date now indefinite

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — As this school year ends, the proposed merger of the two oldest and largest Jewish day schools in Montreal remains just that: a proposal.

In fact, exactly what the proposal is remains fluid. The presidents of Jewish People's and Peretz Schools/Bialik High School (JPPS/B) and United Talmud Torahs/ Herzliah High School (UTT/H), Arnold Cohen and Charles Leibovich, declined to be interviewed by *The CJN*, amid growing assumption that the plan has been put off indefinitely.

JPPS/B spokesperson Elizabeth Kennell said on their behalf: "There is absolutely no news… Things are on standby, in limbo."

She affirmed that the project has not been shelved, but no firm date for implementation has been set, nor could she say when a final proposal would be drawn up either.

"We're still at the information-collecting stage," Kennell said. "It's a bigger job than anticipated." A great deal more study needs to be done, she said, not the least of which is the legal aspects of amalgamating two corporations, whose histories go back a century and more.

"Perhaps, they were a bit over-zealous – this is a very ambitious project – but everyone wants to do what will benefit the community at large."

In January, the schools, with Federation CJA, announced that they would become one to create a "pluralistic, truly community" school – by 2013-2014.

The plans called for the closing of the JPPS campus on Van Horne Avenue to consolidate all elementary students at UTT's Snowdon campus; the construction of a "middle" school for grades 7 and 8 next to the YM-YWHA, and the use of Bialik in Côte St. Luc as the senior high school. The building or acquisition of a full high school in Dollard des Ormeaux was also planned.

The first step toward merger, which had been decided upon earlier, has gone ahead. UTT/H is closing its St. Laurent campus this summer, leaving its sole campus in Snowdon.

For full story, go to cjnews.com

NCJW closing its doors in Montreal

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL —After almost a century of community service, the Montreal section of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada (NCJW) is closing due to a lack of membership and funds.

Its longest-running project, the Boys' and Girls' Library on Darlington Avenue in Côte des Neiges, also closes that day.

Past president Lillian Shoub, one of a small core of stalwarts who have tried to keep the organization going, said regretfully that they couldn't carry on any longer.

There continued to be a paid-up membership, but few were active as volunteers, she said, and no one held the post of president at the end.

The NCJW, which has its national headquarters in Toronto, had its Montreal office in the last couple of years at the library, located in rented premises in an apartment building.

The two staff members, an office manager and a librarian, have lost their jobs. The library's more than 5,000 books are being distributed to other libraries and organizations, including the Jewish Public Library.

The library was being supported by private donors, as well as a modest grant from the City of Montreal, but with rising costs, the revenue wasn't enough, Shoub said.

The library was founded more than 70 years ago mainly to serve an immigrant population, and over the decades, it's continued to be a hub for the various ethnic communities that live in the neighbourhood.

In its heyday, the library offered numerous services, such tutoring and a haven for "latch-key kids" who would otherwise go to an empty home after school, all for little or no charge.

In recent years, children from the haredi communities have been the largest single group of users, Shoub said, and the library had a large section of books that were approved by those communities.

Founded in Canada in 1897, the NCJW has always worked on a non-sectarian basis, identifying social needs and finding the resources to initiate programs that address them.

In Montreal, the NCJW's major project of the later 20th century was the founding of Auberge Shalom, a kosher shelter for battered women, unique in the city. That organization is now financially independent of the NCJW and will not be affected by the section's demise, Shoub said.

A couple of other recent projects, support for autistic children and children living with HIV/AIDS, will continue to be associated with the NCJW name through funds set up at the Montreal Children's Hospital, to which donations can continue to be made.

At the height of the AIDS crisis, NCJW was in the forefront of providing support and counselling for adults suffering from the disease. Another successful project that ran for years was Centre Yeladim, an after-school program for children of families under stress.

The Montreal section was officially formed in 1918, although there were NCJW activities earlier than that.

Rabbi Joseph and Ruth Kelman z"l
Memorial Lecture

Thursday June 30, 2011 8:00 pm (mincha at 7:45 pm)
Or Chaim Yeshiva, 159 Almore Avenue
Can't We All Get Along? Things We Do for the Sake of Peace
With Rebecca Feldman
Elisha Kelman will make a Siyyum on Mishnayot Seder Nashim in honour of his grandmother's 12th yarzheit

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Rebecca Feldman is a graduate of Yeshiva University, where she obtained a bachelors in philosophy and Judaic studies, a masters in Jewish philosophy, and completed the Graduate Program for Advanced Talmudic Studies for Women. She received her law degree from the University of Chicago and was an associate at Kaye Scholer, one of New York's most prestigious law firms. She currently works in corporate marketing and lectures widely on topics in Torah and Jewish thought.

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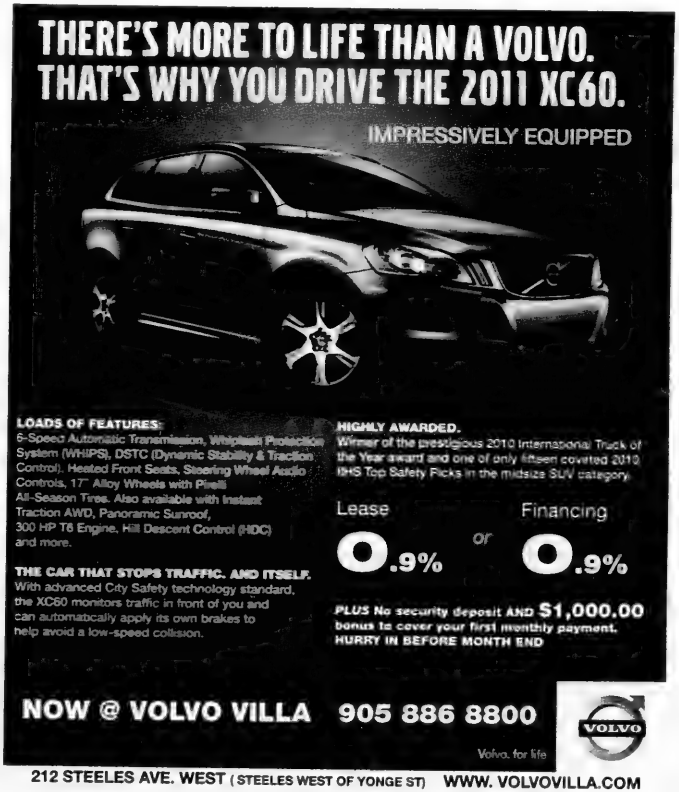
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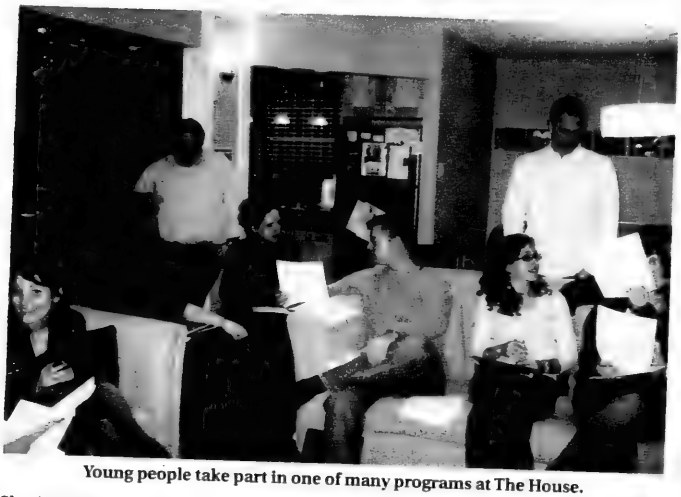

Young people take part in one of many programs at The House.

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

If you're a young Jew in the Toronto area looking for travel opportunities to Israel, tikkun olam projects, or just wanting to connect with other members of the tribe, you've got options.

When Rabbi Rafi Lipner, director of The House, launched his centre in 2005, he knew he didn't want to compete with the organizations – many of which The House works with – that offer young Jews travel and volunteer opportunities.

"I thought that was fantastic, but the process of sort of continuing that reflective process, that thought process – the figuring out 'who am I?' and 'where do I want to fit into the landscape?' – that seemed like a valuable piece to put in there," he said.

Lipner, a 37-year-old father of seven, has dedicated much of his last six years to developing programs at The House, a centre on Eglinton Avenue that offers programming for Jews of all denominations from the ages of 18 to 30.

Lipner describes The House, which feels more like a bachelor pad with comfy couches, a modest dining area and an unassuming kitchen, as "a place where you sort of belong, and get a lot of value, and feel comfortable, and a place where you're able to have those discussions."

But beyond the programming and the centre itself, he believes that what makes the place attractive is its transparency.

He realized that Jewish youth are wary of organizations trying to push an agenda when he was being pushed to reveal his own agenda.

"But this is just a place for people to feel comfortable, and the agenda is to really empower them through a Jewish lens and perspective that will help them maximize their decisions and understand how to go through life's challenges in a meaningful way," said Lipner, who speaks so enthusiastically about his centre, one could never doubt his sincerity.

"There is no hidden agenda. It's not like, 'here's what we're going to tell you, here's what we'd really like you to do.' We're very open," he said.

Rabbi Rafi Lipner

Over the years, The House has hosted speakers including Jewish Agency for Israel chair Natan Sharansky, *Kosher Sex* author Rabbi Shmuley Boteach and Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz.

Some of the popular programs that run throughout the year are Challah for Chesed, during which Lipner's wife, Shira, offers her "secret recipe" for challah; Birthright Israel and March of the Living followup programs, and the relationship series.

The relationship series invites couples to a three-session dinner and discussion program that "will leave you thinking, discussing and laughing throughout the entire experience.

"It requires a certain amount of maturity," Lipner said, adding that the program may not attract huge crowds based on promises of fun and excitement, but it helps committed participants build stronger, healthier and more meaningful relationships with their partners.

"Our goal is obviously to provide people with a more fulfilling and successful experience in all aspects of life. I care so much more about the people than the success of The House."

Despite that, he said the organization has enjoyed success and growth over the past six years – having grown from attracting about 10 to 15 people to an event, to seeing about 1,000 new faces throughout the course of a year.

Still, Lipner believes the events, some of which attract intimate groups of 20 to 30 people, "would be less successful if we sold it [as something it wasn't] and pushed people in the doors, and we had people there who didn't want to be there."

Lipner added that he's not interested in playing "the numbers game," by trying to sell programs that aren't in line with their philosophy.

"The success of this space has really been because it has allowed everyone to feel welcome and validated for who they are and what they think," he said.

"We care about the people and we think Judaism has something to offer... Jewish thought has a lens... If you're about to become a parent, there are going to be some challenges out there and someone might say, 'I'm curious what Jewish thought has to say about what I'm going through in life.'"

Regular participants have begun to show their support financially.

"They say that this is a place they want to give back to and that shows a certain commitment," Lipner said.

"There are a lot of people who... want to belong to something that they find meaningful and relevant... Our hope is that you walk out of our doors more than you were before you walked in. But what you do with it is your own personal journey."

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OUTDOOR SHABBAT: The nursery, junior and senior kindergarten classes of Temple Sinai Nursery School celebrated Shabbat outside in their amphitheatre. Saying the blessing over the challah are Summer, Jack, Cameron, Eden and Katie.

NS premier to lead trade mission to Israel

Joel Jacobson
Atlantic Correspondent

HALIFAX — Trade possibilities between Nova Scotia and Israel took a giant step forward with a June 15 information session and workshop in Halifax preceding an October 2011 trade mission to Israel.

The trade mission will be headed by provincial Premier Darrell Dexter.

"I would term it a success," said Jon Goldberg, executive director of the Atlantic Jewish Council, who assisted Nova Scotia Business Inc. in co-ordinating the event, which attracted more than 15 business interests.

"We certainly have more work to do to generate more interest in the October mission but this early expression of interest was gratifying," said Goldberg, who gave a historical perspective of Israel prior to economic discussions.

Jonathan Levy, Israel's Consul for Economic Affairs and Trade Commissioner to Canada, told the attendees about the opportunities in Israel for Nova Scotia companies and, conversely, for Israeli companies wishing to work in and with Nova Scotians.

"I see this as a two-way street," he said in an interview. "We've developed a great relationship between Canadian federal and provincial governments and Israel. We've had several missions from Canada to Israel and the excitement of these prospects (Nova Scotia and Israel) is evident."

He told the audience there were opportunities in many sectors, including a newly developed oil and gas industry with an already burgeoning one in Nova Scotia. "Health care, IT and environmental technologies are other industries that should show mutual interest."

David Daniels, director, science and technology investment attraction for Nova Scotia Business Inc., said the information session was an excellent way for the business people to learn about Israel.

"Most of them don't know of Israel's educated work force, the number of public companies, and of so many who are doing innovative things," he said. "Nova Scotia can offer Israeli companies a close connection to the Eastern Seaboard of the United States by air and sea, a strong port, and an easy connection to central Canada."

Karen Oldfield, president and CEO of the Halifax Port Authority, recently returned from Israel and is looking forward to going again in October.

"ZIM is one of the key components of our port business. We have to continue to foster its business. That can show other companies how viable and worthwhile it is to work with Nova Scotians," she said, while also explaining the vibrancy and excitement of Israel.

Jon Goldberg ***[Joel Jacobson photo]***

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Mazel tov Jamie Wexler on his bar mitzvah on May 5. Bubbie & Zaide Wexler, Uncle Jerry, Uncle Robby, Auntie Char, Rachel. Brooke, Skyler and Brody.

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What's New

By LEILA SPEISMAN

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Saturday, June 25

AROUND SHABBAT

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Sunday, June 26

RIDE FOR KIDS

The Zareinu Moveathon's Ride for Kids with Special Needs will host a fully supported athletic experience for enthusiastic cyclists willing to take on a 50-, 100- or 162.5-km. challenge along the Niagara Escarpment. A fundraiser for the Zareinu Educational Centre of Metropolitan Toronto, a day school for kids with special needs. See www.moveathon.com.

VIP EVENT

Reena's annual VIP Event in support of Reena Foundation, takes place 4 p.m., at the Factory Lounge in Vaughan. $100 per ticket. For more information, call **Jessica**, 905-764-1081, ext. 30.

June 27 is the deadline for the July 7 issue, and July 4 is the deadline for July 14. Phone 416-391-1836, ext. 235; fax 416-391-0829; or e-mail whatsnewcjn@gmail.com. This week's What's New was done by Carolyn Blackman.

FRIENDS OF YIDDISH

Summer closing program "A Zemerl in Zumer," 2 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Musical afternoon features violinist **Michael Ziskind** and singer **Arkadi Tulchinski**. Members, free; guests $7. RSVP to **Sandy**, 416-736-8073 or 416-458-1440, or **Joel**, joels@sackepr.com.

GARAGE SALE

Two branches of National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto, are holding their annual garage sale, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 4700 Bathurst St., south of Finch Avenue. Parking available.

SINGLES PROGRAM

Shaar Shalom Synagogue presents The Amazing Mysterion, **Ryan Brown**, 7:30 p.m. For singles 45+. Admission $8 includes refreshments. Contact **David** at 416-224-9494.

Tuesday, June 28

ISRAEL AT THE MOVIES

Shaar Shalom Synagogue presents Israel at the Movies and TV – *Srugim* season 1, 7:45 p.m. Final episodes of the television series that follows the lives of a group of young observant Jews as they try to find a suitable mate. Free admission.

EVENING WITH THE STARS

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham hosts child singing sensation **Mica Schachet** and the Toronto Jewish Male Choir at the Markham Theatre, 7:30 p.m., to celebrate 25 years of success serving the GTA's Jewish community. Regular tickets for $25 and VIP tickets for $100 can be purchased by calling: 905-886-0420, ext. 221, or by e-mailing: chabadmarkham@on.aibn.com.

Thursday, June 30

TORAH IN MOTION

Rabbi Joseph and Ruth Kelman Memorial Lecture, "Can't We All Get Along? Things We Do for the Sake of Peace," with **Rebecca Feldman**, graduate program for advanced talmudic studies for women; law degree from the University of Chicago. 8 p.m., Or Chaim Yeshiva, 159 Almore Ave. Information, 416-633-5770, www.torahinmotion.org.

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8:00 pm
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Other News

HOLOCAUST DATA

Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, and Canadian Jewish Holocaust Survivors are compiling a definitive database of Holocaust survivors living in Canada, through a grant from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. If you, your parents, grandparents or someone you know is a Holocaust survivor, complete the form available on the website: www.holocaustcentre.com/About/Canadian-Holocaust-Survivors-Database. Call **Efrat Daniel Porat**, 416-635-2883, ext. 5259, for more information.

HEBREW CAMP

JumpStart Hebrew is a one-week camp program at Beth Sholom Synagogue open to the community for children entering grades 1-4. Runs Aug. 29-Sept. 2 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and will be staffed by teachers from Beth Sholom Hebrew School. Activities include oral Hebrew, reading and reading readiness activities, music, drama and cooking. Lunch will be provided two days. Cost, $75 for members of Beth Sholom and Beth Sholom Hebrew School and $90 for the community. Contact **Karen Goodis** at karen@bethsholom.net or at 416-789-6103, ext. 225, for more information and for registration.

JEWISH GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada presents a display celebrating 25 years of its history in Jewish Toronto, until June 30 at the the Barbara Frum District Library, during library hours. Curated by **Elaine Cheskes**.

HERITAGE MUSEUM

The Morris and Sally Justein Heritage Museum at Baycrest presents "The Dream Fulfilled – Theodor Herzl and the Jewish State," with more than 400 items from the private Herzl memorabilia collection of **David Matlow**. Open to the public. For hours and to schedule group tours, call 416-785-2500, ext. 2802, or ababins@baycrest.org.

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BBYO GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 17th annual BBYO Friends and Alumni Memorial Golf Tournament takes place on Tuesday, July 12, Nobleton Lake Golf Course. Includes lunch, dinner, auction and raffle, and much more. Shotgun at 12:15 p.m. Register online, www.bbyo.ca/fan or call 416-398-2004, ext. 221.

LADIES NIGHT OF SPARKLE

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ADULT MINI-SCHOOL

Registration open for the summer session of the Melton Adult Mini School. "Jews and Their Cities." Explore the culture and personalities of Alexandria, Rome, Baghdad and Vilna. Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda four Wednesdays in August. Taught by **Mitch Parker**. Charge. Call **Loretta**, 416-789-7400 to register.

ORILLIA COUNTRY SHUL

Shabbat services continue during July and August, 10:30 a.m., 151 Creighton St. S. in Atherley. This year's leaders are: July 2, **Rabbi Ilyse Glickman**; July 9, **Rabbi Nir Barkin**; July 16, **Elliot Melamet**; July 23, **Rabbi Danny Gotlieb**; July 30, **Rabbi Michael Dolgin**; Aug. 6, **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein** and **Cantor Tom Schwartz**; Aug. 13, **Rabbi Tina Grimberg**; Aug. 20, **Rabbi Cory Weiss**; Aug. 27, **Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld**. Call 705-327-7069.

FOR SENIORS

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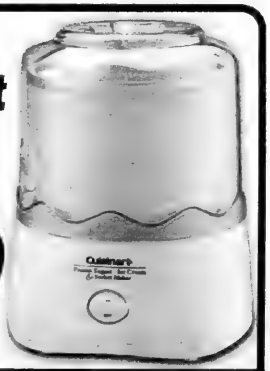

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Chief justice gets honorary degree

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Warren Winkler

The University of Western Ontario gave honorary degrees to several notable people last week, including the chief justice of Ontario, Warren Winkler.

Winkler has honorary degrees from Assumption University in Windsor, Ont., and Brandon University, but he said that receiving one from UWO has a special significance for him.

"Both my daughters went to Western," Winkler said. "The school means a lot to me."

He said that UWO was very kind in describing him as "Canada's mediator," which he thought referred to some of what he's done in his career including heading the inquiry into the Walkerton water crisis and the restructuring of Air Canada.

"I thought it was a nice compliment to me, and it was a good way to put it," Winkler said.

He was born in Virden, Man., grew up in Pincher Creek, Alta., and decided he would be a lawyer after his education at Brandon U in Manitoba.

Winkler then attended Osgoode Hall Law School, and was called to the bar of Ontario in 1965. He said that there's a significant difference between law school now and when he attended.

"It seemed we had a more structured education," Winkler said.

He added that because of the ease of electronic communication, the world is much smaller now. He said this has allowed lawyers to work globally and not have difficulties with communication.

He said the biggest difference between receiving an honorary degree and studying for one is that graduating students are at the beginning of their career and they can't know what to expect.

"It's a time when the world is full of mystery," Winkler said. "It's an adventure that you're just starting out on."

An honorary degree, he said, is more of a reward for things you've done throughout your career. When he was beginning his career, Winkler said he couldn't have anticipated how successful he'd be. His biggest and best surprise was being made chief justice of Ontario in 2007.

"It's the best job I've ever had," Winkler said. "It's an opportunity to make a contribution to law reform, which is something I'm really passionate about."

He specializes in labour and class-action law, which is another thing he's passionate about. He advises young lawyers to find something they're particularly passionate about and pursue it in their careers.

Winkler is involved in organizations such as the Advocate's Society and the Law Society of Upper Canada. Getting involved with different organizations related to law is something he recommends all young lawyers do. As part of the Law Society, Winkler attends many calls to the bar ceremonies during which he gives advice. He said the advice he received when he was called to the bar helped him in his career. He also advises new lawyers to involve themselves in things other than law because being well-rounded is now expected. An avid birdwatcher, he is involved with Bird Studies Canada, and he enjoys jazz, fly fishing and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He said that well-rounded people make better lawyers.

Others who received honorary awards at the ceremony last week include journalist Kevin Newman; the president of the University of Toronto, David Naylor, and activists Craig and Marc Kielburger.

Concordia establishes Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

Concordia University will become a centre for Israel studies of international rank thanks to a $5-million donation from billionaire real-estate developer David Azrieli.

The Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies was officially launched June 22 with the announcement that the Azrieli Foundation has established a permanent endowment to support it.

The gift is one of, if not the, single largest the university's faculty of arts and sciences, with which the institute is affiliated, has ever received. Concordia is matching the donation in kind through various services.

The institute will encourage and fund research by graduate students wishing to specialize in Israel studies, as well as by faculty. It will also support visiting professorships, conferences and other exchanges, and public lectures.

The approach is multidisciplinary, meaning the institute will be concerned with any subject that falls under the arts or sciences, from the humanities to linguistics to technology.

David Azrieli

Research that even tangentially touches on Israel, from ancient times to the modern state, will be considered for grants, said Concordia Jewish studies professor Norma Joseph, a *CJN* columnist and an initiator of the institute who was instrumental in obtaining the Azrieli family's support.

She will serve as its co-director with Csaba Nikolenyi, a political science professor whose expertise is in electoral systems and has studied the Israeli model.

Other than the appointment of visiting professors for a year or two, the program will not add faculty posts. In that way, it is significantly different from chairs in Israel studies, which is a small but growing academic area.

There are eight chairs in Israel studies in North America, including at the University of Toronto and the University of Calgary. Joseph said Concordia did not want to go that route, which puts the money into an appointee and his work, but rather preferred to spread resources to nurture more and different research projects.

The approach is also interdisciplinary, she said, in that students from different fields will be brought together through their common interest in Israel.

Research proposals by master's, doctoral and post-doctoral students will be considered. The selection process has not been finalized, Joseph said. A committee of scholars is working on that. The hope is that the first fellowships will be named this year.

Concordia is not creating an Israel studies program, as such, of which there are 10 or 11 today at different institutions, including the U of C.

A minor in Israel studies for undergraduates is a longer-term goal of the institute.

The Azrieli Institute is unique. The only comparable entity Joseph can think of is the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University, but even it isn't as research-focused, nor as committed to the study of Israel in all its aspects.

Naomi Azrieli, president of the Azrieli Foundation, said the multidisciplinary approach was important.

"For too long, the study of Israel gets lost in politics or the story of conflict. Israel should be studied like any other country – its history, its geography, its sociology, its economy," she said.

The foundation also did not want the institute to be a branch of Jewish studies, as important as Israel is to the Jewish people. "We wanted to take it out of the religious context."

Both Joseph and Azrieli stressed that the institute is not political.

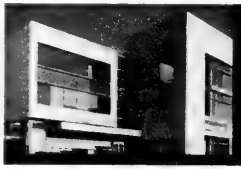
"There's no political agenda," said Joseph, "only a scholarly one untainted by a political or religious preference. The purpose is not to posit any outcome, but to seek out fact and open the door to interaction."

Azrieli added: "This is absolutely not a political initiative in any way... It's beyond politics."

Concordia has been the site of past discord between pro- and anti-Israel students, including an infamous 2002 incident in which then-former Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu was prevented from speaking on campus by a violent protest.

The creation of the institute is thrilling for David Azrieli, his daughter said. The Polish-born Azrieli, 89, lived in Israel from 1942 to 1950 and fought in its War of Independence.

Today, he divides his time between Montreal and Israel, and continues to play an active role in the management of his companies in both countries.



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Tackling child sex abuse among haredi Jews

David Lazarus
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Statistically, child sexual abuse is no more or less common among haredi Jews than any other part of the population.

The trouble, argues Amy Neustein, is that to come forward about it within the haredi community and its insular enclaves almost invariably means ostracism, shunning, shame and even banishment.

Those were among the points made by Neustein, who is Orthodox herself and an expert on child sexual abuse, in an interview she gave for a Jewish-focused episode of *Sex Scandals in History*, a four-part series by Cogent/Bender Productions that aired in Canada last month on Vision TV.

The second segment, directed by Toronto's Alan Mendelsohn, was called *Wall of Silence* and centred on allegations of pedophilia that occurred within haredi communities in Winnipeg and Brooklyn.

Amy Neustein

"These are issues that upset the balance – the homeostasis – of those communities, and that is why they cannot be tolerated," Neustein said in a recent telephone interview from Fort Lee, N.J., where she lives. "The worst thing you can do is to disrupt that balance."

Neustein, who has a PhD in sociology, has personal experience with the subject. In 1986, she lost custody of her six-year-old daughter in a court system that she says punished her for "trying to protect my daughter from abuse" allegedly committed by her father.

Since then, Neustein spent years overcoming the trauma and has written a book, 2005's *From Madness to Mutiny: Why Mothers are Running from the Family Courts – and What Can Be Done About It*, which she co-authored with lawyer Michael Lesher, also an Orthodox Jew, and edited 2009's *Tempest in the Temple: Jewish Communities and Child Sex Scandals*, a collection of essays by rabbis, educators, lawyers and psychotherapists on sexual abuse by Jewish clergy.

Both are considered landmark works.

Within haredi communities, Neustein said, child sexual abuse and pedophilia can happen anywhere: at home by a parent, in yeshiva by a teacher, in shul by a rabbi or bar mitzvah tutor, or even at the mikvah.

"In nine out of 10 cases, if the child tells a parent, the parent will say: 'You're making up stories!'" Neustein said.

And in the rare case where the child is believed, it's the whole family that is punished, Neustein said. "Insular communities have to work smoothly, so they cannot tolerate anything that might disrupt or divide them."

Neustein said families that threaten to go to the police to report sex abuse are coerced into having a rabbinic court deal with the charges, but such courts invariably force the families to back down or face total community approbation and/or banishment.

The result?

"The perpetrator is protected," Neustein said, while the abused go on to live in torment, shame and guilt, or perhaps even to eventually become abusers themselves.

Or, she said, they might have severe marital troubles and other problems, such as substance abuse.

"I've been scolded many times," Neustein said. "They ask: 'Why are you scolding us, washing our linen in public?'"

Neustein was encouraged that in Canada, at least, a "first big step" was being taken by having a TV documentary bring the issue to light. Last February, Rabbi Nachum Rosenberg, a haredi rabbi from Brooklyn who has spent the last decade fighting sex abuse within his own community, spoke in Montreal. Neustein was certain that considering the significant number of haredi Jews who reside in Montreal, the very same issues of child sex abuse that exist in her country, Israel and elsewhere, exist here, too.

"It's only logical," she said.

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Cycling for Israeli kids

Abigail Cukier
Special to The CJN

HAMILTON — Geoff Rose has cycled thousands of kilometres, but his next 2,000 may be the most meaningful.

The Hamilton man will cycle to Halifax to raise funds to support Shechafim Regional Special Education School near Kiryat Shmonah in Israel.

His 20-year-old son, Daniel, will join him, along with Ori Menahem, an Israeli working at Hamilton Hebrew Academy for the year.

Shechafim is a partnership project of the UJA Federation of Hamilton, the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg and the Atlantic Jewish Council. Since 2007, Hamilton federation has been raising funds to support special projects for the school and to donate equipment to the school.

After touring the school during a trip to Israel in March, Rose decided he wanted to do something to help the students there.

The goal is to raise $6,800 – enough to purchase two Rifton Adaptive Tricycles and two helmets for use by Shechafim students. This would help children with special needs improve their physical coordination, strength and spatial perception, while having fun and experiencing change and variety in their daily routine.

Cycling long distances is nothing new for Rose, who biked to Calgary many years ago. He cycled Manitoulin Island last summer with his wife and has cycled through northern England and Holland. Lately, he's been training with four-hour, 80-kilometre rides on Hamilton area trails.

"It has been a while since I've done a long-distance ride, and the bonus is, I get to bring my son," he said. "We will be camping most nights and plan to stop in Jewish communities along the way, especially for Shabbat."

Geoff and Daniel will ride a tandem, towing a trailer with their camping and other gear. Menahem will ride his own bicycle, carrying additional necessities.

The three-week trip will be more than 2,000 kilometres and the men plan to travel about 120 kilometres each day, breaking on Shabbat. They will leave from Adas Israel Congregation of Hamilton on June 26 at 9 a.m.

The men will blog each day on their Facebook page, which can be found by searching "Shechafim" on Facebook.

If they exceed their $6,800 goal, every additional $3,400 would allow them to purchase another tricycle from Rifton. The school needs seven trikes.

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Convert's immigration case close to resolution

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Observers are hailing a small but significant victory in attempts to reduce the power of Israel's haredi religious establishment over matters of conversion.

Last week the Ministry of the Interior agreed to permit the Jewish Agency to vet the authenticity of conversions performed by Diaspora rabbinic courts from the modern Orthodox wing of Judaism.

In a letter to the Knesset, the ministry, which approves candidates for aliyah under the Law of Return, said it would rely on the Jewish Agency to advise whether Orthodox conversion courts outside Israel were legitimate within their communities. In cases where the Jewish Agency was not able to verify the court's authenticity, the ministry would rely on the Chief Rabbinate for advice.

The haredi-controlled Chief Rabbinate had earlier rejected conversions by modern Orthodox rabbinic courts, despite a Supreme Court ruling that recognized Orthodox, Conservative and Reform converts as eligible to immigrate.

The issue arose when the ministry turned to the Chief Rabbinate to determine whether converts came from "recognized" communities abroad. The Chief Rabbinate only accepts conversions by about 20 rabbinical courts affiliated with the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America.

A case involving a Canadian convert to Judaism, Thomas Dohlan, prompted a lawsuit in Israel spearheaded by ITIM, the Jewish Life Information Center.

Dohlan, a veteran of the Canadian armed forces, had undergone an Orthodox conversion in February 2010 by a three-rabbi panel in Montreal after studying with Rabbi Daniel Elkin of Kingston. Dohlan is married to an Israeli woman and the family moved to Israel last year.

Rabbi Seth Farber, director of ITIM, said Dohlan's case prompted Knesset hearings as well as consultations with the Sephardi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Amar. The Chief Rabbi chose not to contest the ministry decision after coming to the conclusion the rabbinate should not be involved in immigration decisions.

"Dialogue between us, the Jewish Agency, the Chief Rabbi and the Interior Ministry led the rabbinate to the understanding that it's better off for everybody if they're not part of this discussion," Rabbi Farber said.

The new policy is consistent with traditional Jewish practice in which conversions are performed locally and recognized by other communities, he said.

Rejecting local rabbinic decisions had the potential to alienate Diaspora communities from Israel, he added.

Rabbi Seth Farber

Contacted at his home in Kiryat Tivon, about 30 kilometres east of Haifa, Dohlan said he's hopeful his immigration problems will be cleared up soon. He had moved to Israel with his wife, Ortal, and four young children expecting to be immediately accepted as a Jewish oleh. "I was shocked," he said, when he learned the Ministry of the Interior would not accept his conversion. "I didn't understand it because I had all the paperwork, letters, everything."

Moreover, others converted by the same Montreal rabbis had made aliyah without any problems, he said.

With his immigration status in limbo, he has found it "impossible to find a job." Even grants provided new immigrants have become an issue.

Dohlan, who served in the Canadian air force as an aircraft engine specialist, met Ortal at Camp Borden while in training.

"She told me she was Jewish. I wanted to know more and more about it. I researched it and the more I read, the more I related to it. This is me, this is what I believe."

After months of dealing with Israeli bureaucracies, he still hasn't received the documentation that would permit him to get a job. "We're trying to swim here, but we're slowly running out of steam. Hopefully it will all get sorted out," he said.

Rabbi Farber is optimistic Dohlan's case will be resolved shortly. The new government policy appears to be paying dividends already, with news that a person converted 30 years ago was finally granted a citizenship certificate. That case was held up by the Chief Rabbinate because "they did not recognize the conversion as they did not know who they [the rabbis who officiated] were."

Dohlan too should soon receive his Israeli documentation card. "We're glad that an injustice has been rectified and hopeful that it will be implemented across the board immediately so no one goes through additional suffering," Rabbi Farber said.

Toronto Rabbi Martin Lockshin said the new policy addresses an ironic situation in which immigrants converted by Conservative and Reform Diaspora congregations were readily accepted for immigration purposes, but not those who completed a "liberal Orthodox" one.

Under the new system, that should be remedied. "I can't imagine the Jewish Agency would reject conversions by those three Orthodox rabbis in Montreal," he said.

The policy "moves [determination of] the legitimacy of conversions from the haredim and I think it's an excellent solution to the problem."

Rabbi Lockshin, who teaches Jewish studies at York University, said the policy doesn't address a much bigger problem within Israel that involves hundreds of thousands of immigrants, mostly from the former Soviet Union.

These are people not halachically Jewish but who would like to join the Jewish fold. Israel had set up a special State Conversion Authority headed by Rabbi Chaim Druckman, but their conversions have also been rejected by haredi courts, he said.

"I knew Rabbi Druckman. I never saw him as liberal Orthodox. He was straight line Orthodox."

Rabbi Druckman can be considered on the right wing of the Orthodox movement and when he was given the task of integrating thousands of immigrants, "he recognized the enormity of the problem. He felt Jewish law demanded a lenient approach but he still took seriously the requirements of Jewish law."

Rabbi Lockshin speculated the haredi rabbinate backed off the foreign conversion issue because "not that many converts are moving to Israel."

The new policy "makes it a little easier for liberal Orthodox rabbis in North America...From the Israeli perspective, it's a minor victory," Rabbi Lockshin said.

As for Dohlan, he doesn't regret his choice of moving to Israel despite his yet unresolved immigration status.

"It's the best decision for us, especially for the children. It's the best place to raise kids," he said. "This is where the Jewish people are from and we're going to be here forever."

With files from JTA

Palestinian unilateral statehood push would end Oslo

JTA

Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman warned that Israel would no longer be bound by past agreements if Palestinians ask the United Nations for recognition.

Catherine Ashton, left, and Avigdor Lieberman.

"The unilateral move at the UN is the end of the Oslo Accords and would be a violation of all agreements that we have signed until now," Lieberman said, according to *Ha'aretz*. "Israel would not be obligated to the agreements that it has signed with the Palestinians over the past 18 years."

Lieberman made his comments during a meeting in Jerusalem with the European Union's top foreign affairs official, Catherine Ashton. He said that Israel is willing to resume negotiations but that this will not happen because Palestinian Authority President Mamoud Abbas prefers confrontation to an agreement.

In a statement, a spokesperson for Ashton stressed the urgency of negotiations to achieve peace.

"We are well aware that September is fast approaching," the statement said, according to the *Jerusalem Post*. "With the events of the Arab Spring and following President [Barack] Obama's speech, it is more urgent than ever to engage in meaningful negotiations and move the Peace Process forward."

Ashton was scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday.

Ex-Argentine president exposes junta's antisemitic past

Alex Wexler
JTA

NEW YORK (JTA) — More than 30 years after he was kidnapped and tortured by secret police in Buenos Aires, Argentine banker Eduardo Saiegh has an unlikely partner in his fight to convict former government leaders on charges of antisemitic discrimination and state terrorism: the government itself.

Last month, Eduardo Duhalde, Argentina's secretary of human rights and a former president, joined Saiegh, who is Jewish, as a co-complainant in the case. That puts a member of the country's current government on the side of an investigation of its former leaders, including an ex-finance minister and a head of Argentina's Central Bank, on charges of crimes against humanity.

It all stems from the events surrounding eight days in the fall of 1980 when Saiegh, the owner of a major bank in Argentina, was detained by police and allegedly tortured and encouraged to sign away the rights to his bank. Eventually he did.

Just two days later, Argentina's Central Bank transferred $7 million in airline shares from Saiegh's bank, according to Morton Rosenthal, the former director of the Anti-Defamation League's Latin American Affairs department, who has been working on the case since the early 1990s.

Many viewed the incident as part of a campaign by government officials to oust Jews from the country's major banks. Until Duhalde joined Saiegh's campaign, however, that fact was never acknowledged publicly by Argentina's government.

It represents a significant milestone in the government's recognition of its antisemitic past, Rosenthal said.

"His complaint is now their complaint," Rosenthal said of the government. "They called for the arrest of these people."

Though the financial deal, which occurred during the military junta that ruled Argentina from 1976 to 1983, led to the prosecution of some members of the army, the non-military personnel who served as the plan's architects were never fully brought to task, according to Rosenthal.

Saiegh's campaign aims to change that.

"The civilians, who were major beneficiaries, enjoyed immunity from prosecution," Rosenthal said. "The government is taking actions to lift this immunity, even though 30 years have passed."

Saiegh says he has not forgotten the horrors of his week in captivity or the silent promise he made himself in the fall of 1980. "It was a Friday night. I was free, and I vowed to myself that I will fight the rest of my life to repair this situation," he recalled. "I believed it was very, very deep moral pain. The moral pain is worse than the physical pain because the physical pain passes after time."

Saiegh says he has no doubts why he was targeted. "It happened because I am Jewish. If it were from the traditional economic establishment," he said, it never would have happened.

The transparent day of reckoning provided by a public trial would teach Argentine antisemites and lawbreakers that there are consequences for criminal action, Saiegh says.

More important, he adds, a legal victory – with the government itself as a co-complainant – would serve as a rebuke to the notion that judges and prosecutors can be bought in Argentina.

"They bought justice in every situation possible," he said. "With the money they buy impunity. What will be the future of this country if that continues?"

Eduardo Duhalde

Justice in Argentina often is not easily achieved.

In the case of the country's most notorious tragedy involving Jews, the 1994 bombing in Buenos Aires of the AMIA Jewish community centre, which killed 85, the investigation has been marred by delays and prosecutorial misconduct. The perpetrators of the bombing have never been arrested, though Iranian officials have been implicated in the attack.

The bombing's Argentine suspects, many of them members of the Buenos Aires Police Department, were cleared of all charges in September 2004. One year later, the judge heading up the case was impeached on charges of serious mishandling of the investigation.

Saiegh, too, has faced significant challenges in his crusade. Over the past three decades he has seen some small victories, but nothing on the scale of the endorsement by Duhalde, the former president.

In 1999, the political umbrella organization of Argentina's Jewish community, known by the acronym DAIA, took Saiegh's case to a judge in Spain. The judge, Baltasar Garzon, came out strongly against the Central Bank's actions, noting that "the violent action against the Jewish community in Argentina during the military dictatorship was something planned beforehand and institutionalized."

However, Garzon's findings were not recognized in Argentina.

In 2004, Duhalde wrote a letter in which he acknowledged that the facts of Saiegh's case matched a pattern of state terrorism and unlawful appropriation of property against the country's Jewish community.

Rosenthal says it was an important turning point because it enabled Saiegh to begin pursuing a criminal complaint as opposed to simply working within the confines of the civil system – an action he filed in 2009.

Once a judge formally accepts Duhalde's decision to formally join Saiegh's suit as a co-complainant, they will have the ability to call witnesses, launch a full investigation and ultimately proceed to trial.

Pursuing his case is still a risky endeavor, Saiegh says; he has had round-the-clock police protection since filing the 2009 suit. But to hear the banker tell it, there's something more important at play here than his own safety: the future of the Argentine Jewish community.

"With discrimination, you can't make a country. You need integration," Saiegh said. "That's something we need change for the Jews in Argentina."

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Scottish municipality votes down motion ripping Israel

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A Scottish municipality voted down a motion comparing Israel's treatment of the Palestinians to apartheid.

The Dundee City Council at its regular monthly meeting Tuesday did, however, note with concern the "ongoing situation in Israel/Palestine" and called for "a just and lasting two-state solution, which will bring peace to the region".

Liberal Democrat Councilman Fraser Macpherson had submitted a motion condemning the Israeli government for "its continuing illegal occupation of East Jerusalem and the West Bank and the illegal blockade of Gaza." Macpherson told the *Courier* newspaper that he had planned to include a call for a boycott of Israeli goods and services but left out that section after receiving legal advice. The city council commended efforts made by U.S. President Barack Obama and others to promote peace in the region and called on the UK government to show leadership, according to a statement.

"It was accepted that Israelis have the right to live in peace, but the council deeply regrets the disproportionate response of the Israeli military against aid convoys and Palestinian protesters which has led to unnecessary suffering, lasting bitterness and international condemnation," the statement said.

The council also asserted "there has never been a ban on buying or lending books by Israeli authors in libraries in Dundee."

The vote comes less than a month after the West Dunbartonshire Council, consisting of towns and villages west of Glasgow, ordered new books by Israeli authors to be banned from the council's libraries.

The ban in West Dunbartonshire followed a decision made 2 1/2 years ago following the Gaza war to boycott goods produced in Israel. According to that law, the council and all its public bodies are forbidden to sell goods that originated from Israel.

Assad promises reforms

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Syrian President Bashar Assad said Monday that a national dialogue would begin soon, promising parliamentary elections in August and a complete reform package by September, in a speech responding to three months of protests against his rule.

In a televised address at Damascus University, Assad also warned that in listening to calls for reforms, the government must distinguish between people with legitimate needs and "saboteurs".

Assad called on all refugees to return to their homes, and guaranteed their safety, saying that the "army is meant to protect the citizens."

Bashar Assad

He promised to ask the Justice Ministry to mull expanding the recent amnesty he had extended to political prisoners, and said that 64,000 people have been wanted by Syrian authorities, some of which, he claimed, have handed themselves in.

Assad stressed that the Syrian government has already started implementing reforms, saying examples are the laws he had passed for the right of peaceful protest and his lifting of the state of emergency. He said parliamentary elections are due to take place in August, and that a reform package should be complete by September.

He mentioned the recent attack on the northwestern town of Jisr al-Shughour, calling protesters "gunmen with sophisticated weapons and communications" who had carried out a "massacre" in the city.

Despite brutal suppression by Assad's regime, hundreds of thousands of Syrians have taken to the streets in the past three months to demand greater democracy and civil liberties. Human rights groups have said more than 1,300 civilians have been killed in the unrest.

The latest crackdowns came on the weekend in northwestern Syria when government forces besieged several towns. Tanks and machine guns were sent in Saturday to stop anti-government rallies in Bdama near the Turkish border, opposition groups said. Army forces fired randomly at houses and besieged the town, injuring at least 20 people, they said.

The incident was part of operations against government opponents and deserters in Idlib province, which have seen more than 10,500 people, including 5,300 children, flee to Turkey in the past 10 days, Turkey's Anadolu news agency said Sunday.

The Turkish government has allocated about $2.3 million to care for the refugees living in four tent cities. Human rights activists said they fear the besiegement of Bdama could cut off a route for Syrians seeking to flee into Turkey.

A senior Turkish official warned Monday that Syrian President Bashar Assad has less than a week to start implementing long-promised political reforms demanded by Syrian protesters before foreign intervention begins.

Turkey, Syria's biggest neighbour and main trading partner, has been trying to persuade Assad to halt a military crackdown on demonstrations that have killed more than 1,300 civilians and forced thousands to take refuge across the border in Turkey.

Several European countries have submitted a draft resolution to the UN Security Council to condemn Syria's crackdown on protesters. Russian President Dmitry Medvedev has indicated he would not support such a resolution.

Syrian authorities blame the violence on armed groups and Islamists, backed by foreign powers. Syria has barred most international journalists from entering the country, making it difficult to verify accounts from activists and officials.

Israel Briefs

Olmert denies taking cash

Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert in testimony at his corruption trial denied accepting envelopes full of cash from American businessman Morris Talansky. Olmert said that Talansky's testimony was made up of "fantasies," and that no cash was involved in Talansky's campaign contributions and personal donations. He also said the suggestions that Talansky lent him money were false. Talansky allegedly gave Olmert envelopes containing thousands of dollars in cash over a period of several years. Talansky testified that Olmert would only accept cash donations. Making his first comments on the Talansky case in court, Olmert said he received money from Talansky in the form of political donations for his campaign, refunds for hotel expenses when he spoke at events organized by Talansky and $40,000 for legal expenses in 1996. Olmert is on trial in three cases: for allegedly paying for family vacations by double billing Jewish organizations through the Rishon Tours travel agency; for allegedly accepting envelopes full of cash from Talansky; and for allegedly granting personal favours to attorney Uri Messer when he served as trade minister in the Investment Center case. Olmert is the first former Israeli prime minister to stand trial. He resigned as prime minister in September.

Mavi Marmara not sailing

The Turkish ship that was the scene of bloodshed during a 2010 Israeli raid will not be sailing in a planned flotilla to Gaza. The Mavi Marmara will not participate in the flotilla aimed at breaking Israel's sea blockade of the Hamas-controlled territory. IHH, the Turkish Islamic charity behind the flotilla effort, said in a Friday news conference that the ship did not gain necessary approval from Turkish port authorities for technical reasons. On May 31, 2010, nine Turks were killed aboard the Mavi Marmara when violence broke out as Israeli commandos raided the ship during the first Gaza-bound flotilla. The new flotilla is scheduled to set out for Gaza on June 25.

Explosion kills 3 in Netanya

A suspected gas tank explosion in the Israeli coastal city of Netanya killed three people and injured 49 others. The explosion in the four-storey building, which occurred shortly after midnight early Friday morning, damaged surrounding structures. The three killed were a woman in her 20s and two women in their 40s, according to the *Jerusalem Post*. A police spokesperson said that the blast was not a terrorism attack, the *Post* reported.

– JTA

Sophie Milman performs in Israel

Sophie Milman, the Juno Award-winning jazz sensation, performed in Israel last week for the first time since she moved to Canada when she was 16. Barely able to contain her excitement, 28-year-old Milman, who made aliyah to Israel from Russia when she was a young girl, told the capacity crowd at the Zappa Club in Herzliya that she wasn't able to put her joy into words. To read about Milman's concert and post-concert interview with *The CJN*, please go to cjnews.com.

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House allocates record funds to anti-missile programs

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — In what is being touted as a strong message to the United States' friends and enemies, the appropriations defence subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives allocated record funding for a joint U.S.-Israeli missile defence program.

The subcommittee last week appropriated $235.7 million (all figures US) for the coming year, bringing the cumulative total of federal outlays for U.S.-Israeli joint missile and rocket defence programs to more than $1 billion since 2007.

"Given America's significant budget challenges, every single dollar we are expending on behalf of the U.S. taxpayer must be given the highest level of scrutiny, including funds appropriated toward the defence of the United States and its allies. It is a mark of the importance of these jointly developed missile defence programs – Arrow 2, Arrow 3, and David's Sling – that they were all robustly funded by our subcommittee," said committee member Steve Rothman, a New Jersey Democrat.

"The growing proliferation and increasing deadliness of missiles and rockets around the world – including those possessed by dangerous regimes such as the one headed by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in Iran, Hezbollah in Lebanon, Hamas in Gaza, and President Bashar al-Assad in Syria – pose a direct threat to U.S. national security," said Rothman.

"Funding these new technologies serves our interests in the volatile Middle East, and wherever America's troops and citizens are stationed. This allocation helps fulfil the most important role of the U.S. House of Representatives: keeping America and her citizens safe."

Commenting on the announcement, the Politico.com website said, "The joint missile defence program is a strategic bulwark against Iranian nuclear ambitions and a sign that the military alliance between the United States and Israel remains strong, even as the two countries have had diplomatic disagreements over peace negotiations and U.S. policies toward the region."

Quoting a Hill Democrat, Politico reported that the Obama administration has signalled support for the program.

David's Sling is a military system being jointly developed by the Israeli defence contractor Rafael Advanced Defence Systems and American defence contractor Raytheon, designed to intercept medium- to long-range rockets and slower-flying cruise missiles, fired at ranges from 40 to 300 kilometres.

The Arrow missile systems are designed to shoot down longer range ballistic missiles.

An Arrow missile interceptor blasts off on a test launch at an Israel Defence Forces base. *[Tsahi Ben-Ami/Flash 90 photo]*

IMF rejects Fischer over age

Moti Bassok
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TEL AVIV — Bank of Israel Governor Stanley Fischer was ruled out as a candidate to head the International Monetary Fund last week. The IMF board declined to change rules requiring that the managing director be younger than 65 on taking office. Fischer is 67.

"I have no regrets for having submitted my candidacy," Fischer stated following his disqualification. "I will proudly and happily continue in my role as governor of the Bank of Israel."

The IMF acted as expected in declining to change the age restriction. So why would Fischer submit his candidacy just ahead of the deadline, knowing his chances were slim because of his age and because the head of the IMF is usually a European?

He was likely encouraged to do so by very senior American associates who saw potential problems inherent in the other candidates, French Economic Affairs Minister Christine Lagarde and Mexican central banker, Agustin Carstens.

Fischer is known for his cautious, smart and sophisticated nature. People who know him well think he saw his candidacy as a win-win situation.

When Fischer announced he was competing for the IMF post, he was in effect telling Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the leaders of the world's developed economies, that he was through as governor of the Bank of Israel. From now on, he would be available as a candidate for other leading international economic positions. If he got the IMF job, so much the better. If not, he would continue to serve as Bank of Israel governor until he got an interesting offer.

In about a year, Robert Zoellick, the American Republican, will conclude his term as president of the World Bank. That job carries no age restrictions and Fischer had been mentioned for the post in 2007.

Within the coming year, U.S. President Barack Obama will decide on a candidate for the next World Bank president. While the post of IMF chief has traditionally been reserved for a European, the World Bank presidency is reserved for an American. Fischer has American citizenship and he could be considered America's candidate, not Israel's.

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Natasha author follows up with another winner

Bill Gladstone
Special to The CJN

David Bezmozgis, the Toronto-based author whose 2004 collection *Natasha and Other Stories* bedazzled international literary critics, has written a first novel, *The Free World* (HarperCollins), that is certain to reinforce his reputation as a top-rate writer.

Bezmozgis, who is still young enough to be included in *The New Yorker*'s list of 20 best writers under 40, emigrated from Latvia to Toronto with his parents as a child in 1979, an experience he revisits in *The Free World*. Set in 1978, the novel focuses on three generations of the Krasnansky family, who together travel from Riga to Rome, where they subsist in a bureaucratic purgatory as a panoply of consular officials determine whether their final destination will be Canada, United States, Australia, Israel or some other country.

Samuil, the family patriarch, is a die-hard Communist of the old school, fiercely anti-Zionist and highly resistant to his daughter-in-law Rosa's wish that they go to Israel, where she has relatives. Samuil's wife, Emma, cries when her cousin in Chicago informs her by telephone that she can no longer sponsor the family in America as previously promised. The news comes as a bitter betrayal. Where, in all of this free world, are the Krasnanskys to go?

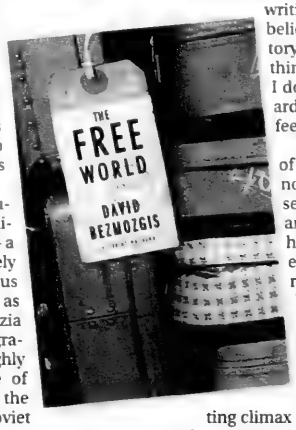
Their eldest son, Karl, who with Rosa has two young children, is a responsible family man with a solid capitalist ethic, but so desirous of getting ahead that he falls in with a gang of roughshod underworld types in a shadowy venture.

The younger son, the charmer Alec, who is the novel's pivotal character, has resisted all ideological leanings: he is indifferent to both communism and capitalism, and is neither a Zionist nor an anti-Zionist. Women are his main preoccupation. As his wife, Polina, knows only too well, he is an inveterate ladies man.

While the novel is framed within the six months the family spends in Rome, multiple flashbacks supply vital details about Samuil's, Alec's and Polina's former lives in Russia. Bezmozgis is an adept storyteller with a keen eye for the dramatic and a trademark ability to withhold just enough information to keep up the suspense and keep the writing interesting.

The book, reminiscent of a 19th-century Russian novel, begins on a train: the first chapter has the two Krasnansky brothers loading piles of luggage into a passenger compartment through the windows. The suitcases are filled with Russian goods – "linens, toys, samovars, ballet shoes, nesting dolls, leather Latvian handicrafts, nylon stockings, lacquer boxes, pocketknives, camera equipment, picture books and opera glasses" – destined for "the bazaars of Rome." The streetwise Krasnanskys know the ropes, know they will need more than the pittance the "Joint" will give them if they are to subsist for a bleak and indeterminate interval in Rome.

In title and story, *The Free World* is deeply and wryly ironic. At odds with each other, the characters float in a difficult, transient world in which misery of one sort or another is a given, and things are often so bad that they can only be laughed at. It is an archetypically Russian world in which the players cheat on their wives, engage in criminal schemes, feed false "refugee persecution stories" to American consular officials, and otherwise subvert the system in order to get ahead. Following in the tradition of I. B. Singer, Bezmozgis paints an illicit Jewish underworld with economy and panache.



As he so aptly demonstrated in *Natasha and Other Stories*, he is particularly good with character and dialogue, infusing both with a thickly authentic Russian sensibility that hints at both tragedy and comedy. His savoury language likely owes much to the many phrases and idioms he has borrowed from the Russian.

The Free World updates the century-old subgenre of the Jewish immigrant novel to reflect modern times – a task its author seems almost uniquely positioned to accomplish. A previous generation of Jewish writers such as Abraham Cahan, Henry Roth and Anzia Yezierska, wrote about the mass migration of Jews to America between roughly 1900 and 1930. Bezmozgis is one of the first Jewish writers to chronicle the postwar exodus of Jews from the Soviet Union in the '70s, '80s and '90s.

From a historical standpoint, it's clear that he took great pains to get it right. For story research, he interviewed many ex-Soviet Russian-Jewish family friends and spent months in Rome and neighbouring Ladispoli, getting a sense of street geography. His realistic style ensured the book would be laden with sufficient accurate detail to give readers a true flavour of the immigrant experience.

"I wanted to get it right to the best of my ability," he told an interviewer for *The Paris Review*. "As I was writing it, I had the feeling and the belief that I was writing down the history of Soviet Jews in a way that I don't think anyone has done in English and I don't know that anyone would hazard to do. It was a strange missionary feeling."

Artistically, Bezmozgis avoids all of the usual pratfalls of first-time novelists, and it is clear that he possesses a rare gift. He has poured an immense amount of character, history, scenery, texture and experience into the novel. However, some readers may observe that *The Free World* contains too much backstory and description, and not enough forward momentum. Indeed, not until the so-called "third act" does the slowly rising action coalesce into anything approaching a fitting climax and denouement.

The rising action concerns an affair of Alec's that bubbles over into considerable trouble for him; the situation seems reminiscent of *Natasha*. But how does the end of this affair wrap up the business of the novel? In short, it doesn't, and the reader is left with the sense that the Krasnanskys' sense of alienation, dislocation and exile will continue into the future, no matter where they eventually settle.

EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

JAFFA ROAD LAUNCHES CROSS-CANADA SUMMER FESTIVAL TOUR

Juno 2010 nominee Jaffa Road, which styles itself as "Canada's ambassadors of cutting-edge Diaspora roots music," is about to take its award-winning music on the road, beginning with a July 1 concert at the TD Ottawa International Jazz Festival, and continuing with shows in British Columbia, Ontario and the Maritimes.

The Toronto-based band consists of lead vocalist **Aviva Chernick** and musicians **Aaron Lightstone**, **Chris Gartner**, **Sundar Viswanathan** and **Jeff Wilson**, who collectively play guitar, oud, sax, flute, bansuri, bass and percussion instruments.

They are at the TD Vancouver International Jazz Festival on July 2 and 3, and on Salt Spring Island on July 5. Beginning July 8, they perform four concerts in Nova Scotia, as well as one each in Prince Edward Island and St. John's, Nfld. They are in Perth, Ont., on July 16 and 17, and in Haida Gwaii, B.C., on Aug. 5, 6 and 7. For further details, visit the band's website at www.jaffaroad.com

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Pomegranate Guild: Anna VanDelman, past president of the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles, gives an illustrated talk about the guild and their art. The Guild brings together people who study and create Judaic textile art and needlework of Judaic themes and exquisite Judaica articles. Original Judaica articles created by guild members will be on display. Active Seniors, Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, Thursday, June 30, 1:30 p.m. 416-924-6211, ext. 155.

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Names in the News: Israeli-born actor **Natalie Portman**, who won the Academy Award for best actress last year for her role in the film *Black Swan*, has given birth to a baby boy, her first child. She is engaged to New York ballet dancer and choreographer **Benjamin Millepied**, whom she met on the *Black Swan* set.

JTA news service reports that Millepied is not Jewish and that Portman was born Natalie Hershlag in Jerusalem to an Israeli father and American mother; she has lived in the United States since the age of three. "A priority for me is definitely that I'd like to raise my kids Jewish, but the ultimate thing is to have someone who is a good person and a partner," Portman said in a 2006 interview.

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Arts in Brief

• Guitarist-pianist-composer **Brian Katz** performs two shows as part of the Toronto TD Toronto Jazz Festival, both featuring his original jazz offerings and some klezmer selections. On June 28, he is joined by saxophonist-flautist **Ernie Tollar**, on July 3 by guitarist **Rob Piltch**. Mezzetta, 681 St. Clair Ave. W. (at Christie), 9 to 11 p.m. Reservations, 416-658-5687.

• Enjoy a weekend of dance workshops, including top international choreographers demonstrating the latest moves in Israeli Folk Dance. The Toronto IsReal Dance Festival is at the Miles Nadal JCC, July 1 to 3. www.israelifolkdancingtoronto.com, 416-221-6280.

• Deadline for the 2011 Canadian Jewish Playwriting Competition is Thursday, June 30, with the winning entry garnering a $1,000 prize for its author as well as a professionally acted and directed public workshop. For details, e-mail esthera@mnjcc.org or visit www.mnjcc.org.

• Friends of Yiddish presents violinist **Michael Ziskind** and singer **Arkadi Tulchinski** in *A Zemerl in Zumer*, its summer closing program featuring "*hartsike lider.*" Members free, guests $7; refreshments. Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Sunday, June 26, 2 p.m. RSVP by June 22 to Sandy, 416-736-8073, or Joel at joels@sackepr.com.

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Out of Town: Rebecca Margolis, author of the new book *Jewish Roots, Canadian Soil – Yiddish Culture in Montreal 1905-1945*, gives a lecture on the origins and development of Yiddish culture in Montreal from the early 1900s to today. The book was published by McGill-Queen's University Press. Margolis speaks at the YIVO Institute in Manhattan, Thursday June 30, 7 p.m. www.yivo.org

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Klezmer-infused children's play on at FringeKids

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Mazel and Shlimazel, the classic children's folk tale by Isaac Bashevis Singer, is getting the stage treatment at the 2011 Toronto Fringe Festival, as part of the FringeKids schedule.

It's also getting klezmerized.

Toronto drummer and composer Lorie Wolf has adapted Singer's story into a one-man children's theatre show, accompanied by a live four-piece klezmer ensemble, which she will lead.

Lorie Wolf

Her play is titled *The Adventures of Mazel and Schlimazel.*

The story follows a year in the life of Tam, a peasant boy, who unknowingly becomes the centrepiece in a wager between Mazel, the spirit of good luck, and his nemesis, Shlimazel, the bad-luck spirit.

Tam will receive a year of good fortune from the benevolent Mazel, and at year's end, Shlimazel will get a moment to undo all the luck conferred upon the spirits' pawn.

Who wins? Let your children find out at this 50-minute play.

Wolf, who last year recorded an album of klezmer music based on the book's themes, said she decided to write the play as a "Yiddish-themed experience" for children.

"It's set in a shtetl, a Yiddish setting, and there are lots of Yiddish words... I hope this will become an introduction to Yiddish culture for both parents and children," she said.

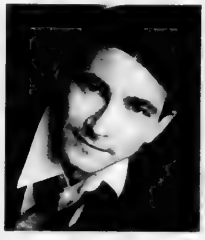
Additionally, Wolf said she takes any chance she gets to expose more people to klezmer music.

She said it's the musical component to the stage adaptation that should really make the show special.

"I hope to capture the sense of the story within the music, and there's a very good relationship between the music and the script," Wolf said.

Being that it's a one-man show, the burden of bringing all the characters – there are six in total – to life falls to veteran Fringe actor Geoff Kolomayz.

Kolomayz, who's not Jewish, said the story brings together the universal theme of good versus evil.



Geoff Kolomayz

He's also enjoying learning all the Yiddish terminology in the story, he said.

Kolomayz said he welcomes the opportunity to perform in front of kids and believes they'll come away with some life lessons.

"I enjoy children's theatre. They're always a truthful audience," he said, adding that there will be some "good humour" in the show as well.

Wolf and Kolomayz said the show will also involve some audience participation in the form of various "call-and-answer" segments with the crowd. The play is geared for ages five and up, according to Wolf.

"Different age groups will take away different things from the play," she said.

The Adventures of Mazel and Schlimazel opens at the Fringe Festival on July 8 at the Palmerston Library Theatre, 560 Palmerston Ave., and runs to July 17. It's being co-presented by the Ashkenaz Foundation. For more information and showtimes, visit www.fringetoronto.com or call 416-966-1062.

Tribute band keeps legend of Moe Koffman alive

Kathryn Kates
Special to The CJN

Ten years after the death of Toronto jazz legend Moe Koffman, his music still lives on in a tribute band led by pianist Bernie Senensky.

The Moe Koffman Tribute Band was formed shortly after the saxophonist/flutist's death at 72 for a concert at the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto, which coincided with the posthumous release of a live CD, *Moe Koffman Quintet Live at the Ontario Science Centre*.

"The basis of this band is to recreate a Moe Koffman Quintet concert," says Senensky, a Winnipeg native who's now based in Toronto. "We do the exact same arrangements and compositions that were played by Moe Koffman and the quintet. It was a very popular group. Moe had a huge following of fans. It was said that it was the No. 1 small jazz group in Canada at that time."

Senensky was a member of Koffman's quintet for 20 years. "While I was with the band, we did countless tours to different countries across the States and Canada, Europe, Australia and Brazil. A lot of those concerts involved a special guest – trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie."

The Moe Koffman Tribute Band, a sextet, consists of Senensky, and fellow Koffman alumnus Barry Elms on drums and Neil Swainson on bass, along with Bill McBirnie on flute, Darryl Orr on saxophone and Reg Schwager on guitar.

"I put together all the charts and the tunes with the help of Giselle, Moe's wife," Senensky says. "She was so kind to give me the actual arrangements that were in the band's repertoire. So, I decided to keep the band going."

Senensky says that Koffman's repertoire was unique for its time because it involved many of his interpretations of classical themes from composers such as Bach and Vivaldi. The tribute band also plays original Koffman material, including the saxophonist's international hit, *Swinging Shepherd Blues*.

Bernie Senensky

To commemorate the 10-year anniversary of Koffman's death, the tribute band is performing several shows this year, including a free concert at Toronto's Metro Square, on June 26 as part of the TD Toronto Jazz Festival. This will be followed by a workshop on the history of Toronto's jazz.

The first concert of this anniversary was at the China House in Toronto, attended by the Koffman family, including his musician sons, Larry and Herbie, and Herbie's musical sons, Josh and Jake, who joined the tribute band onstage. In May, Jazz FM91 recorded the Moe Koffman Tribute Band in concert at the Old Mill in Toronto for future broadcast.

After the Metro Square concert, Senensky will take part in a workshop at the HMV store in Metro Square, which will include an interview about jazz in Toronto and specifically about Koffman, conducted by the festival's former artistic director, musician Jimmy Galloway.

"It is important to understand the history of jazz in Toronto and know that they are carrying on the tradition," Senensky says. In Canada, young jazz musicians think of the jazz mecca as New York, which of course it is, but there were definitely very important things that happened in Toronto also.

"The fact that the Moe Koffman Quintet was based here and played all over the world and had lots of recordings, tours and was recognized internationally should be very interesting to the people coming to the workshop."

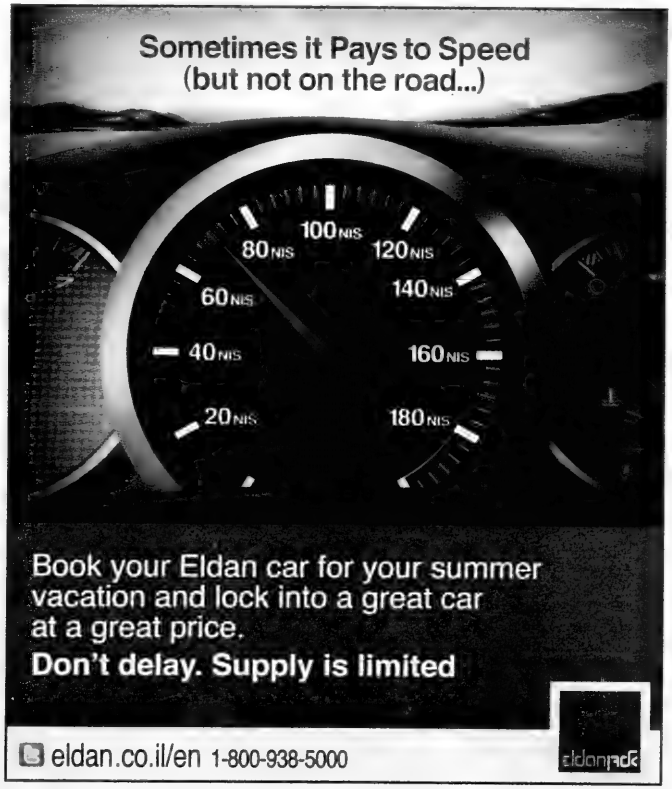
Senensky is a much sought-after jazz frontman and composer in his own right and won a SOCAN (Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada) Award for one of his compositions. He has also played with many jazz greats, including Chet Baker, Terence Blanchard, Randy Brecker, Buddy DeFranco, Herb Ellis, Sonny Greenwich, Herbie Mann and Zoot Sims, and in piano duets with Oscar Peterson and Marian McPartland.

Senensky has released 12 albums of his own, three of which have received Juno nominations. He is about to release two more CDs – one as a piano trio featuring bassist Gene Perla and Ben Riley on drums. Riley and Senensky both play in the group Bowfire. The other album, with Senensky playing Hammond B3 organ, includes Nathan Hiltz on guitar and Sly Juhas on drums. The trio plays as the Nathan Hiltz Trio every Sunday at Joe Mamas in the Entertainment District.

Senensky plays every Thursday to Saturday at the Azure Restaurant at the Inter-Continental Hotel on Front Street with the Dan Bodanis Trio, with drummer Bodanis and Steve Wallace on bass.

Presented by the TD Toronto Jazz Festival, Bernie Senensky and his Moe Koffman Tribute Band play a free noon concert at Metro Square, 221 King St. W., on June 26. The Downtown Toronto Jazz Festival (www.torontojazz.com) runs June 24 to July 3.

The band is also performing at the Sun Life Financial Uptown Waterloo Festival (www.uptownwaterloojazz.ca) on July 16 at 4:30 p.m.



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Road trip to Cup final a memorable experience

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Living in Toronto, you don't often get to see the Stanley Cup final live – maybe once in a generation if you're lucky. Hockey in June is a TV event, but during a recent trip to Vancouver I was privileged to attend Game 5 between the Canucks and the Bruins.

Before sharing my experience, let me make one thing clear: I didn't travel to Vancouver with the intention of going to the game. I was in the West Coast city as a hanger-on, the "guest" of my talented and lovely wife, Sharron, who was participating in a junket arranged by her employer. She, like dozens of others from 17 countries, was being thanked for a very successful year in 2010.

From the moment we arrived in Vancouver, we could see the city was gripped by Cup fever. Staff at the downtown hotel where we stayed wore Canucks T-shirts, stores had Canucks towels and sweaters prominently displayed in the windows and media coverage of the playoffs was everywhere.

Even the many foreigners in our group got into the spirit. Visitors from India and Mexico, who likely never before witnessed a good old fashioned hockey "face wash," were buzzing about the Aaron Rome hit on Bruins' forward Nathan Horton. "That hit was clearly late," I could have sworn that fellow from Bangalore said with some authority.

With Vancouver up 2-0 at the time, talk in the town was for a big celebration on Friday, if, as was being anticipated, the team split in Boston and won Game 5 on home ice. But then the bad news started to trickle in during our arduous schedule of cocktails and fine dining. We heard over Bloody Caesars that the Canucks had failed to show up in Game 3 and were thoroughly embarrassed, 8-1. Bloody awful.

No worries, however. Everyone expected Boston to put up a good fight. The plan for a Game 5 celebration was still in play.

But Game 4 proved a major wake-up call. Our booze cruise was interrupted by news that the Canucks were down 1-0. Then more bad news filtered in – the bar was out of vodka. Oh, and the Canucks had lost 4-0.

At this point, things began to look serious. Is gin a substitute for vodka? And what about Game 5? No Stanley Cup parade now.

The mood in town likewise changed perceptibly. There is a feeling, my Vancouver-based friend told me, that the Canucks always come up short in the playoffs. They have a history of losing, even when they're the better team.

A little history. My friend and I go back a long way. We played intramural hockey in university wand, along with four other guys, were partners in three Winnipeg Jets season tickets.

So he knew I liked hockey. He had mentioned he was a Canucks season ticket holder (he shares seats, as do many in the West Coast city) and had scored tickets to Games 2 and 5. Then came an unexpected question: would I like to come with him to Game 5?

'What's the angle, she's gotta have an angle'

The offer caught me, well, off guard. How could I? I sputtered, my wife and I have plans, we're together without the kids, she's expecting me and... uh, what time does the game start?

"Five o'clock," he replied, adding some bitter remark about how the people in the west are just so thoroughly pleased to change their schedules and leave work early to accommodate the TV networks and those bast..., those lovely people, back east.

I pondered the timing: The game should be over by 8:00, barring overtime, then there's dinner, a few drinks. I could be back at the hotel by midnight, easy.

After consulting my wife – did I mention she's lovely and vivacious – I got the green light for a guilt-free outing at the ol' hockey barn. It's the chance of the lifetime, a golden opportunity, she said.

It is? I replied, a little perplexed by how easy things went. To quote Peter Falk from an old Frank Capra movie, "what's the angle, she's gotta have an angle."

But she didn't. Likewise, my friend's wife gladly ceded her ticket, and we are eternally grateful to the two of them. Did I mention they're fantastic and exquisite ladies?

The game itself was quite an experience, and I don't mean standing in a line 20 deep just to get to the men's washroom.

The rah-rah atmosphere, the hysteria, the nail-biting nervousness and the euphoria were like something scripted in Hollywood.

Even before, outside the Rogers Arena, the atmosphere was festive, resembling a tailgate party, with hundreds of fans milling about. There were games for kids, the chance to shoot on a cutout goaltender, scalpers selling tickets. BTW, tickets with a face value of around $400 were selling for $2,000.

Inside the rink, just about everyone was decked out in Canucks blue. Team towels were on every seat, ostensibly to wave over your head, though my buddy maintained they were to wipe away the sweat when the action got particularly nerve-wracking.

The game itself was fantastic. The Canucks are known for speed and finesse, which they demonstrated again and again. You've got to love a team that constantly pinches its defencemen, pressures the opponent and scores many beautiful goals.

On the other hand, the Canucks tended to overpass, sometimes giving up great opportunities in search of the highlight reel goal.

Though the score was 0-0 for much of the game, there were plenty of great chances. A memorable one later replayed over and over again was a flubbed shot by fourth line winger Tanner Glass. The TV cameras, shooting from the other side of the ice, didn't do justice to the dimensions of the wide open net that faced Glass. He completely fanned on the shot, at which point my friend turned to me and said, "even you could have scored that goal." To which I replied, "you mean, even you could have scored that goal."

Zero-zero going into the third and the tension was palpable. Then, early in the period, Maxim Lapierre, a relatively unheralded late season acquisition, took a banked pass from Kevin Bieksa, and beat Bruins goaltender Tim Thomas. The place went nuts.

The Canucks killed the rest of the period to take a 3-2 series lead. On the streets of Vancouver, thousands of revellers high-fived everyone in sight and partied like they had actually won the Cup.

"Isn't this a bit premature?" I mentioned to my friend as we tried to make our way through a sea of euphoric fans.

By the time you read this, we'll know if the Canucks exorcised old ghosts and played like the best team in the NHL, or if they screwed up yet again.

Regardless, the game was fantastic, a handy reminder about the kind of energy, enthusiasm and civic pride that a team can generate in a city, even one as beautiful as Vancouver that has so much going for it.

Oh, and by the way, the guy from Bangalore picked the Canucks in seven.

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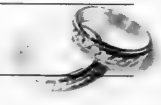
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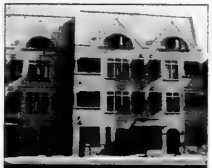

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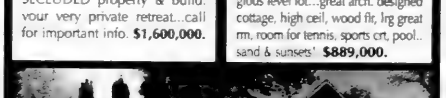

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Paul Lungen
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Marion Schwarz

In a children's world of Backyardigans, talking bunnies, turtles that go to school and bears that drive cars, what could be more natural than four little pigs that tell stories.

Especially when the critters are smart – piggy PhDs, practically – and can impart lessons of morality to children that last a lifetime.

Higgly, Wiggly, Wonkers & Snout, available as a CD or a digital download, is the creative output of Marion Schwarz, the bubbie from *The Bubbie Break*, a television program that ran from 1991 to 1997 on the Women's Television Network and across the United States

Dabbling in the latest in entertainment technology, the 85-year-old Schwarz recently released an audio book that contains "15 stories, and each has a different moral message."

The stories are the same ones she told her now grown-up children, and later her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Test marketed before the only focus group that really matters – her family – the stories proved popular in each retelling, she said.

"I used to tell my grandchildren stories about four wonderful piglets, Higgly, Wiggly, Wonkers & Snout. I was encouraged by my family to write the stories down. I did and the next logical step was to make an audio book out of them."

Good children's books impart a moral message and *Higgly* is no different.

The audio book, which is available on iTunes and Amazon, "is filled with the essence of goodness," said her son, Alan, who is heavily involved in the project.

In one story, a spotted brown piglet is introduced to the sty, but the other piglets want nothing to do with the interloper. "They give it a hard time, make fun of the little piglet until Wonkers explains that it's not important what your skin colour is, only if you're a good piglet," said Marion.

In the end, the other piglets apologized to the brown piglet, "and they all became friends," she said.

Other important issues tackled by the philosopher pigs are about playing rough and avoiding the spread of hurtful gossip about others.

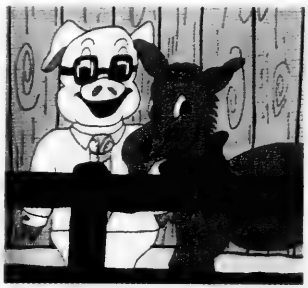
"The *Higgly* stories all feature a moral at the end," Schwarz stated. "I am glad that I was able to take country life and create stories that are entertaining and family friendly. For children who grew up in the inner city, my stories will give them something to dream about. I hope they will consider the piglets their friends."

Schwarz said she came up with the piglet stories many years ago when her late husband, Joe, brought four little porkers and a miniature donkey, Poncho, to the farm they owned in Bowmanville. She used to tell her kids stories about the pigs and those are the tales that formed the basis of the current audio book. She added music and wrote songs that are also part of the story book.

"I worked with an amazing producer, Mark Kersey, and we created a really great Higgly theme song. There are three versions of the song, so children can dance between stories. One of the versions is in [Mandarin]."

Back when her kids liked to visit the farm, they loved to play with Poncho, "the head honcho, because he was bright. When I sang to him, he brayed."

Those memories clearly still delight Schwarz. "I wanted to pass it on. It's a legacy, that no matter how old the kids got, they won't forget that bubbie sang to them and taught them right from wrong."



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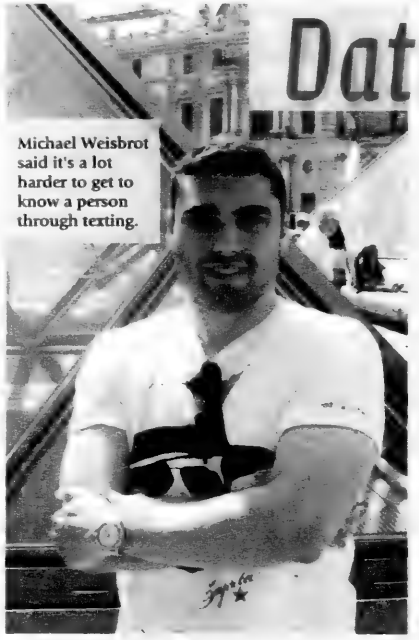

Michael Weisbrot said it's a lot harder to get to know a person through texting.

Below, professional matchmaker Alison Green said young people are finding it harder to develop meaningful relationships because they're not used to face-to-face communication.

More news for young Jews on heebonics.ca

Rena Godfrey
Special to The CJN

Long gone are the days when a guy could simply pick up the telephone to ask a girl out on a date. The dating game has drastically changed over the last 10 years with the growth and sophistication of the Internet.

There are now unlimited options for dating and numerous tools to gain access to one's potential bashert, or soulmate. Facebook gives you a sneak peek of the person in consideration. Texting provides a quick and non-obtrusive way to flirt and kick-start the conversation, and there are also a multitude of online dating sites to peruse.

Sounds like fun, but the question still remains: is all this technology that permeates our lives a blessing or a curse?

There's no doubt that it's easier to meet people these days. Texting, rather than having a face-to-face conversation, is a more comfortable and less stressful way to communicate, giving texters more time to consider what they're about to say in their reply. Even if you're not the smoothest dude on the planet, your secret's safe until, that is, you actually meet face to face, which is really the point of dating, isn't it?

Michael Weisbrot, 23, a graduate student at University of Toronto, knows that although texting is the norm, he prefers having face-to-face conversations.

"There's more of a flow when you're talking to someone in person. Texting is a more lengthy process, and it is harder to get to know the person," Weisbrot said.

Shlomo Buzaglo, Jewish Urban Meeting Place (JUMP) director of programs and trips, recognizes the significant impact that social media plays in the world of dating for millennials – the generation born from the mid-1970s to early 2000s. But there are also downsides.

"We are a generation about instant gratification – a lot of the times I feel this generation is non-committal. There's always something new and something better out there, and people try to hold back a little," Buzaglo said.

He believes that this "sitting on the fence" attitude is fine when you're just playing the field, but young people are having real trouble reading the cues when a relationship goes from fun to serious.

"Chatting over JDate, BBM or Facebook is no replacement for real face-to-face time," Buzaglo said.

He added that JUMP programs that help young Jewish adults connect with one another and the community is the best way to meet people. In fact, five couples who met through JUMP last year got hitched.

Hitch, the name of a program jointly run by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's Community Connect and JUMP, is an ambitious initiative that specifically addresses the business of dating and finding a mate.

Federation's Community Connect networking initiatives manager, Shira Webber, one of the driving forces behind Hitch, firmly believes that help is needed because of the overwhelming options out there.

"Technology has changed the concept of relationships. Although the gizmos and gadgets have become essential in our daily lives, we've lost the whole ability to woo one another, and this takes away from the mysterious part of a relationship. Texting for weeks on end before anyone picks up the phone is not a romantic way to start a relationship."

Webber acknowledged that online dating is at the forefront of the modern dating scene, giving greater access to a larger pool of people, but cautioned that it's hard to determine if someone is really as great in person as they seem online. There's also a problem with trust and exclusivity in the current dating scene.

"When you meet someone online, how do you know they aren't dating 15 other people at the same time?" Webber said.

"There's also a risk factor out there because of the amount of people that you have access to meeting virtually, and it has made people more cautious about giving out their personal information. BBM is okay, but a telephone number is not."

One recent Hitch event, "No BS Dating in the 21st Century," featured modern-day professional matchmaker Alison Green, who gave some very practical dating advice to 65 women.

"Your bashert will not just fall in your lap. Practise talking over texting, and show up on your date with enthusiasm and optimism. It's social networking, too… Your date may not be a match for you, but someone they know may be," said Green, who has more than 12 years of matchmaking experience.

"Without realizing it, millennials are looking for perfection and instant gratification – two things that are antithetical to a healthy and vibrant relationship," Green added. "A significant issue today that is undermining efforts to find a meaningful relationship is a lack of ease to communicate face to face. Millennials find dating awkward and end up frustrated, starting over at square one again and again."

Green launched a Millennial Match division as part of her consulting services in response to the serious difficulties she saw that generation of daters were experiencing in their search for a soulmate.

Karen Feldman Haber, a social worker who said many people come into her practice seeking advice about dating, thinks that it will probably be another 10 years before we have a good idea of the impact technology has on the dating scene.

"For the shy person, technology allows for anonymity, which makes dating less daunting," she said. "For others, it can be frustrating and possibly anxiety provoking.

"However with every generation there are new challenges and new ways of approaching the dating scene and relationships," she added. "This generation benefits from limitless possibilities."

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Dear Disheartened

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Not every circumstance is the same. You mention that Mark said to call him at his firm. Does that mean he doesn't work alone? Does he have to answer to other partners? Are there legal assistants, disbursements, receptionists, rent and other overhead that he has to pay? How much time did he spend researching her case, writing letters, going to court or mediating on Sandra's behalf?

It's easy to say he shouldn't have charged her, but when you actually look at all that was involved, you might feel otherwise. Why should Sandra's problem cost Mark expenses? What I'm sure Sandra did get was special attention from an uncle who loves her and happens to be a competent lawyer.

Whenever a business transaction occurs between family members or close friends, everything should be out in the open right from the start. Whether it's something as small as the sale of a pair of pants to something as large as the sale of a house, fees, commissions, prices and work expected should be discussed by both parties, especially the one who is the recipient of the goods or services. Know what it's going to cost you. Never, ever assume! With all the cards on the table, you can make an informed decision and keep the relationship intact.

Before you write Mark out of your family completely, Sandra should ask him to explain exactly what he charged and why. Is it possible that he did give you a reasonable discount? Maybe with some understanding, you'll have a different opinion. If you're still unhappy, tell him. Talk it out, and then put it behind you. Family is more valuable than money.

Ask Ella

Ella Burakowski

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN, *e-mail: ellacjn@gmail.com. But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

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1 1/2 sticks margarine
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1 c pecans, halved
1 package wide noodles
4 lg eggs
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 c sugar
2 tsp salt

Melt half the butter in a 12-cup mold or tube pan. Swirl around bottom and up sides to coat. Press brown sugar into bottom and press pecans into sugar. Boil noodles according to package directions and drain. Mix with eggs, remaining butter (melted) cinnamon, sugar, salt; pour into the mold.

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More than 25,000 database records of the Canadian Jewish community dating back to the 18th century are now available online at www.cjhn.ca in a readily searched format.

More than skin deep

It wasn't my usual reason to be in a downtown Toronto hospital. This time, it was because I was an out-patient in a dermatology surgical clinic at Women's College Hospital. The experience taught me a few very important lessons.

It reminded me how lucky I am to have a universal, publicly funded health-care system to which all patients have access to without any real impediment. Although I was just shy of 70 years old, I was among younger people in the waiting room. It was clear from the various bandages I saw that most people were having surgical procedures on their faces or necks, which can be done safely and effectively on an out-patient basis.

Signing in was smooth and effortless. The referral had been made by my dermatologist, with the confirmation coming within an hour of his faxing the request. Although it was a few months hence, I was not worried, as I knew the lesion in the crease of my nose was very slow-growing. My being a doctor had nothing to do with the appointment being made for me, and I was happy in that knowledge, as I respect the intrinsic equity of access to the system.

Senior Side of Life

Michael Gordon

After I showed my health card, I waited until the nurse came to me, explained the procedure and prepared everything for the doctor. He, too, explained the procedure and performed the first part of it. After waiting to demonstrate that the "margins" of the tissue were clear, he told me that he had to establish that everything was clear, which was eventually achieved. He then showed me how he had to "fill" the space made by the surgical removal and did a finely planned and executed "plastic" repair.

It took a few days, some modest pain and a black eye before things began to recover, and a week later he removed the sutures and told me everything was "fine."

In addition to my relief, and delight with the health-care system, I saw, by the number of people that had been waiting for similar procedures, the relationship between sun exposure and the risk of developing skin lesions that might require invasive treatments.

I grew up literally on the beach in Brighton Beach, N.Y., made famous by Neil Simon's play *Brighton Beach Memoirs*. At that time, little was known about the dangers of excessive sun exposure, and the summer ritual of sunburn to suntan was practised by all of my contemporaries, even to the point of using oils and reflectors that would increase the impact of the sun's rays. Little did we know or appreciate how we would suffer during our mature years from the negative effects of this prolonged sun exposure, which range from cosmetically unattractive lesions to more serious ones, some of which can be lethal.

We know better now, and it is therefore incumbent on us who know the risks to let our peers know what kind of care they should take in the sun. And most importantly, we should impress on our children and grandchildren that the transitory attractiveness of a suntan can play havoc with one's skin in the long run, with damage ranging from increased wrinkling and premature aging to malignant skin lesions.

My experience in the clinic was more than skin deep – it went right to the core of our wonderful health-care system – and it reminded me of the steps that all of us should take to maintain and ensure good skin health.

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Many Faces... One Community

A salute to our community and its volunteers

UJA Federation OF GREATER TORONTO

Volunteers make our community what it is

As the Chairs of UJA Federation's Campaign 2012, we are thrilled that through these pages we have the opportunity to pay tribute to our community's remarkable volunteers: the thousands of generous and caring men, women and children who roll up their sleeves to help make our community one of the strongest in the Diaspora.

Your contributions come in so many forms, including creating exciting events, canvassing donors, and spreading the word about the unique, vital and strategic work that UJA donations enable. After all, UJA Federation is our sole Jewish communal fund, serving a vast range of social, educational, and advocacy needs in Toronto, Israel and around the world. We are deeply thankful for, and inspired by the commitment and passion of everyone who has ever contributed their time, energy, and creativity to the Jewish community of Toronto.

In addition to encouraging others to donate generously to UJA's Annual Campaign, we encourage you to find a volunteer role where you, too, can contribute - you will be amazed at how fulfilling it will be.

We look forward to the Campaign ahead, and to meeting and working with all of the volunteers who will help make Campaign 2012 a success.

Appreciatively,

Gilbert Palter Barbara Bank

Chairs, United Jewish Appeal Campaign 2012

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Becoming one of the leading Jewish communities in the Diaspora does not simply happen.

Jewish Toronto, which year after year, continues to grow and flourish, owes much of its success to its cadre of committed, knowledgeable, and selfless volunteers. They are truly the fuel that drives the UJA Federation engine and maintains the strength of so many incredible agencies here in Toronto, ensuring a strong and vibrant present and future for all of us.

Whether it's the hundreds of passionate annual campaign canvassers, those who take to the phones at a UJA Telethon, or those who take on the Herculean task of making our Walk with Israel the annual success that it is, our volunteers personify all that is so good about our community.

To not only bring our community together through a myriad of celebrations, rallies, and other important events throughout the year, but to make them run smoothly and seamless is a true talent, a talent supplied by the men, women and children of Jewish Toronto.

This annual Volunteer Recognition Supplement is our way of thanking each and every one of you for your ongoing commitment to tzedakah and tikkun olam, repairing the world; and for helping to make Jewish Toronto everything that it is today.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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Volunteerism is a privilege, not a burden

Rabbi Howard Morrison
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The first detailed account of volunteerism is found in *Parshat T'rumah*, Exodus chapters 25-27. In preparation for building a Tabernacle, a spiritual communal centre for the Jewish people, God instructs Moses saying, "Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts; you shall accept gifts for Me from every person who is so moved." A contemporary commentary suggests, "This kind of giving, a free will offering, does not come through guilt, coercion, or competition, but from the deepest resources of the soul. The Israelites bring yarn, precious metals, cloth and tanned skins – an array of earthly objects that will eventually become the sacred space where Israel can seek God's presence. Today, it is important for all of us to continue to make freewill offerings to the institutions that unify the Jewish people. Along with *tzedakah* (required giving), *t'rumah* (voluntary giving) is vital for sustaining our community. Synagogues, Jewish centres, and Jewish communal agencies cannot survive on membership fees or dues alone. As they struggle to meet their financial needs, these institutions require our heartfelt support through the free will gifts that are necessary to fulfill the good and holy work of these organizations. When we bring our voluntary gifts of money, time, and other resources, we bring the realm of the holy into our lives."

Today we honour and show our appreciation to those who have voluntarily given of their money, time, and other resources for the benefit of the Jewish community. Those who have given of themselves voluntarily have done so as a privilege and not a burden. They have given cheerfully in a way that matters and which serves to refine our world. Like the T'rumah gift that was given some three-thousand years ago, it is a privilege to be involved in the sacred task of building a community in a way which reinforces our commitment to God, Torah, and Israel. *Yasher Koach* to all those whose voluntary efforts are being acknowledged and celebrated.

Students roll up their sleeves - and the coins - for UJA's Carmel Fire Fund

Bialik Hebrew Day School students come together for people of Carmel

By Dan Horowitz

On Thursday, December 2, 2010, the largest forest fire in Israel's history broke out, and, in the next 82 hours before being extinguished, the blaze claimed the lives of 41 people. When the smoke finally cleared, the fire had destroyed dozens of homes and thousands of acres of land.

With the onset of the fire, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto created its Carmel Fire Fund which saw our community raise over $280,000 from 1,500 donors.

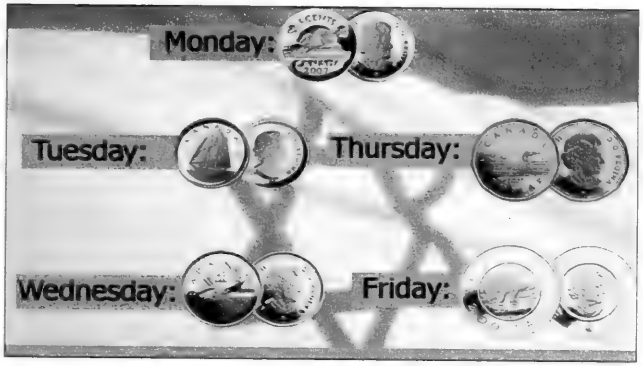
While Jewish Toronto's residents once again answered the call when Israel was in need of our support, that generosity and compassion was personified by the students of Bialik Hebrew Day School.

Under the leadership of Vice Principal, Senior Division, Beverley Young and Student Council Advisor Oriane Falkenstein, and following one of the school's foundation pillars – Ahavat Yisrael, love for Israel – students ran a coin collection campaign to raise money for the people of the Carmel region. Every day during one week, students were asked to bring coins to school in the following denominations: Monday: Nickels - Tuesday: Dimes - Wednesday: Quarters Thursday: Loonies - Friday: Toonies

Student Council and Senior Division students visited classrooms daily, collecting the coins, and, when the final coin was collected, an impressive $3,300 was collected for Carmel.

"As soon as we heard about the fire in Israel, we knew we wanted to help," said Vice Principal Young. "Our Preschool Vice Principal Amy Platt suggested the idea of the Coin Collection Campaign, and we loved it. Before Shabbat on Friday, December 3, an email went to all Bialik families explaining the Coin Collection Campaign as a great tzedakah opportunity through which we could demonstrate our compassion for, and solidarity with Am Yisrael in their time of need. We are so grateful to our Bialik family, students, parents and staff for their generous response."

"It was an outstanding school-wide effort that demonstrated how even nickels and dimes can add up," said Falkenstein. "It also showed the power of cooperation and how much we could achieve by working together."



A poster advertising Bialik's Coin Collection Campaign, in support of United Jewish Appeal's Carmel Fire Fund.

"Each day, we made a conscious decision and a deliberate attempt to bring in the coin of the day," explains Grade 8 student Julia Sebastien. "It was amazing to hear the public address announcements each afternoon telling us what the total for the day and the week was so far. It was exciting to hear the amounts doubling as coin values increased."

IsraAid volunteers, UJA Federation mobilize for the people of Japan

When Shachar Zahavi, founder of the humanitarian organization IsraAid, first heard about the earthquake and tsunami that devastated Japan in March, he knew that IsraAid could help. "We immediately called our contacts in the UN, Israeli government and international aid agencies and began evaluating what the needs on the ground were," said Zahavi.

While IsraAid mobilized a volunteer team consisting of emergency medicine, search and rescue and water purification experts, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, the world's largest financial supporter of IsraAid, created the Japan Earthquake Relief Fund to ensure a successful IsraAid mission. The fund raised approximately $155,000 from almost 900 compassionate and generous donors.

"The Toronto Jewish community responded immediately to the enormous needs of Japan," says Zahavi. "As a result of the community's generosity, we dispatched our team to Japan and were one of the first emergency response units on the ground."

UJA Week fundraiser something to CHAT about

By Dan Horowitz

There was something appropriate about students from TanenbaumCHAT at the Kimel Family Education Centre on the Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Jewish Community Campus using their talents to raise funds for United Jewish Appeal's Campaign 2011.

After all, one of the main goals of the campaign was to answer the unique challenges facing Jewish life today by preparing our next generation with the tools and knowledge they need to live full, satisfying Jewish lives.

Wanting to contribute to that campaign, TanenbaumCHAT students held UJA Week from November 1 to 5, led by a committee of students comprised of Eliana Goldberg, Ariela Gutfrajnd, Orli Bogler, Haley Borenstein and Ayala Lesser.

Whether it was the Grade 12 Auction, which saw those "bought" buy their new owners lunch, or help them with their homework, or the Pie-in-the-Face competition, where students paid for the unique and undoubtedly satisfying experience of heaving the baked goods into the face of their beloved teacher, UJA Week was an unqualified success, raising $1,300 towards UJA's Campaign 2011.

UJA Week Committee Heads and Junior Heads (l to r): Ayala Lesser, Grade 11; Haley Borenstein, Grade 10; Orli Bogler, Grade 11; Ariela Gutfrajnd, Grade 12; and Eliana Goldberg, Grade 12, prepare for the student favourite, pie-in-the-face fundraiser where students pay to "pie" their teachers in the face.

"UJA Week, like most fundraisers, is really about more than just raising money," said 12th Grader, Goldberg. "They're also about raising awareness and getting the whole school involved as one team. We always enjoy coming together for the good of the community and to support important causes such as United Jewish Appeal."

"I was really happy with the way UJA Week turned out this year," said Gutfrajnd, also in the 12th Grade. "My favourite part was witnessing, first-hand, the incredible sense of camaraderie, spirit and excitement that both the students and teachers demonstrated throughout the entire week. It's amazing how as a school, we can raise money for such an important cause while, at the same time, fill the school with such positive energy and wonderful spirit!"

The sweet sounds of tzedakah

By Monique Gottlieb

Orli Silverberg is extremely passionate about two things: playing the violin, and making the world a better place. In honour of her bat mitzvah, she decided to combine the two by organizing a violin concert to raise money for children living in Sderot, Israel, with the help of the B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy program at the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto.

Before her bat mitzvah, Orli knew she wanted to raise money for a charitable cause. "I know I'm very lucky," explained Orli. "I live in a safe country, and I have everything I need. Other people aren't as fortunate as me, so I wanted to do what I could to help them."

Toronto's Orli Silverberg organized a violin concert to raise money for children living in Sderot, Israel, with the help of the B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy program at the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto.

Orli had always felt a strong connection to Israel. Her mother is Israeli, and her family visits the country at least once a year. When she was in Israel this past summer, her family visited Sderot. Seeing the city and its citizens for herself made a huge impact on Orli. "I think they are so brave to live there. I was really scared when I was there for just one day, and they live there every day of their lives."

After researching various causes, she decided to raise money for the people of Sderot. "I felt like they needed the money the most, out of everything I looked at," explained Orli.

Sderot, located on the border of the Gaza Strip, has been the scene of kassam rocket attacks for over eight years. Its citizens live in constant fear, yet most of them choose to stay there to stand their ground on Israel's behalf.

Back in Toronto, the Silverbergs sent out invitations to their family and friends, inviting them to their home for the concert while asking for a donation to go towards the people of Sderot. With her decade of experience playing the violin, and the help of her little sister, Orli put on a phenomenal show. She and her family were blown away by the generosity of the 80 loved ones who came out to support the cause and collectively contributed $5,000.

Through B'nai Tzedek, Orli is able to decide where her donations will go – in this case, helping Sderot's children.

Raising money for Sderot made Orli feel more connected to the people living there. Now that she has had a taste of how it feels to give, Orli is addicted. A lot of people contributed, and she realized that she has so much potential to do good in the world, even at such a young age. "Getting involved and giving to charity is such a great thing. Before I actually did it, I had no idea how good it would make me feel. Instead of people buying gifts for me, I am helping people who are really less fortunate. It feels amazing."

500 Toronto Teens join 10,000 more in a day of tzedakah

By Dan Horowitz

More than 500 Toronto-area teens rolled up their sleeves and joined forces with 10,000 other Jewish teens from across North America, Europe and Israel on April 10th, as part of J-Serve, the Global Day of Jewish Youth Service.

2011 marks the second year in which Jewish teens from across the Greater Toronto Area had the chance to participate in this international initiative, thanks to funding by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and the PANIM Institute of BBYO. J-Serve Toronto coincided with the kickoff of Volunteer Canada's National Volunteer Week, our country's largest celebration of volunteers, volunteerism, and civic participation.

J-Serve Toronto 2011 is presented by BBYO, in partnership with B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy, an initiative of UJA Federation's Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto, B'nei Akiva, Canadian Young Judea, Chabad Youth Network, GROW, Habonim Dror, Hashomer Hatzair, Jewish Student Union, NCSY, Tzofim and United Synagogue Youth.

For Toronto's Sam Strelshik, 17, the Co-Chair of The Jewish Foundation's B'nai Tzedek program, and a member of the J-Serve organizing committee, the day was everything it was meant to be.

"Whether it was cleaning for Passover at the Anshei Minsk Synagogue, visiting patients at Baycrest, selling pins for the Canadian Cancer Society's annual daffodil month, or spearheading a transformative cleanup of Earl Bales Park for the City of Toronto, J-Serve brought together a diverse and committed group of Jewish teens for one common purpose, bettering our community," said Strelshik. "They've all heard about the concepts of Jewish values such as gemilut chasidim (acts of loving kindness), but on this day, they all learned firsthand the importance of tzedakah and tikkun olam, our responsibility to repair the world. No longer are they just words, they're a part of their lives."

Pictured are some of the more than two dozen J-Serve Ambassadors who lead J-Serve recruitment efforts among their peers and within their schools and youth groups.

"It was so incredibly fulfilling and satisfying to serve on the J-Serve organizing committee, with so many other dedicated, enthusiastic, young volunteers," said Orli Matlow, Co-Chair, along with Sam, of The Jewish Foundation's B'nai Tzedek program. "To see so many young people giving up their free time simply to help others is such a positive sign for our entire community. Many of these volunteers will, hopefully, continue to personify and practice the values of tzedakah and tikkun olam as adults, and that is so encouraging for the future of our Jewish community."

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Volunteer Excellence: The Community Honours Its Own

The men and women on pages B5-B7 have made tzedakah, tikkun olam and community involvement constant priorities in their lives. Their unrelenting commitment to Jewish values helps enrich the lives of so many. They received their awards on June 20 at UJA Federation's Awards Night.

BEN SADOWSKI AWARD OF MERIT

UJA Federation created this award in 1960, the single most prestigious acknowledgement the Jewish community bestows upon a volunteer with outstanding leadership qualities and years of involvement in the Jewish and general communities. With his unwavering commitment to people, Ben Sadowski z"l, the first President of the United Jewish Welfare Fund (predecessor to UJA Federation), embodied the definition of a natural leader. This award is his legacy to the Jewish community.

FRAN SONSHINE

A former elementary school teacher, Fran has been a prominent leader in Toronto's Jewish community for many years with a long and proud history of involvement in philanthropy and volunteering. Fran is currently the National Chair of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, whose mission is to promote awareness of the Holocaust and its universal lessons through education and commemorative programming in Canada. Fran was Co-Chair of United Jewish Appeal's 2009 Annual Campaign and the Chair of Women's Campaign & Advocacy in 2005. She is a past Lion of Judah Endowment Chair, a past member of the National Women's Philanthropy Board of the United Jewish Communities, today known as Jewish Federations of North America, the umbrella organization for North American Federations, and the 2010 Toronto community recipient of that organization's Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award. Fran is a past Chair of both the Baycrest Board of Directors and its Foundation, a Trustee of the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto, a past President of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, a National Vice-President of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, and Chaired the 1999 Brazilian Ball. Fran and her husband, Eddie, established one of the first Legacy Funds for the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto. Fran has been married to Eddie for 42 years. They have 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

"Community involvement has always been part of my life. As a child of Holocaust Survivors, I took the importance of ensuring the future of the Jewish people and taking care of the most vulnerable, very seriously. I always understood that my passion and commitment must be demonstrated not just in words, but in actions and that to have a meaningful life, meant that I needed to do more than just take care of myself. Along the way, my life has been enriched by the people I have met and the experiences I have had. Hopefully, both Eddie and I have been able to instill the importance of community involvement in our children as well."

Phil Granovsky Award for Campaign Excellence

This award honours individuals who exemplify the best in United Jewish Appeal campaigning. When it came to the welfare of world Jewry, few were more committed than Phil Granovsky z"l, who saw Israel and the Diaspora as an extension of his family. Granovsky's selfless legacy continues to help countless people in the community every single year.

DAVID DULBERG

David started his dynamic volunteer career with the United Jewish Appeal Annual Campaign as a canvasser in its Young Leadership Division in the early 1990's and has canvassed a large number of donors ever since becoming active in the campaign. As a result of leading by example, David soon worked his way up to Chair of Young Construction, then part of the Real Estate Cabinet and followed this as Chair of Real Estate Finance. David remained an active canvasser in the Real Estate Cabinet and served as Vice Chair in 2002 and Chair in 2003. During this time he also participated as a canvasser in the Major Gifts Division as well as being a trainer to new canvassers. In 2010 David became Co-Chair of the York Region Cabinet with his Co-Chair Jeff Ross, and, together, they continue to boost the UJA Annual Campaign in York Region. David continues to be a Co-Chair of that Cabinet for Campaign 2012. He also participates regularly in UJA telethons and, with his wife Risa, hosts campaign events at their home. David has encouraged his children to lead by example as well and his son Zachary was a recent participant in Birthright Israel and his son Michael has become a telethon canvasser and has participated in this year's March of the Living. David is also new to the UJA Federation Board of Directors this year.

"I am extremely honoured to receive this award. Being associated with an extraordinary community leader like Phil Granovsky is truly humbling and has inspired me to try to do more for the community every day. I have always felt that it is our solemn responsibility to do everything that we can to help others who are less fortunate than ourselves and provide every member of our community with the ability to live their lives with dignity, respect and meaning. I believe that making a meaningful gift to the UJA Annual Campaign, as well as providing leadership and example through volunteering as a canvasser, are vital in order to build a vibrant community and one with heart that will always be there to support and help the vulnerable."

Past Chairs Lederman Award

This award, named for Harold Lederman z"l, is presented to an outstanding philanthropic leader and volunteer who is also a past Chair of the United Jewish Appeal Annual Campaign. Lederman, driven by a keen social conscience and strong support for Jewish communal life, believed in the importance of continuity. His message to future generations was to be responsible, a legacy of a real philanthropic leader.

PAUL MORTON

Paul G. Morton has been actively involved in both the Jewish and general community since moving to Toronto from Winnipeg in the 1970s, and it's clear that Winnipeg's loss was Toronto's gain. As a UJA Federation and Jewish community leader, Paul's passion and generosity has paid considerable dividends for Jewish Toronto. He chaired the inaugural Financial Resource Development Committee, as well as the Annual UJA Campaign, the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto, Jewish Toronto Tomorrow (known today as The Tomorrow Campaign) and UJA's Past Chair Committee. Paul has also lent his considerable time and talents to the community as a Director of Mount Sinai Hospital and as a Co-Chair of Baycrest's Capital Fundraising Campaign. He has also served as President of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University. In the community-at-large, Paul has served as the Chairman of Skydome (now the Rogers Centre), was a member of the Executive Committee of the Canada Deposit Insurance Corp., Director of the Toronto Symphony, as well as both the National and Royal Winnipeg Ballet companies. Paul is also the founding Chairman of the Variety Clubs sports training and fitness centre.

"With privilege comes responsibility. If those who have earned or inherited success do not contribute to making the community, Jewish or secular, a better place to live and raise families, then we all lose."

Volunteer Excellence: Leadership Development Awards

These awards, established to encourage young men and women to assume community leadership roles, are presented to those individuals who demonstrate extraordinary commitment and service.

LEAH CARR

Leah Carr, using her skills in business development, special events and fundraising, has worked on campaigns and fundraisers with the Israel Cancer Research Fund and was responsible for building relationships with local corporations for Canadian Blood Services. In her time with Canada Israel Experience, Leah planned marketing and fundraising for a variety of events. Successfully motivating and engaging young Jewish adults in Toronto and in Israel inspired Leah to spend five months in Israel as the Director of Student and Young Professional Initiatives for Save A Child's Heart in Tel Aviv. Leah is the recipient of the 2011 UJA Leadership Development Award for her volunteerism and leadership in the Jewish community. Leah has brought her strong background in community development and special events to the Herzig Eye Institute in Toronto, where she currently works closely with the CEO in Business Development including implementing digital marketing and planning strategies.

"As part of our remarkable Jewish community, I truly consider it a privilege and an honour to have the opportunity to continue to perpetuate the values of tikkun olam and tzedakah in an effort to pass down all that is strong about the community to the next generation, the future leaders of Jewish Toronto."

ADAM JOSEPH

After graduating from USDS, Adam attended Tanenbaum CHAT, the University of Toronto (B. Comm) and the University of Western Ontario (LLB). Following law school, Adam worked for a large national law firm, focusing on corporate finance transactions involving US Film and Television Companies. In 2000, Adam was seconded to Warner Bros. in Los Angeles. In 2002 he joined Joseph & O'Donoghue LLP where he is a partner practicing real estate development law with his father and others. Married to Miriam and the proud father of Ellie and Maya, Adam is currently the Chair of UJA Federation/MAKOM's Young Emissary Committee, overseeing this vital initiative which delivers Israel-focused educational content and programming at over a dozen synagogues and schools across the GTA. Adam is also a current member of UJA Federation's Israel Engagement Committee and its Social Services Task Force. An active member of Beth Tzedec Congregation, Adam is also Co-Chair of Beth Tzedec's Family and Festival Committee and a member of Beth Tzedec's strategic planning committee.

"My parents, Harvey and Marsha Joseph, taught me the importance of strong commitment to community in Toronto and Israel, Jewish education and, in all circumstances, doing one's best for others. I hope that I can set the same type of example for my children as my parents continue to set for me."

STEVE MAYER

Steve Mayer is a Managing Director in the Investment Banking Department of Goldman Sachs in Toronto. Prior to joining Goldman Sachs in 2006, Steve was the Head of the Communications, Media & Technology Group at Scotia Capital and a Principal at Morgan Stanley. Steve received an MBA from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Commerce and Finance from University of Toronto. In 2005, Steve was named one of Canada's "Top 40 Under 40". Steve has been active in UJA for over ten years and has Co-Chaired the Business Cabinet, the Finance Division and the New Gifts Initiative. Steve is a member of UJA's Board of Directors and is a member of the Security Committee and the Audit Committee. Steve is also a member of the Board of Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation and is a member of the Steering Committee of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Cancer Society. Steve and his wife Alina are the proud parents of Leora, Josh, Jonah, Arielle and Abby.

"I'm thankful for the opportunity to volunteer on behalf of UJA because I feel there is no better way to support Israel and the myriad of Jewish institutions in our community. In doing so, I was merely continuing the tradition of tzedakah and volunteerism that my grandparents and parents have demonstrated throughout their lives. I continue to be inspired by the outstanding work of UJA and the commitment, devotion and tireless efforts of its staff and volunteers."

Professional Advisory Committee Award of Excellence

This award, from the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto, recognizes the outstanding contribution made to the Foundation by professionals in our community. It recognizes the long-term impact their contributions make to lawyers, accountants, estate planners and to the charitable organizations that reap the benefit of their efforts.

NEIL NISKER

From 1972 to 1996, Neil helped to build Brown Baldwin Nisker (now known as HSBC Securities) into one of the premier institutional brokerages in Canada. In 1990, Neil was selected by Sir John Templeton to be one of the three managers of Best Investments International Inc., a global equity mutual fund which was owned by Sir John. Neil continued to serve in this capacity until 1999. From 1997 to 1999 Neil was Chairman of Nisker Associates, Inc., Strategic Wealth Management, a registered investment counseling firm which was purchased by YMG and subsequently by Fiera Capital, which is now Fiera Sceptre Inc. Neil's extensive charitable activities include the following: Co-Chair of the UJA Annual Campaign; Co-Chair of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care Campaign; Vice Chair of the Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation and Chair of its Investment Committee, Chair of the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto, and Past Chair of its Investment Committee and recently, Co-Chair of the 2011 JFNA Investment Institute in Palm Beach, Florida.

"Community and tzedakah have been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. In my professional life, helping families secure their financial and philanthropic future lets me combine my passion for tzedakah with my enthusiasm for guiding generations with their investments. I am inspired by the potential today to build a foundation to serve our community's ongoing and evolving needs."

Gordy Wolfe Award for Jewish Communal Professional Leadership

This award honours the memory of Gordy Wolfe z"l, the consummate professional who served as Executive Director of Jewish Family & Child (JF&CS) for 22 years. The award recognizes a visionary professional communal leader who, like Gordy, has made a substantive difference in the life of Jewish Toronto.

KAREN GOLDENBERG

President & CEO of JVS Toronto since 1999, Karen's previous experience includes Co-Founder and First Executive Director of COTA, Executive VP Dynacare Health Group, Senior VP and Acting President Addiction Research Foundation, and Special Advisor to the Minister of Health on Long-Term Care Reform. Karen has volunteered in many senior leadership roles including United Way Toronto, Toronto District Health Council, Baycrest Board of Governors and numerous community and hospital Boards. She co-founded COTF (Canadian Occupational Therapy Foundation), New Haven Learning Centre for children with autism, and Giant Steps. Karen is Past President of AIJVS (Association of International Jewish Vocational Services) and Common Ground Co-Op; and serves on the Board of Directors of Canadian Friends of Israel Elwyn, ORT Canada and the Regional Geriatric Program of Toronto. She has been recognized with several awards for her leadership.

"I have been a passionate volunteer for 50 years, with a focus on the Jewish community for 15 years as I found myself wanting to "come home". As I balance my volunteer life, I focus on local priorities aligned with UJA, strategic priorities and programs in Israel, reflecting my love of our homeland. I believe in tikkun olam, and my father, z"l was my role model."

Volunteer Excellence: Shem Tov Honourees

Shem Tov Awards are presented, in partnership with agencies, to leaders representing the highest level of excellence in volunteer service in Toronto's Jewish community.

ALLAN BAUM
Circle of Care

Allan has been the President of the Circle of Care Foundation since 2006 and has been a member of its Board of Directors for over 3 years. He has been an active member of the Netivot Hatorah Board of Directors and is currently Co-Chair of the Security Committee and former Co-Chair of the Raffle Committee.

"Volunteering allows me the opportunity to give back to those that have given us all so much. Circle of Care is a wonderful organization that serves those people, our seniors."

KALA SOLWAY
Chai Tikvah Foundation

Kala has been a member of the Chai Tikvah Foundation Board of Directors since 2002. During her six years as President, she doubled Chai Tikvah's residential capacity, and initiated many developmental changes. It is under her leadership that Chai Tikvah became a UJA partner agency.

"I feel honoured to be a part of the Chai Tikvah Foundation. This agency serves one of the most vulnerable and marginalized groups of people in society, those with psychiatric illness. This wonderful organization provides housing and support services in a warm and caring Jewish environment to help our clients live as normal and productive a life as possible."

BEN SWARTZ
Prosserman JCC

With outstanding commitment and passion to ensure program success, Ben has been a member of the Seniors Committee and Volunteers for Stroke Recovery Group at the JCC for over twenty years. Over the years, Ben has been actively learning and taking part in training sessions assisting the instructors with a variety of tasks as well as organizing side activities and events outside of the Stroke class to build community relationships and create a sense of belonging. Ben is very committed to the job at hand and he contines to be punctual, dependable and sincere. His enthusiasm and integrity has built many great relationships amongst the community and made the Stroke Recovery Group a home for every participant.

"Being a member of the JCC for 60 years, and for all the good things the JCC has done for me in my life, I wanted to give something back. I love working with the Stroke Recovery Group."

MOIZ BEHAR
Kehilla Residential Programme

Moiz has been active with Kehilla Residential Programme since 1999. Shortly after joining the Kehilla Board as a Director, Moiz became the Chairman of the New Initiative Committee. As Chair he was instrumental in spearheading workshops to explore opportunities to create affordable housing for the Jewish community in cooperation with housing agencies and the development industry. After a few years, Moiz became the Vice President of the Board of Kehilla and approximately 5 years ago he became the President of the Board. During his presidency, Moiz continued Kehilla's efforts to promote awareness of the need for affordable housing in the larger community and the Jewish community. He guided Kehilla's contributions in creating a supportive housing building on the Joseph & Wolf Lebovic Jewish Community Campus, and developing closer cooperation with UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

"I have had the pleasure of being involved with a variety of activities that keep Kehilla in the forefront of the affordable housing issue. Initially, as the Chair of the New Initiatives Committee, later as VP and President of the Board of Directors, I have been involved in the running of the agency and with the coordination and implementation of initiatives to raise awareness, promote and provide affordable housing. As a volunteer, it is an honour for me to serve on the Board and Executive of Kehilla and assist in many of its worthwhile endeavours."

SHARON WEINTRAUB
JIAS (Jewish Immigrant Aid Services) Toronto

Since 2006 Sharon has been a donor and Co-Chair of JIAS Toronto's Shindman/ ShaRna Scholarship Committee which provides scholarships to immigrants for post secondary education and/or career advancement. Sharon started the ShaRna Foundation - which helps social service agencies, many from within the Jewish community - in her mother's memory. The ShaRna Foundation made a generous donation to the Shindman Scholarship Fund to assist newcomers with post-secondary education. As an immigrant to Canada herself, Sharon was a strong proponent of expanding the scholarship eligibility criteria to include adult students. Sharon takes great pride in being able to support and encourage the newest immigrants to our community in this way.

"Coming to Canada as a young child, I know firsthand how important it is to support the education of the next generation so that they can become active, contributing members of our community. I take great pride in being able to play a part with JIAS Toronto in helping to encourage new immigrants and support their education."

ALAN BERDOWSKI
Hillel of Greater Toronto

Alan graduated from Herzliah High School in Montreal and was well grounded in the importance of contributing to the Jewish community as a young adult. Over the years he has served in a variety of ways within the Jewish community but his greatest passion has been for Hillel, serving on its Board in many capacities over the last 8 years. As president, Alan has strengthened the Hillel Board by initiating a comprehensive strategic planning process; implementing a new discipline around fundraising efforts and financial controls and developing a formal employee code of conduct. He provided community leadership during the peak IAW years, largely by having Hillel lead the effort of coordinating a counter-offensive across our community partners. Alan made it a priority for Hillel to create a broad-based, engaging programming calendar, reaching out and increasing involvement from as many Jewish students as possible.

"It's ironic that supporting the Jewish community is considered 'volunteer' work as I personally benefit so much by doing it. I gain from the wisdom and camaraderie of the wonderful people I work with; I recharge from the enthusiasm of our young adult leaders; my children learn by example; and I am fortified being part of a stronger Jewish community and Israel each and every day."

HAROLD WOLKIN
Miles Nadal JCC

Harold was the Chair of the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre (MNJCC) Board of Directors from 2007 to 2009. He has served on the Board of the MNJCC through UJA Federation's Tomorrow Campaign and brought it forward to its position of strength and commitment to the community today. As his parting legacy, he and his wife became the lead donors for a new daycare initiative, The Libbie Cowan Childcare Centre at the MNJCC. This is but one example of where Harold Wolkin not only talked the talk but also walked the walk and the MNJCC is the stronger for it. It has now enabled the MNJCC to offer the Jewish life journey from cradle through to Active Seniors.

"I receive great satisfaction using my skill set and enthusiasm to set goals and objectives and help bring projects and initiatives to fruition. As importantly, I want to make my contribution, as small as it may be, relative to the larger community, important and meaningful to the organizations that I serve. And, I very much enjoy and benefit from the many relationships with other like minded community peers that I am able to develop through my volunteerism."

Remembering the past

Jewish Toronto joined cities around the world to mark the annual Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah V'Hagvurah) on Sunday, May 1, with a commemorative ceremony at Earl Bales Park.

Co-sponsored by UJA's Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre and the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem with the support of many community organizations, this was the only city-wide commemoration in Toronto and the largest commemoration outside Israel with 2,000 attendees.

This year's ceremony paid tribute to "The Faces Behind the Stories" - Holocaust survivors in the community, their personal stories of survival and their contributions to Holocaust education. The commemoration also featured stories of the Holocaust told by 3 generations – a survivor, the child of survivors and the grandchild of survivors.

Our Community Ca

There was a lot on the line!

Under the incredible leadership of UJA's 2010 Telethon Chairs Janice Tkatch and David Weinberg, more than 600 enthusiastic and passionate volunteers gave their time and talents to help make Super Sunday / Super Week a huge success, raising funds for UJA's 2011 Campaign. All in all, when the year was done, telethon volunteers helped raise $4.9 million towards the Campaign from close to 9,000 generous donors.

Sharing the light of the menorah

It was truly a Chanukah to remember across the GTA in 2010, as more than 1,400 participants enjoyed a unique holiday celebration, sponsored by UJA Federation at four locations throughout the GTA, including the LOL Lounge (pictured), which hosted over 400 participants between the ages of 20 and 30, who celebrated Chanukah with great music and dancing.

Walk with Israel 2010 Sunday, May 30, 2010, was a day like no other, and one that Jewish Toronto had waited nearly four decades for. On a hot, humid morning, with temperatures in downtown Toronto soaring to Jerusalem-like conditions, close to 15,000 participants of UJA's annual Walk with Israel - chaired by husband and wife team, Bruce and Lianne Leboff - were treated to an emotional live address inside the Ricoh Coliseum from Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu who made the trip to Toronto with his wife, Sara.

It was the first time since 1978 that a sitting Israeli Prime Minister - Menachem Begin - had addressed Toronto's Jewish community, and from the reaction of those on hand, it was worth the wait.

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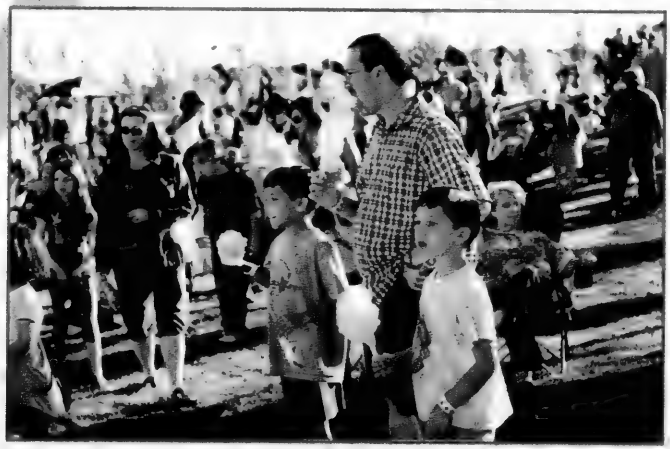

UJA Federation
OF GREATER TORONTO

Lebovic BBQ Close to 1,500 Jewish residents from Vaughan gathered for a free barbeque on August 26, where they met representatives from a vast array of Jewish organizations as well as political candidates. The residents were also given information regarding Phase II of construction on the Joseph & Wolf Lebovic Jewish Community Campus, an initiative of UJA Federation's Tomorrow Campaign. The successful event was held at the Kimel Family Education Centre, the home of TanenbaumCHAT.

Many Faces ... One Community

UJA Federation of Greater Toronto expresses profound appreciation to the countless individuals who selflessly volunteer their time and talents through our many community agencies, schools, congregations and organizations. Through their efforts, these dedicated men, women and young adults help build a more cohesive Jewish community which, in turn, preserves and strengthens the quality of Jewish life in Toronto, Canada and Israel.

The willingness of Toronto's Jewish community to volunteer and help one another makes it a model community – one emulated throughout North America.

Adath Israel Congregation

Perpetuates and promotes Conservative Judaism and the Jewish way of life. www.adathisrael.com

MICHAEL LIPTON
"Volunteering has enabled me to grow closer to my Jewish roots and has been an important part of teaching my children tikkun olam and the value of being a member of the Jewish and the Adath Israel community."

Alpha Omega Dental Society Toronto Chapter

Alpha Omega, is an over 100-year-old dental organization that fosters professional excellence, local outreach and international philanthropy through fraternal and Judaic values. www.aotoronto.org

DR. DANIEL POLLIT
"My volunteer efforts with the Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity have been personally rewarding. I always enjoy working with this caring group of professionals who, year after year, step up to help our community."

Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto*

Provides students with an excellent Jewish and General Studies education based on Torah values in a safe and supportive environment. www.associatedhebrewschools.com

ITA KLEINER BARANEK & ELAINE OSHER
"We believe that the cornerstone of Jewish continuity is a strong Jewish education. Volunteering at AHS enables us to contribute to both our community and our children. There is no more rewarding experience than being a part of AHS's record of excellence."

Association for the Soldiers of Israel – Canada

The only non-profit organization in Canada that supports Israeli soldiers on active duty, partnered with the Aguda Lemaan Hachayal. Funds social, education and recreational programs to ease the burdens faced by young soldiers on duty, their loved ones and, when the unfortunate need arises, their survivors. www.asicanada.org

HENRY SILBERMAN
"Without the IDF there would be no Israel and we, the Jews of the Diaspora, including Canada, may not always be as secure as we feel today. Thus, we have a responsibility to help the soldiers in any way we can."

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Association of Jewish Seniors

Founded in 1970, AJS unites seniors groups and members-at-large within the Jewish community. With approximately 5,000 members, it is a collective voice to address issues concerning seniors. ajs@circleofcare.com

BESS COOPERSMITH
"Since I joined the AJS Board in 2000, I have handled publicity, telephoning, and reception at meetings. I love telephoning, because it keeps me in touch with people. I am now 93, and hope to continue to contribute."

Baycrest

Dedicated to achieving excellence in providing the best possible experience and care for the physical and mental wellbeing of people during their journey of aging. We draw inspiration from the ethical and cultural values of the Judaic heritage which support our commitment to the art and science of healing and the preservation of human dignity throughout the lifespan. www.baycrest.org

LOIS KAMENITZ
"Building Baycrest's Anne and Louis Pritzker Wellness Library has been a privilege. Thank you Baycrest, for giving me the opportunity to share my professional skills with the Jewish community and the generations that raised me."

BBYO*

Through a proven model of exceptional identity enrichment and leadership-development experiences, Jewish teens connect with one another, volunteer in the community, celebrate their Jewish heritage, and travel the world together. www.bbyo.ca

JUDITH FINER FREEDMAN
"BBYO is one of my most meaningful endeavours. I believe in BBYO's ability to inspire teens through Jewish values while developing essential life skills and forming lifelong friendships."

Beit Halochem Canada

Devoted to helping over 51,000 Israeli disabled war veterans and hundreds of victims of terror. The five Beit Halochem Centres offer state-of-the-art sports, social and rehabilitation facilities to wounded heroes and their families. www.beithalochem.ca

JONI KWINTER
"Being a volunteer with Beit Halochem is the best way I can support and thank the people of Israel for their daily sacrifices to preserve our homeland. Involvement with our injured heroes indicates to them the gratitude from abroad for their sacrifices which assists in their daily rehabilitation battle."

Beit Rayim Synagogue and School

Committed to providing its members with services and programs which enhance their connection to Jewish life. We are a Conservative congregation, where men and women participate equally. All of our members are encouraged to bring their enthusiasm, ideas and helping hands to our congregation. www.beitrayim.org

LARRY MILLER
"Beit Rayim Synagogue offers a wide range of programs, which are dependent on the energy of its volunteers. By volunteering I can help ensure that others continue to benefit from and enjoy their synagogue experience."

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living*

A learning and wellness centre reflecting Jewish values committed to maximizing the quality of life for seniors in the community. www.betelcentre.org

CAROL SAHIAN
"Volunteering at the Bernard Betel Centre gives me a lot of satisfaction because I am helping others. When people give you a smile your heart skips a beat and you know you have done a good job."

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue

Fosters a full and joyous way of life proudly rooted in a heritage of traditional Conservative Judaism, and committed to Jewish values, education, spiritual well-being and community. www.beby.org

TEMA WASSERMAN
"This is a tremendous honour and privilege. Volunteering has always been a part of my life and I have enjoyed working with many wonderful volunteers on a variety of projects. I hope to continue serving Beth Emeth for many more years."

Beth Sholom Synagogue

Seeks to enrich the lives of our congregants and community through the ideals of Torah, Gemillut Hassidim (Social Action) and Achdut (Jewish Unity). www.bethsholom.net

KEN WISE
"I volunteer because it helps me stay grounded and I feel a responsibility to give back to the community. This enables me to simultaneously set a positive example for my children, assist others in need and show leadership in the community."

Beth Tikvah Synagogue

A vibrant forward-looking Conservative Synagogue dedicated to fostering spiritual and Judaic growth and fulfillment through meaningful rituals, activities and exciting educational programs. A sensitive and caring congregation attractive to all ages and responsive to the individual needs of our members. www.bethtikvahtoronto.org

HOWARD ROSE
"I think it is important to give back to society. What better way than to do it within your community. I am fortunate to be able to work with people who are capable and, also, dedicated. This makes volunteering enjoyable as well as rewarding."

Beth Torah Congregation

Beth Torah is bastion of dynamic Judaism, transformed by a talented Rabbi with an unbridled love for the Jewish people, and a gutsy board and membership who are building on their rich history and creating a place where Torah and community are colourful and inclusive. www.bethtorah.ca

DR. DAVID GLICK & HAROLD WOLKIN
"Beth Torah allowed us to participate in the revitalizing of our spiritual home, honouring the past as well as assuring continuity for our next generation."

Beth Tzedec Congregation

Founded to preserve Judaism, to inculcate belief in G-d and reverence for our heritage, to translate Jewish spiritual values into terms of present day thought and action, to revitalize Jewish traditional practices in synagogue and home, and to cultivate Hebrew language and literature. www.beth-tzedec.org

CAROLYN KOLERS
"I am committed to helping Beth Tzedec realize its tremendous potential to ensure it remains meaningful to my children and for many future generations. That is why I have spent the last year and a half devoting myself full-time to Beth Tzedec as its Chair and helping to oversee its operations."

Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University

Dedicated to the advancement of higher education and knowledge while contributing to the growth and vitality of Israel and the Negev. cdnbgu.com

JORDAN COHEN
"Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, dreamed of making the Negev bloom and become a productive area which would attract new immigrants. I'm happy to be associated with Ben-Gurion University and honoured to be a member of an institution of higher learning whose mandate is to make Ben-Gurion's dream a reality."

Canadian Council of Conservative Synagogues

The C.C.C.S. is committed to building a co-operative, supportive community of Conservative Synagogues and to becoming the voice of the Conservative movement in Canada. Canadianccs.ca

HARVEY SCHILLER
"I recall reading somewhere 'service to others is the rent we pay for a room on this earth'. I volunteer because it is simply the right thing to do."

Canadian Friends of Herzog Hospital

Israel's foremost centre for geriatric, respiratory and mental health care, Herzog also includes a new Children's Chronic Respiratory Care Department. Herzog's Israel Center for the Treatment of Psychotrauma treats victims of terror attacks, war and domestic violence. Our Research Department is internationally recognized for its work in behavioural genetics. www.herzoghospital.ca

SUSAN MINUK
"Curiosity is the architecture needed for building a pleasurable, engaging, and meaningful life. Herzog Hospital has ignited my personal curiosity and allowed its focus of purpose to partner with not only Israel, but with the world. I invite you, too, to be curious about Herzog Hospital."

Canadian Friends of Laniado Hospital

Serves over 250,000 people in Netanya, and is the only Israeli hospital with a no strike policy. Laniado's high standard of medicine is practiced with compassion and kindness. friends@laniado.ca

DAVID FREUDMANN
"The most compelling reason for me to support the Laniado Hospital is to help provide medical equipment for its Eddie Freudmann Intensive Care Unit. The unit was donated anonymously in memory of my beloved brother Edmond Freudmann z"l."

Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Develops and promotes awareness, leadership and financial support for the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. www.cfhu.org

MICHAEL DODICK, TRACY BIERSTOCK WILDER & ADAM COOPER
"Our years and experiences at The Hebrew University were of the best of our lives. It is a pleasure to give back to an organization that is a vital part of Israel and makes significant contributions worldwide."

CHW Toronto Centre

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, CHW, is a volunteer women's Zionist organization that provides support to enhance the lives of women, children and youth in Israel. In Canada, CHW supports educational projects and awareness of women's issues. www.chw.ca

LENORE IVERS
"I fell in love with CHW 35 years ago when I started volunteering for my Aunt Sophie's chapter at Bazaar. It is an honour and privilege to know that, as a member of CHW, my efforts have afforded me the unique opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of women, children and youth in Israel."

Canadian Jewish Congress*

Works to foster a Canada where Jews, as part of the multi-cultural fabric of this country, live in and contribute to an environment of opportunity and mutual respect. Advocates on behalf of Canadian Jewry and works in partnership with other Jewish communal organizations to improve the quality of life for all communities in Canada. www.cjc.ca

DR. MICHAEL GRAND
"Through Canadian Jewish Congress I'm able to ensure that the voices of small communities in Ontario are heard and are supported in a respectful and professional fashion. I'm proud to be a part of such important work."

Canadian Society for Yad Vashem

Yad Vashem, The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, in Jerusalem, is the universal guardian and imparter of the Shoah's legacy and the protector of human values. Charged with raising financial resources for Yad Vashem's global initiatives and implementing Yad Vashem's vision nationally through educational and commemorative initiatives. www.yadvashem.ca

PETER SILVERMAN & DAVID SMUCSHKOWITZ
"As survivors of the Holocaust we feel an obligation to combat Holocaust denial and to educate future generations. As founders of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, we are proud of our initiative to build the Holocaust Wall of Remembrance at Earl Bales Park to honour the memory of those who perished."

Chabad Lubavitch Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle of Southern Ontario is a youth-oriented program, matching children with special needs and teenage mentors to meet the social and emotional needs of each child. Our goal is to raise community consciousness and assist those with special needs through opportunities for friendship and holiday programming for children, and a weekly respite for the family. www.chabad.ca

DYLAN JACOBSON
"Volunteering for Friendship Circle has been a great learning experience. Mentoring a child with special needs has had such a tremendous impact on me. The autistic young boy and I learned to communicate and understand each other. This is the kind of bond only you and your 'special friend' can share. I cherish this every day."

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham

Non-judgmental and friendly philosophy, with the belief that, regardless of education, background or affiliation, it is the inalienable right of every Jewish person to learn and participate in our heritage. www.chabadmarkham.org

GARY SALTZ
"It's more than just a place of worship. It caters to the mainstream community with programs for preschoolers to seniors. I have been a volunteer here for almost 25 years and have enjoyed the warmth and camaraderie of everyone involved. Together we have built a warm, inviting and unique community."

Chai Lifeline Canada

A not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping Canadian children suffering from serious illness, as well as their family members. Devoted to alleviating the burden of those facing medical challenges. www.chailifelinecanada.org

MEIR DICK
"Chai Lifeline makes a difference in a child's life. When I volunteer, the smile I see on a child's face lets me know that our work can make an impact to help forget the pain illness can bring."

Chai -Tikvah Foundation*

To provide Jewish supportive residential options, programs, public education, and advocacy, which will enhance the quality of life for individuals and families affected by mental health issues. www.chaitikvah.org

ROSE COOPER
"After volunteering for many years, I decided to concentrate on the Chai-Tikvah Foundation, a Jewish mental health organization. It is time for our Jewish community to step up and become leaders in addressing the needs of our most vulnerable! We need action now!"

Circle of Care*

Supports individual independence and sustains and enhances quality of life in the community. www.circleofcare.com

EDWIN DURBIN
"Sometimes when I see the clients and I realize how much I am appreciated and needed it makes me feel good. Volunteering gets me out of the house and allows me to do something worthwhile. I love making a difference not just for me but for someone else!"

Congregation Darchei Noam

Blends traditional Jewish practice with innovative forms of Jewish expression. It is a place where love of tradition and appreciation of change meet. Weekly Shabbat services provide a range of opportunities to experience prayer, study and artistic expression. www.darcheinoam.on.ca

MOLLY NEUFELD
"Volunteering at Darchei Noam gives me a sense of belonging. I feel appreciated and needed. I can give back to the community that has become like family, and that will one day embrace my grandchildren."

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Downtown Jewish Community School

Provides Jewish students with a basis for Jewish identity in a pluralistic community. Students are taught the concepts and skills necessary to live a Jewish life and to feel comfortable within a Jewish setting. www.djcs.org

BARBARA SILVERSTEIN

"Children find meaning in their heritage and community through a Jewish education. I became involved with the Downtown Jewish Community School to help families strengthen their connection to each other, to the school, and to the greater Jewish community."

Eitz Chaim Mothers Association

Formed and directed by mothers of children attending the Eitz Chaim schools. Its mandate is to galvanize parent support in efforts to actively improve the learning environment for the students. patricia@eitzchaim.com

KAREN GIBLON

"My husband and I have made sacrifices to ensure our children receive a Jewish education. The more than 20 programs run by the Eitz Chaim Mothers Association enhance their school experience. I am happy to contribute my time to ensure the success of these programs."

First Narayever Congregation

To build a Kehila Kedosha, for the purposes of prayer and community activities, that is traditional, fully gender inclusive and active in Tikkun Olam. www.narayever.com

MICKEY FRATERMAN

"Before establishing Narayever's role in Out of the Cold, I never thought I had the skills or strength to work with the less fortunate. But I learn a lot from the guests and realize that kindness and listening while providing a hot meal, warmth and a safe place, creates an environment for trust and friendship."

Friends of Yiddish

Promotes the preservation of Yiddish language and culture, and fosters its continued contribution to Jewish life. www.doingjewishtoronto.com

ALLEN ROSENBERG

"It is a privilege to be a member of the Board of Directors of Friends of Yiddish as well as on the Program Committee. We strive to present a variety of Yiddish talent, of interest to our Yiddish speaking members and all those interested in fostering Yiddish culture."

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Habayit Shelanu Seniors Residences Corporations

A unique living environment designed and developed based on the recognition of the changing needs of older adults. Committed to providing an environment that fosters a positive Jewish identity, and opportunities which facilitates the concept of aging in place. www.circleofcare.com

RICHARD LEVIN

"Volunteering on the board of Habayit Shelanu Seniors Residences is a rewarding and positive endeavour which allows me to contribute my legal experience to the challenges of implementing the concept of 'aging in place' for an integrated senior's community."

Hillel of Greater Toronto*

Through exciting and creative programming and events, Hillel promotes Jewish identity, student leadership and religious and political diversity in a dynamic and inclusive environment for all Jewish students. www.hilleltoronto.org

SARAH AGULNIK
Hillel @Seneca College

"I volunteer for Hillel because Hillel brings the Jewish students together like a tight knit community, because of this it has become a part of me - I wouldn't be the same without it."

BECA BOOKMAN
Hillel Israel Affairs – Gilad Shalit Campaign

"I volunteer at Hillel in Israel Affairs because I love Israel and talking about her with fellow students. Hillel has provided me and others a space on campus to be proud of who we are."

EITAN GILBOORD
Hillel Israel Affairs

"Sometimes defending and promoting the State of Israel can be very scary because of all the opposition, but the continued display of courage by students is a true inspiration."

AVRAM HIESLER
Hillel @ U of T - Shabbaton

"I volunteer with Hillel because I believe our Jewish community on campus provides a great experience for students. I want to help shape the great experience."

DAHLIA JAMES
Hillel @ U of T – Tzedek Initiatives

"I volunteer for Hillel because I am committed to spreading the cause of social justice within the U of T community. Tzedek is an initiative that is close to my heart, and my mission is to not just share it with Jewish students but to all those around me."

ELYSA KESHEN
Hillel @York University - Israel Affairs, Chair

"The idea that there is a place I could go on campus for advice is comforting. I want to do for others what the Hillel staff and board did for me. That's why I volunteer for Hillel."

YEHEZKEL LIPINSKY
Hillel @Ryerson University – Communications & Culture

"Volunteering at Hillel Ryerson is so invigorating because we are a small Jewish community so one person can really make a difference. I love bringing great graphic design to Hillel!"

TANI REISS
Hillel @ U of T

"Volunteering with Hillel gives me the opportunity to support and give back to both our Jewish community and Israel, two entities that I hold dear, and do so much for me in my life."

TOMER SASSON
Hillel@ Ryerson - Israel Affairs

"Initially volunteering felt like an obligation. Since I got involved I have met great people, learned a lot and been involved in very exciting endeavours. Now Hillel is a big part of my life."

ADAM SOLOMON
Hillel @ Ryerson University

"I volunteer because I like helping Jews be Jewish."

Holy Blossom Temple

A vibrant, liberal, religious synagogue community. www.holyblossom.org

GERRY PRENDERGAST

"G-d called to Abraham and he answered 'here I am' (Genesis 22 verse 1) I answer 'I am here' to help, to commit, to give back to my community which nourishes my soul. This way I give thanks for being a Jew."

Israel Cancer Research Fund

ICRF continues to be one of the largest sources of private funds for innovative cancer research in Israel. ICRF has contributed more than $40 million US for over 1,750 research grants involving all major hospitals, universities and cancer research projects throughout Israel. ICRF's mission is to continue to find treatments and cures for all forms of cancer, utilizing the unique benefits Israel and its scientists have to offer. www.icrf.ca

JEFFREY BLY

"ICRF is a phenomenal organization. It is very rewarding to work with great people in an effort to find treatments and cures to improve the lives of anyone in the world suffering from cancer. As we have scientists who have won Nobel prizes and top scientific achievement awards for their cancer discoveries, ICRF is integral to a better future for this terrible disease."

JACS Toronto*

An organization led by volunteers dedicated to encouraging and assisting alcoholics, chemically dependent persons and their families, friends and associates to explore recovery in a nurturing Jewish environment. Provides support for Jews in recovery and is an information resource on the effects that alcoholism and drug dependency have on Jewish family life. www.jacstoronto.org

ELAINE J. GLATT

"I came to learn about JACS when a significant person in my life was suffering with a drug problem. I didn't know JACS existed until we desperately needed it. JACS became a safe haven for my friend and for me. I participated in the classes for family support, where I witnessed JACS positive impact. I have contributed to JACS charity events… through fundraising, community awareness and giving of my time. I get a great personal reward in being able to volunteer and intend to continue."

"The Jewish people, ever since David slew Goliath, have never considered youth as a barrier to leadership."

- President John F. Kennedy

Jewish Canadian Military Museum*

Preserves our history and educates the public about the Jewish role in Canada's military. arwings1@rogers.com

ERIC LEVINE

"Through volunteering, I have the opportunity to make people aware that Canadian Jews served courageously in Canada's military since Confederation. Canadian Jewish men and women contributed to securing freedom and peace."

Jewish Centre for Learning and Living

Aims to increase the quality of living by inviting individuals and families to become actively connected to their local Jewish community and engage throughout the year in learning programs, social events and the collective celebration of Jewish Holidays. www.jcll.com

LYNDA & GARY FREEDMAN

"We volunteer for the JCLL trusting that 'if you build it they will come'. This organization has changed who we are and how we view the world and we want others to find out what they've been missing."

Jewish Family & Child*

Supporting the healthy development of individuals, families and communities in Greater Toronto Area through prevention, protection, counseling, education and advocacy services, within the context of Jewish values. www.jfandcs.com

HARVEY PRESEMENT, LEW RASMINSKY, PAUL JOSEPH SEATON, MARVIN SOKOLOFF

"We volunteer to drive because we want to help Jewish children in need. The parents and children have been most appreciative and each of us feels we get back more than the little we give."

Jewish Family & Child – Chaplaincy Services*

Supporting the healthy development of individuals, families and communities in the Greater Toronto Area through prevention, protection, counseling, education and advocacy services, within the context of Jewish values. www.jfandcs.com

LEONHARD YEHUDA WALK

"I feel that I developed myself through my volunteer work with people in need of support by doing peer support as one to one, and for being there for one in need. The Spiritual reward I feel is tremendous."

Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada (Toronto)

To stimulate interest in the pursuit of Jewish genealogical research; To facilitate the pursuit of Jewish genealogical research locally and globally; Provide an environment for fellowship and mutual exchange among persons with an interest in Jewish genealogy. www.jgstoronto.ca

ALLEN HALBERSTADT

"I have been searching for family roots since 1980, when I began looking for the burial place of my twin sister who died as an infant. This got me into recording and documenting Toronto burial sites on behalf of Jewish Online Burial Records."

Jewish National Fund of Toronto

A non-profit organization founded in 1901 to serve as the caretaker of the land of Israel. Since Israel's creation in 1948, JNF has dealt with addressing her most pressing needs in development, environment, afforestation, desertification, education and water. JNF is 100% Israel and 100% of Israel has been touched by JNF. www.jnf.ca

JESSICA FENTON

"As the oldest and most established organization, JNF has a strong presence amongst Jewish communities on a global scale. It's a place where I feel confident that my passion for Israel will be directed into worthwhile and life-altering projects."

Jewish War Veterans of Canada – Toronto Region

The Jewish War Veterans of Canada are citizens, residents and landed immigrants of Jewish faith who served in the wars of Canada and/or its allies, who have formed an association in order to be of greater service to our country and to one another. jwvc@ujafed.org

NORMAN GARDNER

"I volunteer because I believe that it is important to help people and organizations that benefit the community. It gives me satisfaction to use my talents and skills in a positive manner."

Jewish Women International of Canada

JWIC is a force for social change dedicated to ending violence against women. www.jwicanada.com

DORIS MORRIS

"I joined JWIC (Tikvah Chapter) six years ago and quickly felt the need to become a more active volunteer in support of ending violence against women. I look forward to more exciting initiatives with JWIC."

Jews for Judaism*

Dedicated to counteracting the multi-million dollar efforts of numerous cults and missionary groups that target Jews for conversion, offering an extensive variety of preventive education programs, materials and specialized counseling services that keep Jews Jewish. www.jewsforjudaism.org

DANIEL VENTRESCA

"Jews for Judaism provides some of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Helping Jews back to Judaism allows me to live the words of our sages, 'Whoever saves a single Jewish soul is as if he has saved an entire world.'"

JIAS (Jewish Immigrant Aid Services) Toronto*

Welcomes, supports and integrates new immigrants today to build a strong Canada and a strong Jewish community of tomorrow. www.jiastoronto.org

DR. TZVI RUBINGER & DR. SAUL DIMITRY

"As immigrants ourselves, we want to help newcomers navigate their new environment. The services we can provide can only be received from another dentist, so it always feels special to be able to donate our unique skills."

JVS Toronto*

Working in strong partnership with government and business for over 60 years to assist people to achieve their educational and employment potential. www.jvstoronto.org

PAUL HABERT

"JVS, involves me in building a dynamic agency, supporting people of all backgrounds to become employed and contribute to their families and the economy. Consequently, we strengthen the Jewish community and the community at large."

Kashruth Council of Canada

To provide reliable kosher certification to as many industrial and retail establishments possible, while serving as a resource for the community to increase awareness and observance of the kosher dietary laws. www.cor.ca

ARI MESSINGER

"Volunteering for COR, has been a wonderful and enriching experience. There are not too many organizations in Canada that serve all facets of the Jewish community in the way COR does. Seeing the integrity, devotion and sincerity of the staff and volunteers of COR is truly inspiring. The Canadian Jewish community is fortunate to have COR as their leader in Kashrus certification. I am glad I can be a part of it."

Kehilla Residential Programme*

Identifies and champions affordable housing initiatives responsive to the needs of the Jewish community. The agency's mandate is fulfilled through research and education, project sponsorship, development consultation and property management. www.kehilla.ca

ED APPLEBAUM

"I strongly believe in Kehilla's mission to bring more affordable housing to those less fortunate in our Jewish community. My background in architecture has provided me with the leadership skills and technical expertise required to support Kehilla's mission."

Koffler Centre of the Arts – Toronto Jewish Book Fair*

Throughout its distinguished 35 years as a department of The Koffler Centre of the Arts, Toronto's Jewish Book Fair's steering committee members and volunteers have pursued the Fair's original mission to assist in reinforcing Jewish identity by ensuring that Jewish books find their way into Jewish homes. www.Kofflerarts.org

STEERING COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS: Dorothy Posluns Brown, Phyllis Chisvin, Eileen Cole, Rosa Cook, Naomi Freeman, Barbara Held, Ellen Hersh, Marilyn Holtzman, Eileen Korbin, Barbara Lampcov, Ryna Langer, Pat McCormack, Margie Nightingale, Margie Posluns, Annette Rapoport, Carol Rosenthall, Marlene Ruderman, Judy Salamon, Trudy Sassoon, Charolotte Sasto, Judy Saul, Rachel Schlesinger, Helen Sheffman, Machi Steinberg, Molly Swartz, Estelle Viner, Howard Weinroth

"Our volunteers believe strongly that we are the People of the Book and the proof lies in our distinguished authors, booksellers and avid readers, all of whom are aided by the volunteer support of organizations like Toronto Jewish Book Fair of the Koffler Centre of the Arts."

Kolel: The Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning

Offers adults a gateway to expand Judaic knowledge or reconnect to Jewish roots in a pluralistic, egalitarian and inclusive atmosphere. From one-night workshops, and courses ranging from entry level general interest to advanced level text study, Kolel is a unique education centre that attracts individuals across the Jewish denominational spectrum. www.kolel.org

SAM TANENBAUM

"I volunteer with Kolel because it allows me to give back to my Jewish community and help inspire people to be proud of being Jewish."

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L'Chaim Cancer Support Group for Jewish Women

Offers confidential peer support to Jewish women undergoing cancer treatment, with an understanding of both the cancer experience and issues specific to Jewish women. We are also committed to raising cancer awareness through educational programs. www.l.chaim@ncjwc-ts.org

SHAWNA LOVINSKY TATOR
"Just as I was helped by a cancer survivor when I was diagnosed, it is now a privilege for me to help others deal with the emotional and physical challenges of cancer."

Maon Noam Congregation of Canada

Created for helping immigrant families with no knowledge of their Jewish heritage, mainly Russian-speaking Jews from the former Soviet Union, to embrace Judaism, and for assisting in their integration into the Jewish community. www.maonnoam.ca

RAKHIL (ROZA) SHNEIDER
"I met Rabbi Hirsch Rabiski in Italy, where he was helping Jews from the former Soviet Union reclaim their roots. I always held him in high esteem. I was happy to be involved in the creation of a synagogue in my building, and felt honoured when he accepted the position of its rabbi."

MAZON Canada

Raises funds primarily from within the Jewish community and distributes those funds, on a non-denominational basis, to Canadian organizations battling hunger on the front lines. Based on the tradition of tikkun olam (healing the world), the organization strives to link public awareness about the issue of poverty and hunger with the mitzvah of tzedakah. www.mazoncanada.ca

VALERIE SLOMAN
"Every time I go grocery shopping I am reminded how many people go to bed hungry in our country of plenty. I love volunteering at MAZON, helping to fill plates that would otherwise go empty."

"...the greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more."

- Dr. Jonas Salk

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Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre*

Dedicated to serving the community, cultural, educational and recreational needs of downtown Toronto. Its programs and services are guided by Jewish values and are open to regardless of race, ethnic origin, or religious affiliation. The Active Seniors program at the MNJCC aims to enrich the quality of life of seniors. www.mnjcc.org

FELICIA LIEBERMAN
"Volunteering for Active Seniors programs at the MNJCC is to say a big Thank You – a way of showing my appreciation. I was happy to discover this warm, friendly program, where others and I meet and enjoy. It means a lot to us."

Mosaic Outdoor Club of Ontario

Mosaic Outdoor Club of Ontario (MOCO) is a volunteer-run, non-profit Jewish organization that offers a diverse range of physical activities, emphasizing the outdoors, enjoyment of nature and respect for the environment. Events are held in group settings with a focus on fun and social interaction. www.mosaictoronto.org

JO ANNE CHISHOLM
"In a volunteer-run organization, the only way to make things happen is to step up and get involved. When everyone pitches in, a great organization results. Mosaic's motto: 'Let's get moving with Mosaic!'"

Mount Sinai Hospital

A world-class health care facility discovering and delivering the best in patient care, research and education with the heart and values true to our heritage. www.mtsinai.on.ca

HILARY SPILLMAN
"I worked for Mount Sinai's Foundation for a number of years. When I retired, I decided to give back to the place where I enjoyed working. I volunteer in the Oncology department and I find the patients so inspirational. It is my pleasure to be able to support them and make the job easier for the wonderful staff."

Na'amat Canada

The first to embrace feminist ideals, the women of Na'amat will continue to be innovative leaders in meeting the needs of an ever-changing world. www.naamat.com

TERRY DYKOPF
"Seeing how Na'amat thinks outside the box whether in the treatment of victims of abuse, providing solutions to legal problems, integrating bilingualism in daycare centres or helping teenagers secure a good education is truly rewarding."

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada – Toronto Section

A non-profit organization committed to enhancing the lives of individuals within our community and in the broader multi-cultural community through education,service and social action. www.ncjwc-ts.org

RONDA PINSKY HECKER & MARCIE WEINMAN
"The Knowledge that we can contribute to helping others makes us feel we've made a difference in our world."

Netivot HaTorah Day School*

An Orthodox Jewish Day School striving for excellence in a full program of Judaic and General Studies, incorporating the Zioni Dati philosophy and Halacha and Halachic principles. www.netivot.com

DR. CYMA GAUZE KATZ
"Day schools are so important in promoting children's Jewish identity and learning, and family-school partnerships are vital. It is great to be able to partner with such an excellent school and to 'give back' by volunteering."

Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School*

Committed to academic excellence in a dynamic, supportive environment with a distinctive program that integrates Judaic and General studies while encouraging artistic expression and social action as tools for learning. www.djds.ca

DEBBIE ARNOLD & STEPHEN REICH
"It is effortless being involved in the growth of a school that is pivotal to the growing Jewish community in Downtown Toronto. The sense of community that the school has created automatically makes one passionate about its continued existence for the next generation."

Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles

Encourages participation and fosters interest in the study and creation of textile art and needlework based on Jewish themes. www.pomegranateguild.ca

HARRIET LIEBMANN
"The Pomegranate Guild stands for creative originality, technical excellence and Judaic wisdom, is a great motivator, and nurtures artistic growth. Contributing ideas and textile works to our exhibits throughout North America is my "Bezalel" experience."

Prosserman JCC*

A community organization providing quality programs and services that meet the social, educational, cultural, recreational and citizenship needs of our constituents. www.prossermanjcc.com

BEN SWARTZ & JERRY WEINPER
"We do it to always contribute to the comfort, happiness and well being of the group. We aim to build many great relationships amongst the community and make the Stroke Recovery group a home for every participant."

REENA*

Enables people with developmental handicaps to realize their full potential by forming life-long partnerships with individuals and their families within a framework of Jewish culture and values. www.reena.org

JESSE MOSS
"Volunteering with Reena has been an enriching experience, helping me develop a greater sense of social awareness, tolerance and compassion. It is extremely gratifying to work with the individuals at Reena, and to affect their lives positively."

Robbins Hebrew Academy*

Through an integrated General and Judaic Studies Program, students engage in meaningful relationships with educators, parents, peers and the community, acquiring critical thinking skills to open their minds to a future of lifelong Jewish learning and academic excellence. www.rhacademy.ca

LEONARD M. ABRAMSKY
"The privilege of volunteering at RHA has allowed me to contribute to a Jewish day school that provides an amazing education and helps students develop a strong sense of community, menschlichkeit and Derekh Eretz."

Schwartz/Reisman Centre*

Committed to developing a vibrant community in York Region, characterized by diversity, unity, compassion, generosity and commitment to Israel and Jewish values. SRC enriches lives, provides opportunities for social, cultural, spiritual, educational and physical activities. Open to people of all ages and backgrounds, it is a place that is welcoming, accessible and inclusive. www.srcentre.ca

SARA DOBNER
"Volunteering in support of Israelis' integration into the Jewish community has given me a tremendous sense of purpose, accomplishment and belonging, as well as an opportunity to be a role model for my daughters."

Shaar Shalom Synagogue

A multi-generational and welcoming conservative traditional congregation with youthful energy and a strong sense of community. Members and non-members alike both enjoy a true family atmosphere while attending Shaar Shalom for either religious or communal events. www.shaarshalom.ca

ROSALIE ANTMAN
"When I began at Shaar Shalom during a year of saying Kaddish, I was made to feel most welcome and was befriended by many. Volunteering is my way of giving back to this incredible community."

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation

A modern Orthodox Synagogue passionately committed to Torah, to Israel and to providing its members and the Jewish community-at-large with unique opportunities for spiritual development through learning and prayer. www.shomayim.org

WENDY KAUFFMAN
"I volunteer as a way of contributing to the community and giving back to a place that has been the source for support and friendship. When we moved to Toronto we knew very few people. Now the shul is our primary network."

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation

A hub for individuals and families from diverse Jewish backgrounds who share a common desire for a warm community, relevant inspiration, strong Jewish values, and personal growth. www.shaareitefillah.com

DR. MARK GREENBERG
"It is a pleasure and honour to give of my time to a shul that is going through such an exciting rejuvenation and growth period with scores of new families becoming interested in building a great new young community that carries on the beautiful and welcoming legacy of STC!"

State of Israel Bonds Canada

Our brand promise is to facilitate a direct bond between the investors we serve and the State of Israel. www.israelbonds.ca promiseofabonds.ca

HARVEY ATKIN
"I come from a family that believed in the ideals of Zionism; with a passionate devotion to community involvement. It is a special privilege for me to be the radio voice for Israel Bonds across Canada."

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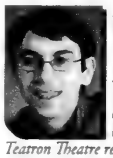
TanenbaumCHAT*

Striving for excellence in all aspects of education, TanenbaumCHAT provides each student with a Judaic and General Studies education in a co-educational pluralistic community setting. www.tanenbaumchat.org

PHILIP GORDIN
"Jewish education is a critical component in the continuation of our heritage and tradition. I feel honoured to have played a small part in helping TanenbaumCHAT fulfill that role in such a vital and meaningful way."

Teatron Toronto Jewish Theatre

Produces Jewish-themed plays from Canada and the world's communities, unveiling the treasures of Jewish tradition, enriching and inspiring the Jewish experience of all theatregoers, leading to better understanding and harmony, while maintaining Jewish values. www.teatrontheatre.com



NOAM BERGMAN
"I compose music for Teatron's plays because I value the work that Teatron Theatre does, communicating Jewish culture through the arts. Teatron Theatre reaches a variety of people, provoking thought and interest in different aspects of Jewish culture."

Temple Emanu-El

A Reform congregation committed to perpetuating Judaism within the home and the synagogue through worship and study. We emphasize the celebration of Shabbat, Jewish Holy Days, and life-cycle events through innovative and diverse programming within a caring and supportive community. www.templeemanuel.ca

BETTY COHEN
"The greatest mitzvah one can perform is to shovel earth on a friend's grave because there is no expectation of reciprocity. On a smaller scale I derive much pleasure in volunteering for my Temple."

Temple Har Zion

Our dynamic Religious and Hebrew Education Programs offer a wide range of spiritual and educational experiences that meet the needs of each and every student. Jewish Education is a lifelong experience that does not stop at Bar or Bat Mitzvah and therefore, we offer a wide variety of programs to engage and enrich the knowledge of our adult members as well. www.templeharzion.com

PAULA FREEDMAN
"As membership Chair my greatest satisfaction was welcoming 92 new families this year, most of whom have become involved in our Temple 'family' through worship and other participation. Their feedback has made my volunteering worthwhile."

The House

A Jewish informal educational centre offering nightly programming, speakers, workshops, and study series for students and young adults, aimed at showing the accessibility and relevance of Jewish thought and values to everyday life, regardless of background or practice. www.thehousetoronto.com

LORNE GOLDSTEIN
"I believe there is no cause more important and gratifying than inspiring our next generation to discover a rewarding Jewish identity regardless of which background they come from, and what path they might take, as long as it's a Jewish one. The House accomplishes this."

The Jerusalem Foundation of Canada

An independent, apolitical community foundation that endeavours to respond to the changing needs of Jerusalem and all its residents. Established in 1966 by then Mayor Teddy Kollek, the Foundation has since invested nearly $1 billion in all spheres of life. www.jerusalemfoundation.org

AYAL SCHAFFER
"My family and I have been thrilled to be involved with the Jerusalem Foundation. Each time we travel to Jerusalem, we discover new ways in which the Foundation is helping to build and sustain the city for all."

The Leo Baeck Day School *

The Leo Baeck Day School is the ONLY Reform Jewish Day School in Canada and the ONLY Day School in North America to be recognized as an International Baccalaureate World School. Choosing Leo Baeck means choosing a school that seeks to nurture and challenge each child, mentally, physically and spiritually. At The Leo Baeck Day School children grow, learn and become their very best selves. We see the world in your child. www.leobaeck.ca

FRAN COHEN
"Leo Baeck emphasizes good work within the Jewish community and beyond. My grandchildren learn compassion and see they can make a positive difference. So it's important for me to act upon these values and model my own commitment."

" One glorious chain of life, of giving and receiving, unites all creatures."

- Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch

Tiferes Bais Yaakov*

Instills the joy and excitement of Yiddishkeit and a deep understanding of, and commitment to, Torah, Mitzvos, Middos Tovos, and Ahavas Yisroel in all students so that they are fully equipped to function successfully in today's society and become contributing members of their community and Klal Yisroel. www.tiferesbaisyaakov.com

TOLLY WEBER
"As a past, present, and future parent at Tiferes Bais Yaakov, I can say that Toronto is fortunate to have a school like Tiferes, and I'm proud to be part of such an enriching learning institution. I am constantly wowed by the dedication of the staff, and that makes it easy to help in whatever small way I can."

Torah in Motion

Torah in Motion brings Jewish teachers and students together to facilitate the study of Torah in an intellectually open and stimulating manner through live conferences and distance learning. www.torahinmotion.org

SHOLOM EISENSTAT
"I think that the whole Jewish world must hear from the scholars that Torah in Motion brings to our community. Making efforts to enable the world to attend our programs via the internet is a great pleasure."

Toronto Heschel School*

Learning for life. We offer a low pupil-teacher ratio, a curriculum based on well-founded research and a staff of active learners. A substantive Jewish education is more than memorizing: it's learning how to think critically and creatively ensuring that the next generation of innovative Jewish leaders will be successful and engaged in the world around us. www.torontoheschel.org

ASHIRA GOBRIN
"Winston Churchill is quoted: 'You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.' Life is too short not to invest fully in the things that are dear to us. What can be more important than our children's education and where can be more deserving than the treasure that is The Toronto Heschel School?"

Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa*

Provides interest-free loans to members of the Jewish community for personal, educational and economic opportunity Start-Up Business needs. www.tjflc.com

TERRY BORER
"I'm grateful for all that I have and wanted to give back in a way that utilizes my skills and talents. I've experienced tremendous satisfaction from helping others and plan to continue volunteering for many years."

Weizmann Canada

Expresses commitment of the Canadian Jewish community to help the Weizmann Institute of Science maintain its standards of excellence and its significant scientific contributions to Israel and the world. www.weizmann.ca

DR. LARRY PARKER
"My humble wish in my support for the Weizmann Institute was the potential for simultaneous support of Israel and medical science by enhancing the communication between the philanthropist and the scientist – for the benefit of humanity."

Yeshiva Darchei Torah*

A high school for boys from Grade 9 – 12. Provides a comprehensive program of Limudai Kodesh and Secular studies. Over 98% of graduates go to Yeshivos in Israel following graduation. Over 95% of graduates are accepted in Universities. Yeshiva Darchei Torah's Alumni are pursuing medical, law and business degrees throughout North America. toledano@darchei.ca

MALKA JAKUBOVIC
"Volunteering can be exciting, enjoyable, and also humbling. Working with the committed and so very talented staff of Yeshiva Darchei Torah has been most rewarding and eye-opening. I consider it an honour and a privilege, being part of and contributing to the Darchei-experience."

Zareinu Educational Centre of Metropolitan Toronto*

A dynamic day school and treatment centre for children facing physical and developmental challenges, and their families, Zareinu is unique. It is the only centre that provides both therapeutic and special educational supports all under one roof. Zareinu's team of special educators and therapists work cooperatively, in a safe, comfortable and enthusiastic learning environment, rich in Jewish tradition and teachings. www.zareinu.org

AURELIA OSTRO
"Zareinu is the window through which I see our world full of hope, promise and success. Professional, lay people, children of all ages working together at the Moveathon, fashion shows, golf tournaments, and bowlathons – to Make Miracles Happen."

"Do not separate yourself from the Community."

- Pirke Avot

UJA Federation of Greater Toronto

Committed to preserving and strengthening the quality of Jewish life in Greater Toronto, Canada, Israel and around the world through philanthropic, volunteer and professional leadership. www.jewishtoronto.com

United Jewish Appeal of Greater Toronto Annual Campaign

ERIC BEUTEL
"My UJA experience has made a profound impact on me. It's inspiring to work with a dedicated group of highly motivated staff and volunteers in attempting to help those in need, both locally and in Israel."

Community Connect

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New era in community advocacy to begin

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Call it the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy 2.0 (CIJA 2.0) – for now.

The much-anticipated reconfiguration of the existing Canadian Jewish community national advocacy structure will officially begin on July 1.

Gone are organizations including the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), Quebec Israel Committee (QIC), the University Outreach Committee (UOC) and National Jewish Campus Life (NJCL).

All their functions have now been absorbed into a greater Canadian Jewish advocacy apparatus under the auspices of the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA), which had previously acted as the umbrella organization for the above-mentioned agencies.

Shimon Fogel, CEO of CIJA 2.0, confirmed the news to *The CJN* last week while he was in the midst of personally informing CJC, QIC, UOC, CIC and NJCL staff of their future – or lack thereof – within the new organization.

On June 5, the boards of CIJA and United Israel Appeal Federations Canada (UIAFC) approved a major overhaul of communal organizations.

Several senior employees of Congress have lost their jobs in the wake of the restructuring process.

Notices of dismissal, effective June 30, were sent to Benjamin Shinewald, CJC's Toronto-based acting CEO; Wendy Lampert, national director of community relations; and Enza Martuccelli, director of community relations in CJC's Montreal office.

Two longtime CJC employees in the Ottawa office – Eric Vernon, the director of government relations and international affairs, and Josh Rotblatt, the director of operations – received notices effective July 31.

Romy Ritter, regional director in Vancouver, was told her employment will not continue with CJC.

The personnel moves were "mandated" by CIJA, said Congress President Mark Freiman in a statement to his board on June 24.

"I grieve for our community's loss in terms of the talents and devoted service of those whose employment CIJA has decided to terminate," Freiman said.

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Shimon Fogel

A grim anniversary

Noam Schalit, right, and Aviva Schalit, second from left, parents of captive Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit, took part in a demonstration in front of the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem on Sunday calling for Gilad's release. The sign held by Noam reads: "Netanyahu, you have no mandate to kill Gilad Schalit." Hamas kidnapped Gilad from his army post in the Negev five years ago on June 25, 2006. [Flash90 photo]
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CANADA

Monument Fixed

HALIFAX — The motorized wheel at the centre of a monument to Jewish refugees from Nazism broke two days after its January unveiling and had to be repaired, the *Halifax Chronicle-Herald* reported this month. The Wheel of Conscience in the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Halifax's Pier 21 was sent to Toronto to be fixed by its manufacturer and returned months ago, a Pier 21 official said. The monument, a heavy piece with moving gears that was designed by renowned architect Daniel Libeskind, was absent for several weeks. The malfunction was mechanical, not design-related.

Shul Changes Name

PETERBOROUGH, Ont. — The Beth Israel Synagogue in Peterborough, Ont., is changing its name to the Jewish Community Centre of Peterborough to better reflect the fact it's becoming more of a community space than a place of worship, a shul official said. General manager Joe Teichman said the synagogue's board voted unanimously last month for the change. The shul, founded in the early 1900s, serves about 35 families out of some 300 Jews in a city of 110,000 people. Its building dates to 1964.

WORLD

Camper Killed

ATLANTA — An 11th grade camper at Camp Ramah Darom in Clayton, Ga., was killed in an accident on a white-water rafting trip. Andrew Silvershein, of Davie, Fla., died when his raft capsized June 19 on the first day of a trip on the Ocoee River in Tennessee. Six other campers on the raft made it back to shore safely, but Silvershein was trapped underwater under a rock. A paddle was used to free him, but CPR efforts failed. It's the second drowning of a rafter on the Ocoee River this month. A guide rode on each raft and campers wore life preservers and helmets. Silvershein was entering his junior year in high school and played in his school's marching band. His younger sister was also a camper at Ramah Darom. The accident occurred during the first week of the camp's eight-week session.

Galliano On Trial

PARIS — Fashion designer John Galliano blamed alcohol and drugs as he went on trial in Paris last week for making antisemitic and racist remarks to patrons at a local café, which he says he can't remember. Galliano faces up to six months in jail and a fine of $32,000 on charges of "public insults based on origin, religious affiliation, race or ethnicity." In February, Galliano was videotaped making racist remarks at La Perle bar. A similar incident reportedly occurred in October. After the video surfaced showing him shouting "I love Hitler," he was fired from his job as head designer at Christian Dior. Since then, he's apologized and been in treatment for alcohol and drug abuse.

B'nai Brith Backs Hijab-Clad Soccer Ref

Allan Adel

MONTREAL — B'nai Brith Canada says a teenaged Montreal girl who wears the Muslim hijab should be allowed to continue refereeing soccer.

It's called on the Quebec Soccer Federation to review a rule that says officials can't wear any religious symbol.

"We are concerned that the federation's outright ban on hijabs does not meet the province's human rights code," said Allan Adel, national chair of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights. "In the past, we have advised that where there are genuine safety issues, viable alternatives must be sought so that entire segments of the population are not excluded."

Sarah Benkirane, 15, was told last week that she can no longer work for the Lac St. Louis Regional Soccer Association if she continues to wear the traditional head scarf. She has been officiating games on the West Island and Vaudreuil for the past two years.

The rule is being enforced now reportedly because a complaint was made against Benkirane. The rule barring religious gear is in line with the regulations of FIFA, the international soccer governing body.

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New fund will assist needy survivors

Survivor community grows because they come here from other cities

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

A new fund has been set up to help local Holocaust survivors in need.

The fund was established as the result of a recent meeting in New York City between senior community leaders and officials of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, which, among other things, provides funds to Jewish agencies that give support to Holocaust survivors.

"I told [Claims Conference officials] that there is a large number of survivors in the Greater Toronto Area, and I felt that we were not receiving an equitable share of available money," said Sandi Pelly, director of community capacity building, aging in place and inclusion with UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, who attended the meeting.

"They agreed to provide us with an additional $500,000 for 2010 and 2011, because UJA Federation agreed to provide matching funds. This is because of the generosity of Toronto's Jewish community.

"But additional matching funds are required. If agencies don't come up with the required matching funds, they'll lose a portion of the grant. That's why we've established the new fund, specifically dedicated to help our agencies come up with the matching funds."

With more than 10,000 survivors in the GTA, she said, "we are home to one of the largest survivor communities in the world."

In fact, Toronto is the only community outside of Israel in which the survivor community continues to grow, because they're coming here from other cities and countries to join their families, Pelly said.

"[Many] seniors are poor when they come to Canada, and on top of that, they're not eligible for government benefits for 10 years. UJA Federation has become their safety net. We have a responsibility to help them."

Holocaust survivors are particularly vulnerable, Pelly said, because as they age, a number of emotional issues arise, particularly if they have dementia.

Sandi Pelly

Bernie Farber, CEO of Canadian Jewish Congress – presently on a leave of absence – and a child of a Holocaust survivor, said that it's "terrible to think that people who survived ghettoes and horrors at the hands of the Nazis should now find themselves financially insecure, alone, ill or in need of help."

Farber, who sits on the board and executive of the Claims Conference, said that the agency's funds help improve survivors' quality of life.

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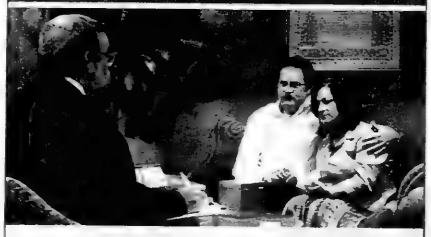

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Rambam, the hospital

Often overlooked in tourists' compressed schedules to visit as many historic sites in Israel in as little time as possible is the northern city of Haifa.

This is a great shame and a loss to the rushing-around tourists, for Haifa is a beautiful and charming place.

Some people say it reminds them of San Francisco. More people say that San Francisco reminds them of Haifa, absent of course, the breathtaking Baha'i temple and its stunningly verdant gardens.

Where mountain meets ocean and ocean meets valley lies Haifa.

Jews have lived in Haifa since at least the third century CE. The city is mentioned in talmudic literature. The origin of its name is not quite clear. However, some surmise it is a contraction of two Hebrew words, *chof yafeh*, meaning beautiful coast. If indeed that is the case, the city is true to its name.

The CJN was in Haifa last month, not to enjoy its mountain vistas or to walk its long up-and-downhill winding roads, but rather to observe daily life at the Rambam Hospital, the largest hospital serving the north of Israel.

Readers may know of Rambam because of the many images of army helicopters landing on the helipad unloading soldiers wounded in fighting in the country's wars, most recently the Second Lebanon War.

All of Israel knows of Rambam, or to use its official name, Rambam Health Care Campus (RHCC), because of its unique history and the irreplaceable role it plays in the medical life of the country.

Many scientists and physicians around the world, too, know of Rambam because of the unceasing wave of medico-biological, high-tech innovations that emanate from it.

Rafael Beyar

Campus is indeed an appropriate term for the health centre in light of its size and its many component sections. The hospital is a veritable mini-city whose residents are dedicated to one cause: the saving of human life.

Rambam provides a full range of health-care services to some two million people from all parts and places of the north. It is also the exclusive provider there for oncology, neurosurgery, molecular imaging and complex trauma treatment.

The CJN's visit came at a time when the hospital is in the midst of a long-term expansion project aimed at enhancing the hospital's clinical and research capabilities. Four new buildings are on the drawing board: children's care, cancer care, cardiovascular care, and biomedical research centre.

From the editor's desk...

Dr. Rafael Beyar has been the general director and chief executive office of RHCC since 2006. Although he is called upon to use his considerable administrative expertise these days, his chief medical expertise is in interventional cardiology. The key message that Beyar imparted was that Rambam is at the forefront initiating leading-edge medical practices and breakthroughs. Referring to the recent bestselling book by Dan Senor and Saul Singer about Israel's economic miracle called *Start-Up Nation*, Beyar said that "Israel is a startup nation in medicine as well."

He was quite definitive, quite proud. "Rambam has produced medical breakthroughs and innovations that have transformed how medicine is practised." He cited three examples on the spot – the use of human embryonic stem cells, the use of robotics in surgery and the use of hybrid diagnostic imaging. He pointed out there were many more such examples.

"Medicine has no borders," Beyar said. "International collaboration is one of the ways we transcend borders. In strengthening and advancing the quality of medicine in Israel, the Rambam Hospital also strengthens and advances the quality of medicine around the world."

Speaking this way about the potential for wide universal benefit from the work at the hospital, Beyar was actually paraphrasing the words of the 12th-century philosopher-scholar-physician after whom the hospital is named, and whose words appear in the entranceway to the hospital.

"Grant me the strength, time and opportunity always to correct what I have acquired, always to extend its domain; for knowledge is immense and the spirit of man can extend itself indefinitely to enrich itself with new requirements."

Next week, I will write about some of the people at Rambam who have extended and continue to extend the domain of knowledge. The Rambam would be proud of the place. And so should we.

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CHAT TRACK STAR 16TH IN PROVINCE

Ahsher Zeldin, a Grade 9 student at the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, recently finished 16th in the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) 100-metre midget hurdles championships. Zeldin qualified for the OFSAA event, which took place at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ont., following a high finish in the Metro Toronto championships. Zeldin started running in Grade 6, placing first among the Jewish day school students and continued improving under the direction of coach Mark Rottman. "Placing in the top 20 in the province was a shocker," Zeldin said. "I now know what to expect and will keep practising to get me there again next year." Zeldin's goal is to represent Canada at the 2013 Maccabiah Games.

Oliver a rookie MP with loads of experience

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Joe Oliver may be a rookie Conservative cabinet minister, but he's got plenty of experience as a decision-maker.

Oliver, 71, unseated Joe Volpe, the longtime Liberal incumbent for the riding of Eglinton-Lawrence, in May's federal election and was sworn in as minister of natural resources last month. He told *The CJN* he's looking forward to bringing fiscal stability to his riding and to all Canadians.

Born in Montreal, Oliver received his MBA from Harvard in 1970 before moving to Toronto in 1971.

Joe Oliver

He spent years as an investment banker and securities specialist with numerous firms before embarking on his political career last year as a member of the Conservative government.

Oliver said while he's proud of his Jewish heritage, he doesn't think of himself as a "Jewish parliamentarian," but rather as the MP for Eglinton-Lawrence and a cabinet minister.

"We all bring personal values to our role, but I don't think my religion was relevant to my election," he said. Oliver noted, however, that his riding does have a large Jewish constituency.

According to the 2006 census, the riding's population is about 110,000, and 39 per cent of the residents are immigrants. About 17 per cent are Jewish and 11 per cent Italian.

There are three Jewish members of Parliament now – Oliver, York Centre Conservative MP Mark Adler and Mount Royal Liberal MP Irwin Cotler.

Oliver said he decided to enter politics after many years of being interested in that field in his previous jobs as executive director of the Ontario Securities Commission and president of the Investment Dealers Association of Canada. Also, he's a self-admitted public policy wonk.

"This is a fulfilment of a real interest," he said. After his successful years in business, he was looking "for something else meaningful to do."

As natural resources minister, Oliver is responsible for a number of national organizations, including Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, the National Energy Board and the Nuclear Safety Commission.

He's also responsible for the non-profit foundation Sustainable Development Technology Canada.

He said he plans to leverage the latter organization by co-ordinating missions with the Ministry of the Environment – headed by Thornhill MP Peter Kent – and looking into partnerships with Israeli innovators in the sector.

"I haven't explored it specifically, but I would like to go to Israel to explore these issues," he said. "The natural resources portfolio encompasses forestry, mining, oil and gas, nuclear... and accounts for a significant portion of Canada's GDP [gross domestic product]. There are enormous oil resources in [Alberta's] oil sands and these represent the third-largest oil reserves in the world after Saudi Arabia and Venezuela."

Oliver said exploiting these resources has to be done in an "environmentally responsible way."

To that end, finding ways to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and searching for alternative energy resources means "looking around the world for ideas." And Israel is one of those places, he said.

Minister of Natural Resources exploring partnerships with Israeli innovators

"Israel's been astonishing in its productivity and creativity" with its limited natural resources and environmental issues, he said.

Canada, he said, has a great relationship with Israel "on a lot of fronts." This should provide ample opportunity for his ministry to "sit down with my counterparts in Israel."

Asked what priority issues he plans to work on in his riding during his term in office, Oliver said it all comes down to the economy.

"When I was canvassing in my riding, one issue that resonated quite well was the issue of having a representative from Toronto advocate for the city inside a Conservative government. Now that I'm in cabinet, I have an opportunity to do that," he said.

"There are big issues [facing Toronto]. Infrastructure. Transportation. We are in a period of [fiscal] restraint... nevertheless, the city has important needs, and I'll be advocating for them in a fiscally responsible way."

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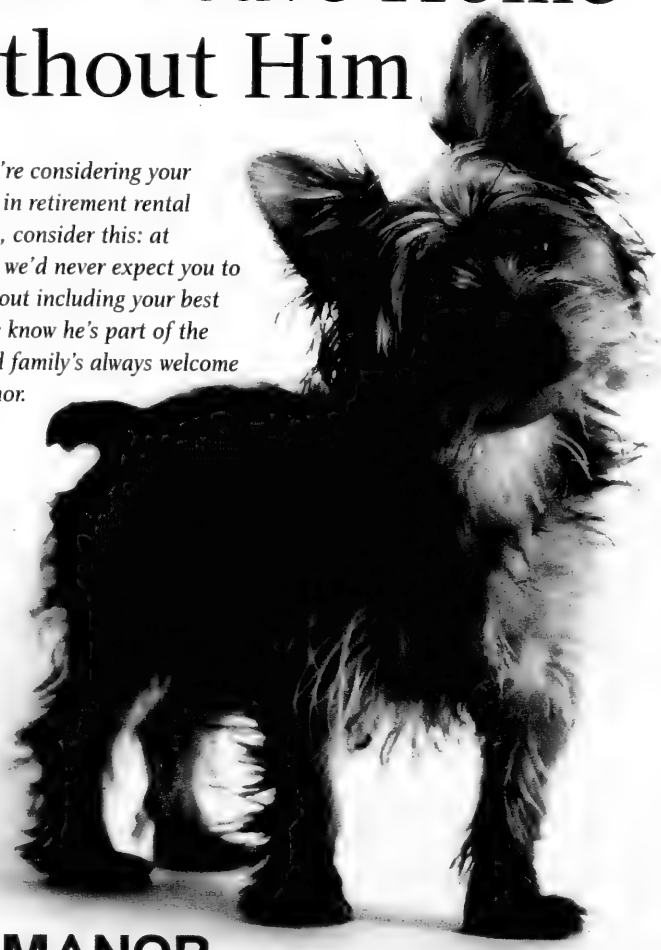

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Group targets TD Bank over Pride, QuAIA

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Since April, a group called StopSponsoringHatred.com has targeted the Toronto Pride Parade's main sponsor, TD Bank, in an effort to get the financial giant to pull its funding from the Pride festival because of the past – and possibly ongoing – participation of the group Queers Against Israeli Apartheid (QuAIA).

On side with Pride

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While that goal won't be achieved this year, since 2011 Pride Week is now underway and TD has not pulled its sponsorship, the group has its sights set on 2012.

David Nitkin, one of the group's founders and a "corporate ethics professional" with 20 years experience, told *The CJN* last week that his grassroots organization won't back down until the bank accedes to its demands.

Over the last few months, members of the group have protested in front of various TD locations in Toronto to get their message out.

"I wanted to see if we could put a stake through the heart of Israel apartheid speech in the city where it really had its global start," said Nitkin, who is not gay.

He said that while many other sponsors of Pride could, and should, be targeted – he mentioned Labatt and the Ontario government as others – the banking sector is one he knows well.

In his work, Nitkin has conducted many audits on codes of conduct and ethics for banks and other financial institutions, he said.

"I looked at the bank and asked myself 'Is TD Bank directly or indirectly supporting this kind of political hate speech?'" he said.

Nitkin added that the bank has also never revealed the nature of its sponsorship agreement with Pride Toronto, although he admitted it's under no legal obligation to do so.

"There are, in my opinion, some very serious problems with this approach by the TD Bank," Nitkin said. "Pride Toronto has internal management problems – their previous executive director was fired for mismanagement of funds, and as an organization itself, it's conflicted in its mission."

Scott Mullin, vice-president of community relations with TD Bank Group, said TD isn't sponsoring hate speech.

"We have had nothing to do with, or sponsored or endorsed QuAIA," he said. "What we are sponsoring is an event that occurs in a big city where lots of people with varying views, not all of which we agree with, ended up participating. [QuAIA] attracted a lot of attention."

He said TD began funding Toronto Pride six years ago in order to demonstrate to its staff that it was "comfortable" with the gay community.

Mullin said his bank supported the Pride Toronto executive throughout its internal review last year, which saw the organization restructure its policies regarding participants in the parade and its complaints process.

"We think [Pride's] new road map going forward, will strengthen it and make it a successful event."

Nitkin said he was scheduled to meet with "three senior people" at Pride Toronto this year, but all three cancelled.

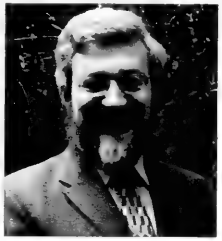
The three are Pride Toronto interim executive director Glen Brown, Pride co-chair Francisco Alvarez, and Ryan Lester, Pride's head of fundraising, Nitkin said.

Alvarez confirmed to *The CJN* that he and Brown are scheduled to meet with Nitkin after this year's parade to discuss Stop Sponsoring Hatred's concerns.

He also confirmed that QuAIA has not been formally barred, but that it has agreed not to participate in any form during this year's Pride Week or Pride Parade.

Earlier this year, the group said it won't march in the parade, but that it will hold its own, separate events during Pride Week.

As for meeting with TD representatives, Nitkin said his group has not formally asked for a meeting and is content for the moment to continue exerting pressure on the bank by encouraging TD clients to withdraw their money if they disagree with it funding Pride while QuAIA is still formally allowed to participate and promote its "hate speech."



David Nitkin

Toronto city council has decided to withhold city funding from Pride – around $138,000 in grants plus another $250,000 of in-kind cleanup and security costs – until after the week-long event is over in order to ensure that QuAIA isn't allowed to take part.

Nitkin believes QuAIA will crash the July 3 parade regardless of its statements to the contrary. However, if QuAIA doesn't march, Nitkin said there would no longer be a reason for his group to continue its activities "in this way."

However, his group would still demand three things from the bank: a public statement "repudiating Israel apartheid while continuing its support of hate-free Pride festivities"; the disclosure of the public safety, anti-discrimination and political hate conditions of funding within in its current sponsorship agreements with 11 annual Pride Parades in North America, and that the bank act to recover its grants if responsible governance by Parade management fails and QuAIA again participates this year.

Nitkin said only about 55 people in Toronto have pulled their money from TD Bank, in what amounts to about $660,000.

"We're at a very early stage. There are a number of supporters of Israel who are sympathetic to us, but who are hesitant to leave the bank because they've been with the institution for many years."

Nitkin anticipates that more people will join his cause if the controversial group does crash this year's parade.

"Most financial institutions will not support political causes. We think if QuAIA marches this year – and we fully expect them to in some form – that there will be repercussions on TD Bank, and that, lamentably, the city will withdraw its funding. In effect, I'm concerned about the survival of the Pride Parade. With all the sponsors under pressure, all the goodwill and success of the parade will disappear."

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION: International recording star Shakira visited Israel last week to open the Israeli Presidential Conference – Facing Tomorrow 2011, hosted by Israeli President Shimon Peres. Former Toronto resident Dana Krupat, 8, seen with Peres and Shakira, presented the singer and founder of the non-profit ALAS Foundation (Latin America in Solidary Action) with a necklace designed by Israeli silversmith and artist Ben-Zion David as a gift from the State of Israel. Dana, a former student of Associated Hebrew Day Schools, lives in Ra'anana.

Top-down approach being applied

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Fogel said the need for wholesale restructuring of the Jewish advocacy system stemmed from the fact that the lines between anti-Israel sentiment and antisemitism had become almost indistinguishable.

"The lines and distinctions between what they used to call 'the domestic agenda' and 'the Israel agenda' have blurred so much, that it's impossible really to tell one from the other," he said. "When is it anti-Zionism? When is it antisemitism? This is the nature of where things have gone internationally."

Fogel said these distinctions had become "increasingly artificial," to the point where it became difficult for CIJA agencies like Congress and CIC to figure out which agency should respond to what.

"We had an opportunity to integrate and consolidate all the thematic agendas – campus, antisemitism, Israel relations, social policy agenda at the local community level – all of those things could be brought into one, holistic institution," he said.

CIJA 2.0 will now have "departments" that deal with these different items, instead of the agencies that existed to address these issues before.

It's a top-down approach that is being applied in order to "clarify and simplify" messaging on Jewish advocacy, Fogel said.

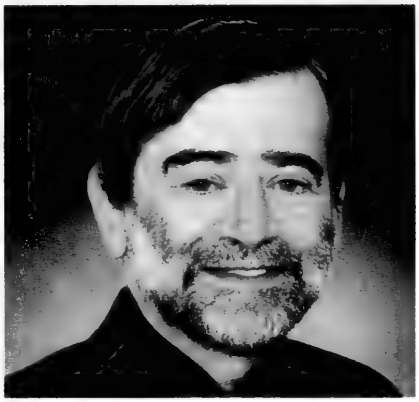
All the details of the new structure are contained in a document called *CIJA 2.0: A Roadmap for the Reorganization of Jewish Advocacy in Canada.*

A national strategy development committee will report to the CIJA 2.0 board on messaging related to campus needs, Israel, social justice and human rights, the defence agenda and domestic needs, according to CIJA 2.0 internal guidelines.

As a national entity, CIJA 2.0 will create policy and messaging for "local partners" throughout the country's Jewish communities.

Each local partner will be "anchored or embedded" in a local federation – in smaller Jewish communities without a federation presence, there will be an alternative. For instance, in Atlantic Canada, the Atlantic Jewish Council will be the de facto local partner. And each community will be represented by a local public affairs committee, Fogel said.

CIJA 2.0 "will provide resources" for all local partners,



Mark Freiman

and the chairs of the local committees will, together, form a national cabinet.

This cabinet will convene to co-ordinate, share best practices, raise local concerns and flag emerging trends or issues for the national executive to provide guidance on.

CIJA's *Roadmap* clarifies the relationship between CIJA 2.0 and UIAFC as one where the latter "defines advocacy policy while CIJA 2.0 develops and implements advocacy delivery strategies to carry out these policies."

The new board of CIJA 2.0 will be determined at a meeting, "probably in the first week of July" when its nominations committee appoints the members, Fogel said.

The organization's official 'brand name' will be announced shortly

The CIJA 2.0 board will have its inaugural meeting "very soon thereafter."

The members of CIJA 2.0 will be the corporation's "shareholders."

"The members are the ones who appoint the board, just like in any conventional corporate model," he said.

CIJA 2.0 will be headquartered in Ottawa. The organization's official "brand name" will be announced shortly, Fogel said.

Among the names still being considered is Canadian Jewish Congress, he said, though CIJA 2.0's branding committee is still finishing its work.

Fogel said the restructuring also affects federation staffing in that many people are being "shifted" from their prior federation roles into CIJA 2.0 roles.

"Federation is handing over all responsibility for advocacy to CIJA 2.0," he said. "That means that CIJA national, and all its local partners whose staff are embedded in federations, will be responsible for the whole range of advocacy."

CIJA 2.0 is also getting set to "roll out" its communications strategy to all its local partners, so they can have a list of national contacts to reference for any issue that arises.

Fogel would not comment on who comprised the new senior management team for CIJA 2.0, as there was still one post outstanding, that of communications director.

He said an offer had gone out, but was still being contemplated by the applicant.

"Fundamentally, above all else, [CIJA 2.0 is] a lobby. Our job is to advocate on issues that enhance and improve the position of the Jewish community and the issues that are of concern to them. Everything else is important, but secondary," Fogel said.

"We were talking about consolidating Congress and CIC more than a decade ago," he added.

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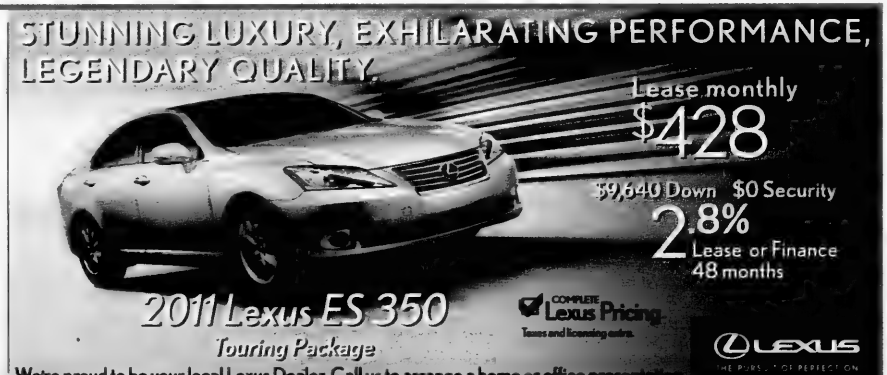

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Kidnappers in Gaza and their friends

The fifth anniversary of the kidnapping of Gilad Schalit by Hamas henchmen and his captivity, presumably somewhere in Gaza, were commemorated last Saturday in Israel with anguish and anger: anguish over the young man's plight, and anger that there still is a plight. In Gaza, by contrast, the anniversary arrived and passed with cavalier indifference and a carefully practised expression of indignant victimhood.

Schalit's family is upset with their own government for not having yet concluded an agreement with Gilad's kidnappers.

Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, said on Sunday that he had accepted a German mediator's proposal, but that Hamas had not yet provided a "formal answer" to it.

Mahmoud Zahar, a senior Hamas leader in Gaza, said talks "won't be resumed until the captors' demands are met." And for five years, Hamas has prevented the Red Cross, or any other humanitarian agency from seeing or speaking or visiting with young Schalit.

French president Nicolas Sarkozy sent a letter to the Schalit family in which he reminded the world that Hamas was violating international law by holding Schalit. "I cannot accept that you are forbidden from simple communication with your relatives and from receiving messages from them in return..." Sarkozy wrote. "I urge those who are imprisoning you to immediately permit the Red Cross to meet with you, and more than that – to return you to freedom."

Sarkozy's plea, like all such pleas from men and women of good conscience, fell on deaf ears.

Despite the gross violation of international law and the very public display of cold, callous cruelty toward the Schalit family, the second "Freedom Flotilla" will be sailing this week toward Gaza to show solidarity and lend comfort to the kidnappers from Hamas who rule there.

As of this writing, the flotilla comprises ships from Ireland, Greece, Spain, Italy, France, Canada, the United States, Germany/Switzerland, Sweden and the Netherlands. And notwithstanding the pronouncements – and even good intentions – of flotilla participants that they are merely bringing humanitarian supplies to the beleaguered people of Gaza, there must be no softpedalling or sugar-coating the import of what they are really doing: They are aiding Gilad Schalit's kidnappers, Gaza's Islamist rulers, whose charter lauds genocide, the killing of Jews, and advocates politicide, the destruction of the sole Jewish state on earth. Through naivety or malevolence, flotilla participants are complicit in Hamas' grotesque aims.

In either case, shame on them.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

Israeli defence minister Yitzhak Rabin accused Syria of complicity in a terror bombing at Madrid's Barajas International Airport. Eight people were injured when a bomb went off in some luggage before it was loaded onto an El Al flight to Israel. Rabin said a man with a Syrian passport gave the bag to an accomplice at the airport.

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Israel needs a new story

The world consensus that Israel should base its borders on the 1967 lines reveals a fundamental weakness in Israel's position. Resolution 242, crafted after the Six Day War, was based on the concept of a secure border for the Jewish state.

It seems Israel's position has deteriorated since then. That deterioration reflects the fact that much of the world no longer accepts the story that Israel uses to justify its position. If something isn't working, then perhaps it is time to think of doing something different. In this case, Israel should present a fundamentally different story.

Perhaps the new story can be that for 2,000 years, the homeland of the Jewish People was occupied by various alien invaders. These invaders created conditions that resulted in the continuous exile of the Jewish People from the Land of Israel. In spite of the deplorable conditions, some Jews always returned. One should emphasize that the Jews never abandoned or surrendered their homeland. The Land of Israel remained a Jewish possession for the past 2,000 years. The Balfour Declaration, the League of Nations approval of that declaration and the UN partition resolution of Nov. 29, 1947, are really irrelevant.

It seems to me reasonable to emphasize the continuity of the Jewish People in its land, rather than the 2,000-year exile from it.

Larry Feldman
Toronto

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The number of days Hamas has held Gilad Schalit captive

National community leaders in politics

Letter writer Michael Marmur, in defence of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) CEO Bernie Farber's candidacy for the Liberals in the upcoming Ontario election, wrote that if we prevent such people from running, then we would deny ourselves an excellent pool of candidates, including Farber as well as Michael Mostyn ("Farber's candidacy in Ont. election," June 10). The difficulty with Marmur's position lies in his problematic comparison between these two individuals.

Although Farber and Mostyn, until recently, were high-level national representatives of the Jewish community in non-partisan organizations, namely CJC and B'nai Brith respectively, while Farber took a belated leave of absence from CJC, publicly declaring his intention to return to Congress should he fail in his electoral bid, Mostyn completely severed his relationship with B'nai Brith prior to accepting the Progressive Conservative party nomination. Mostyn had no safety net or deals to be rehired in the future, which is commendable, but Farber's entry seems to be a win-win deal for himself. Non-partisan community organizations should stay non-partisan, and while community leaders should always be free to enter the world of politics, they should not unfairly taint their organizations with partisanship, creating a win-win for themselves at the expense of the non-partisan organizations that they represent, in this case, CJC.

Alex Glauberzon
Toronto

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PM's support for Israel

Agudath Israel of Montreal, an Orthodox Jewish communal organization, commends Prime Minister Stephen Harper for his principled stance concerning the State of Israel. He has shown moral courage in supporting the one true democracy in the Middle East whose values reflect our own. Most recently, at the G8 summit in France, Harper was able to prevent his colleagues from drafting a final communiqué regarding the Mideast peace process that would only mention the pre-1967 borders, borders that are indefensible to anyone familiar with the geography of the area.

God in the Bible (Genesis 12:3) promised our forefather Abraham: "And I will bless those who bless you." Through his words and actions, Harper has consistently blessed the Jewish People. May God, in turn, shower His blessings upon him, his family, his government and this great nation of ours. And may God give him the strength to continue standing with Israel, so that we can forever be the "true north strong and free!"

Rabbi Mordechai Bulua
Agudath Israel of Montreal

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Interfaith park cleanup

I wish to share my reflections on an interfaith cleanup May 23 of Mackenzie-King Park in Snowdon by Rabbi Schachar Orenstein's team of more than 200 people of many cultures and all ages. With the inspiring leadership of Rabbi Orenstein of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, they finished the job after a few hours. The park was clean thanks to the spirit of love and co-operation. We hope our hearts continue to be filled with love for each other. How lucky I was to share the thrill. Thank you, Rabbi Orenstein for your special care for humanity. You inspire all of us.

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Palestinians face pressure to abandon UN bid

Leslie Susser
JTA

The pressure on Mahmoud Abbas to back down from plans to seek recognition of Palestinian statehood at the United Nations in September is intensifying.

Squeezed by a combination of concerted American pressure and intense Israeli diplomacy, some top Palestinian leaders are urging the Palestinian Authority president to drop his September plan.

Abbas, however, says he still intends to go ahead with the UN move, unless key international players can get serious peace talks going before then.

"If the Americans, the Europeans and Israel don't want us to go to the UN, they must show me an alternative," he said in an interview on Lebanese TV on Monday.

The PA president repeatedly has declared that he prefers negotiations with Israel to the UN gambit, but he insists on a negotiating framework with clear terms of reference. So far, the United States and others have been unable to produce a formula acceptable to both sides. At least for now, Abbas is saying he won't abandon his UN strategy in the absence of such a framework.

But the pressure is growing.

By far the strongest source has been U.S. President Barack Obama's firm opposition to any Palestinian UN move. Obama's promise to veto any bid in the Security Council for Palestinian UN membership means that the best the Palestinians can hope for is symbolic recognition by the UN General Assembly, not full membership in the world body. And Obama has been exerting heavy pressure on the Europeans to oppose the Palestinians' recognition push.

Obama's position has been reinforced by several congressional initiatives. In December, Congress passed a resolution "condemning unilateral measures to declare or recognize a Palestinian state."

Last week, Rep. Steve Chabot, the Republican chairman of the House foreign affairs committee's Middle East subcommittee, urged the administration to withhold U.S. contributions to the United Nations if it recognizes a Palestinian state. There is also a looming congressional threat to cut off $513 million in U.S. funding for the Palestinian Authority if it goes ahead with plans to bring Hamas, a designated terrorist group, into the Palestinian government.

The specter of U.S. economic pressure backed by widespread western diplomatic opposition has been having a sobering effect on the Palestinians.

A pro-western wing of the Palestinian leadership, led by PA Prime Minister Salam Fayyad and including former Palestinian envoy to the UN Nasser al-Kidwa, is advising Abbas to drop the UN initiative mainly for the sake of good relations with the United States.

They also fear that a UN resolution that fails to change anything on the ground could spark a new cycle of violence and retaliation, destroying years of state-building achievements, especially in the Palestinian economy and security forces.

To soften U.S. opposition, Palestinian supporters of the UN gambit, such as Abbas and his chief negotiators Saeb Erakat and Nabil Shaath, are proposing sending an accompanying letter to the UN recognizing Israel in the 1967 borders and committing to resume negotiations immediately on a state-to-state basis. That, however, is unlikely to cut much ice.

Israel's Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, right, met earlier in the month in Jerusalem with Catherine Ashton, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of the European Union. ***[Flash90 photo]***

Meanwhile, the Israeli Foreign Ministry has launched a worldwide campaign against UN recognition of a Palestinian state, instructing Israeli embassies across the globe to leave no stone unturned. Even in countries considered lost causes, diplomats have been ordered to do all they can to turn things around.

The aim of the intense Israeli diplomatic activity is twofold: first, to prevent the Palestinians from winning a two-thirds majority in the 192-member General Assembly. Then, if that fails, at least to win what Israeli officials are calling a "moral minority" – in which most western countries, with their moral authority as democracies, vote against recognition of a Palestinian state.

"There is no possible configuration in which Israel wins the vote," a senior aide to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told JTA. "But if we can get that 'moral minority,' then the resolution will be reduced to nothing more than another UN anti-Israel piece of paper."

As part of the campaign to win over the European democracies, Netanyahu has been warning European leaders that a UN resolution that enshrines the 1967 borders will kill off the peace process.

He argues that no Palestinian leader will be able to accept anything less, undermining the long-accepted principle that in any peace treaty, the 1967 lines will have to be modified.

"It will have the same effect as the 1948 UN General Assembly Resolution 194 had on the refugee issue," the Netanyahu aide insisted, referring to the resolution that stipulated that Palestinian refugees wishing to return to home should be permitted to do so, and that compensation should be paid to those who do not.

"Everyone understands that in a peace treaty, Palestinian refugees will return to Palestine, not to Israel," the aide said. "But because of 194, you have a situation in which no Palestinian leader is ready to say so in public."

Israel's legal and diplomatic arguments have apparently struck a chord in some European capitals

Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman goes further. In a mid-June meeting in Jerusalem with the European Union's foreign policy chief, Catherine Ashton, he warned that if the Palestinians made a unilateral approach to the United Nations, they would be in violation of the Oslo agreements, and Israel would no longer consider itself bound by them. Lieberman was picking up on the opinions of several leading Israeli legal experts, including former foreign ministry legal adviser Alan Baker.

Baker, who was closely involved with the Oslo negotiations, claims that by trying to get the international community to unilaterally impose Palestinian positions on Israel, the Palestinians are in breach of the 1995 Oslo interim agreement, which set up the Palestinian Authority and its presidency and parliament on the understanding that all remaining differences would be resolved through negotiations.

"The Palestinian approach to the UN violates the interim agreement and, in so doing, undermines the legal basis of the PA and all the other Palestinian institutions, creating the potential for legal chaos," Baker told JTA.

Israel's legal and diplomatic arguments have apparently struck a chord in some European capitals. Germany, Italy and the European Parliament have all made their opposition to a unilateral Palestinian UN move clear.

Clearly, Abbas is trying to use the specter of September as a stick to get a resumption of peace talks on his terms. But as long as Hamas is part of the Palestinian government, the chances of talks being renewed are slim.

And unless Abbas is persuaded to back down at the 11th hour, the diplomatic battle is more likely to shape up over what comes next: does UN recognition of Palestine isolate Israel, or does it backfire and leave the Palestinians worse off than before?

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Renovating our shul for the ages

Our synagogue has embarked on a campaign to build a new sanctuary. We're a bit amazed at the boldness of our goal – I understate the matter – but there it is. In for a penny in for a pound – and in this case, in for millions of dollars.

We're familiar with the "If you build it they will come" theory of institutional development. With apologies to the film *Field of Dreams*, this doesn't apply to all building projects. Who is not aware of the accusation of "edifice complex" levelled at Jewish institutions?

Yet since biblical times, we as a people have built places of worship that are also tangible places for communities to come together. At first, it was a crude tent of meeting, the mishkan, which accompanied the tribes through the desert. Later, the site at Beth-El where Samuel heard the call to prophecy was eventually replaced by Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem.

King David had wanted to build the temple, but being a "man of blood," he was cautioned that it would be up to his son, Solomon, to achieve this distinction.

Solomon dedicated the First Temple thus: "The Lord has said that He would dwell in thick darkness. I have surely built You a house of habitation, a place for You to dwell in forever."

Sadly, this first temple was plundered and burned to the ground in 586 BCE, to be replaced some 70 years later with a modest new structure. Ironically it was left to the monstrous Herod ("The Great," or "The Butcher," depending on your point of view) to give the Second Temple its grandest renovations.

Jean M. Gerber

in Vancouver

All who have admired the platform and the surviving walls of that structure see in them but the remnants of its former magnificence.

While the Second Temple still stood, according to scholars of its history, the synagogue was already becoming a place of study and Torah reading, even in Jerusalem.

Prof. Lee Levine writes in *The Ancient Synagogue: the First Thousand Years*: "The synagogue, one of the unique and innovative institutions of antiquity, was central to Judaism and left indelible marks on Christianity and Islam as well."

Architecturally, the synagogue usually echoed surrounding building traditions. This is still true today.

I don't know what our new sanctuary will look like. I hope it will be a warm and welcoming place, rather than huge and environmentally wasteful.

I have been fortunate indeed to have visited a wide variety of synagogues in many different places.

The first ancient synagogue I saw was not an actual building, but wall frescos, taken from the third-century synagogue of Dura Europos in Syria. The frescos have been moved into the Damascus museum, where I was lucky to be able to see them in 1964. You can see copies in the Museum of the Diaspora, but to be in the presence of the originals was a unique experience.

The next one I recall with distress. Wandering the casbah in Algers, I felt drawn toward a ramshackle building being used as a stable and storehouse in the shuk. Its walls were covered with names of donors, families long since banished from Algeria. That barn was actually a defaced synagogue. That experience was uniquely saddening.

In Iran, we searched for a synagogue in Isfahan. After asking over and over for the "Jewish church," we were directed down a winding alley to a building below street level. We descended a few steps into a courtyard, where a baby happily crawled along the soiled flagstones. Inside was a dark, humid, tiny synagogue, open to all, but lacking worshippers. Troubling.

The Altenueshul in Prague, with its worn seats and raised bimah, left us weeping for the children of Treblinka who would never chant their Haftorah in this place. Could it be that the golem still lies, inert, in the attic waiting to be resurrected? The Pinkas synagogue in that same city is covered with the names of murdered Czech Jews. Beyond tears.

Back to Vancouver in 2011. Our present shul was consecrated in 1948, dedicated to the lost synagogues of Europe during the Holocaust. Over the years, it has seen generations pass through its doors. This new effort will, we pray, serve generations to come.

Academic boycotts make no sense

I don't understand the rationale for the boycott of Israeli academics. It's happening in the United Kingdom and is taking root in North America, part of a larger movement of boycotts, divestments and sanctions (BDS). These proposed anti-Israel actions aim to persuade governments to "cease and desist" from certain policies. Despite the fact that they most likely don't work and are based on flawed correlations between Israel and South Africa, I won't discuss them. My point is only that the BDS movement is uniquely inappropriate in the case of academics.

Academics are scholars, people who search for knowledge untainted by political or religious (or any sort of) preference. Their tasks are to seek information removed from common prejudice and slanted stereotypes. They pose interesting questions, gather data or evidence, and seek ways of negotiating the resultant knowledge with other cultural theories and systems. All of this should be very removed from political agendas and government positions. Even the very study of said governments is to be framed in academic language and nonaligned pursuit. Curiosity is the guiding principle, not allegiance to any particular outcome.

Thus, boycotting the very people who seek to pursue this independent knowledge makes no sense from any perspective. It's amazing to see what's written on the Internet by BDS advocates who attack Israeli scholars and Israel studies programs. And those who defend Israel studies and Israeli academics seem to get lost in the rhetoric of the boycotters. Many proclaim that all BDS is a show of anti-semitism. Well, maybe it is and maybe it isn't, but merely making that claim doesn't get us any further toward understanding or resolution. The attack on Israeli academics needs to be addressed on its own terms, even within the larger framework.

Some have noted that Israeli academics are probably the ones most likely to be critical of the government of Israel, but that's not the point at all. Others have argued that freedom of speech or academic freedom is an issue, but that, too, isn't sufficiently understood in this context. The issue is a complex linking of factors. The meeting of scholars should be seen as a neutral activity, "pareve" in and of itself. This fact needs emphasis. On another level, we can see scholarly contact as having the potential to open doors to substantial interaction, trouble-free shared knowledge, and significant future networking. "People getting to know people" is a constructive end product – academics discussing topics of mutual interest and possibly finding mutual humanity. In the scholarly world, this model of human interaction might be competitive, but it's also about sharing information that often leads to co-operative projects. This human configuration is neither martial, nor based on conflict. It's a paradigm that should be celebrated, not boycotted.

Those who are Israeli and do research, or those who study any aspect of Israel –its land, culture and society – shouldn't be tainted by their studies or geographic location. Just like any other faculty or researcher, they should be judged by their work, not their topic. Good scholars shed light on new information or present old information in new light. Their ethnic or national background, or their home university, cannot, or should not, overshadow that determination.

Norma Baumel Joseph

in Montreal

In a discussion recently on Israel studies, a colleague wisely commented on the comparison of Israel studies with Irish studies. Prof. Michael Kenneally considered that in Irish studies, Ireland was a case study. Students and researchers learned all sorts of things about Ireland that's useful in understanding other places and situations. Similarly, Israel studies opens all sorts of possibilities for future modes of comparative analysis and interdisciplinary discovery. Divorced from biased propaganda and conflict, Israeli scholars and Israel studies become another source of information and understanding. It's not something to boycott, but rather something to seek and embrace.

Many may think the boycotters are gaining. They're not. Israeli academics are productive and professional. Israel studies is up and coming. When I began writing this column in 2003 (I can't believe it's been that long), I wrote of my pride in Concordia University coupled with my distress at the 2002 anti-Israel disturbances there. Now I write with pride as Concordia announces the launch of the Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies, which will be an incomparable research centre, a place of honest scholarship, transparent procedures, diverse methodological and theoretical approaches, and the keenest minds in Canada and Israel.

A tempestuous Middle East relationship

It has been one the most tempestuous political relationships in the Middle East between a regional power and a superpower.

The ties that bind the United States and Syria have been and continue to be tenuous and mercurial, seething with mutual suspicion and complicated by Washington's close bonds with Israel.

Since the 1950s, the United States and Syria have alternatively co-operated and squabbled, but invariably, they have found themselves on opposite sides. The current unrest in Syria, which has led to the deaths of about 1,400 civilians and the detention of about 10,000 protesters, has exposed the latest rift in their fraught relations.

It was only five months ago that the first U.S. ambassador to Syria in five years, Robert Ford, presented his credentials to Syria's authoritarian Syrian president, Bashar Assad. Ford said that his posting to Damascus was proof of Washington's desire "to try and solve the problems between our governments." But shortly after his upbeat comment, peaceful demonstrations, inspired by the Arab Spring in Tunisia and Egypt, broke out in Syria, with Syrians calling for an end to dictatorship and demanding sweeping reforms, democracy and human rights.

By way of response, Assad promised both change and unleashed his security forces on his people. As more Syrians were killed in cities such as Latakia and Homs, the United States began expressing grave concern.

Washington deplored the "brutal repression," urged Assad to address "the legitimate aspirations of his people," condemned Syria's reported use of tanks and arbitrary arrests to crush dissent, fingered Syria for inciting a lethal confrontation on the Golan Heights on Nakba Day pitting Palestinians against Israeli soldiers, accused Syria of creating a humanitarian crisis by driving thousands of civilians into neighbouring Turkey, and suggested that the current Syrian regime has disqualified itself as a partner for Israel in forging a future peace treaty.

Beyond a tongue-lashing, the Obama administration has imposed sanctions on Assad and six other senior Syrian officials in charge of the crackdown and poured scorn on Syria's Baathist regime, which has ruled Syria with an iron hand since 1963.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has declared that violence will not resolve the crisis, while President Barack Obama has called on Assad to lead his country to democracy or "get out of the way."

Sheldon Kirshner

in Toronto

Obama, however, has not explicitly demanded Assad's resignation, nor has he considered deploying military force to deter Syria.

Obama's caution is understandable. Syria, a bastion of Arab nationalism and a client state of the Soviet Union during the Cold War period, is extremely influential in the Middle East.

Syria wields enormous influence in Lebanon, which was mired in a 15-year civil war. Syria maintains an alliance with Iran, which is bent on extending its hegemony and seeks to acquire a nuclear arsenal. Syria supports Hezbollah and Hamas, which have waged skirmishes and wars with Israel. Syria, having been at war with Israel four times since 1948, is Israel's chief conventional adversary.

Given its role in major Mideast events, Syria is an important player. As Henry Kissinger, the former U.S. secretary of state, once said, "There can be no war in the Middle East without Egypt, but there can be no peace in the Middle East without Syria."

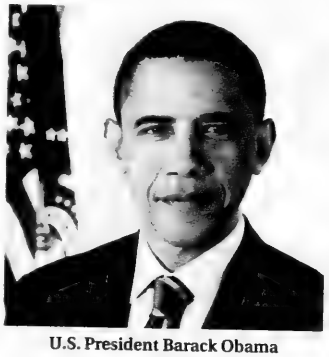
Kissinger made this remark in the wake of the Yom Kippur War, when he was busy trying to convince Assad's late father, Hafez, to sign a disengagement accord with Israel. Kissinger's observation, though perceptive in 1973, is not necessarily true today, having been overtaken by a series of seminal developments like the Oslo accords and the Gaza war. Yet Syria is still a force to be reckoned with, and policymakers who ignore it do so at their peril.

Cognizant of Syria's pivotal role in the region, and generally interested in building bridges to Muslim world, Obama assumed the presidency with the intention of resetting the United States' testy bilateral relations with the Syrians.

Opting for a policy of engagement rather than one of confrontation, Obama proceeded from the assumption that his predecessor, George W. Bush, had erred in attempting to isolate Syria. Obama argued that Bush had neither weaned Syria away from Iran nor encouraged Syria to make peace with Israel.

Under Bush, U.S.-Syrian relations gradually deteriorated. In the aftermath of 9-11, Syria, branded as a state sponsor of terrorism by previous U.S. governments, offered the United States a measure of co-operation in the war on terror.

But after Bush accused Syria of allowing foreign fighters to cross its territory to join the postwar insurgency in Iraq, Washington imposed sanctions on Damascus. In 2005, Washington, accusing Syria of masterminding the assassination



U.S. President Barack Obama

of Lebanon's prime minister, Rafik Hariri, withdrew its ambassador in Damascus.

The frost that settled over Washington's relationship with Damascus was hardly unprecedented.

In 1957, the American envoy in Syria was told to leave after the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency was implicated in a coup to topple Syria's president. During the Six Day War, Syria severed diplomatic relations with the United States. Relations were resumed in 1974, only to sour yet again after Syria derailed a U.S.-backed peace accord Israel and Lebanon had signed in May 1983.

American-Syrian relations hit a nadir in December 1983, when U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut were bombed. Suspecting a Syrian role in the deadly attack, U.S. aircraft and battleships pounded Syrian military sites in Lebanon. In 1986, Washington imposed sanctions on Syria and recalled its ambassador after accusing the Syrians of trying to plant a bomb on an El Al airliner.

Relations improved in the early 1990s, when Syria joined an anti-Iraq coalition of Arab states designed to unseat Saddam Hussein and when Syria permitted Jews to emigrate freely. But with Hariri's assassination, the tenor and tone of U.S.-Syrian relations darkened.

After Obama won the presidency, he dispatched U.S. diplomats and politicians to Damascus for fence-mending talks and invited Syrian officials to Washington. These contacts unfolded against a tableau of festering tensions. Syria claimed that U.S. policy in the Mideast, particularly its support of Israel, was misguided, while the United States warned that the flow of Syrian weapons to Hezbollah was destabilizing. Nonetheless, the United States restored relations by sending an ambassador to Damascus.

But Robert Ford's presence in Syria has not yielded the desired results. Syria's alliance with Iran and Hezbollah remains strong. Syria and Israel have yet to resume negotiations (which were broken off in 2008). And now that Syria has killed more than 1,000 of its citizens, Obama must be wondering whether his high-minded policy of engagement is really working. It can only succeed if Assad becomes a genuine reformer. But at the moment, he is mainly killing protesters demanding basic rights and trying to preserve his police state regime.

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BAC2Fashion unites young adults, seniors

Cara Edell
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Seen from left are Melissa Zeller of UJA of Greater Toronto's Community Connect; BAC2Fashion co-chairs Lisa Steele, Raquel Binder, Julie Goldstein and Jessica Taylor; and Community Connect's David Goodman. *[Giordano Ciampini photo]*

More than 300 people recently came together for a night of fun and fashion that will ultimately help build connections between young people and seniors.

BAC2Fashion – Fashion Forward: A Look BAC was presented by the Birthright Israel Alumni Community (BAC) and Magen Boys Entertainment. The charity fashion and dance show on June 16 at Artscape Wychwood Barns raised $35,000 for the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's seniors initiatives.

Designers on board included Erin Kleinberg, Jay Godfrey, EDIT by Jeanne Beker, Laura Fine, Shenkin West and Over the Rainbow. The trendy and stylish fashions were modelled by 35 young adults from the Toronto Jewish community.

This year's show celebrated the long-standing Jewish impact on the fashion world, dating back to the immigrant pedlars and the shmatte industry. It recognized "those deep-seated roots, as well as the continued presence of Jewish designers," said Jessica Taylor, an event chair, along with Raquel Binder, Julie Goldstein and Lisa Steele.

Since last year's event, Taylor said, BAC2Fashion has evolved. "What has changed with BAC2Fashion 2011 is how we have taken it upon ourselves over the past months to actively live our cause."

The BAC2Fashion team ran a Passover seder and a Sunday schmooze that brought together Jewish seniors and young adults. "These efforts serve to build true connections and a mutual admiration between the generations. BAC2Fashion has become more than just a fashion show."

Funds raised will go toward UJA programming for vulnerable Jewish seniors living below the poverty line or in isolation, Taylor said. "We hope that the increase in awareness we created will lead to greater, continual funding for seniors initiatives over the coming years."

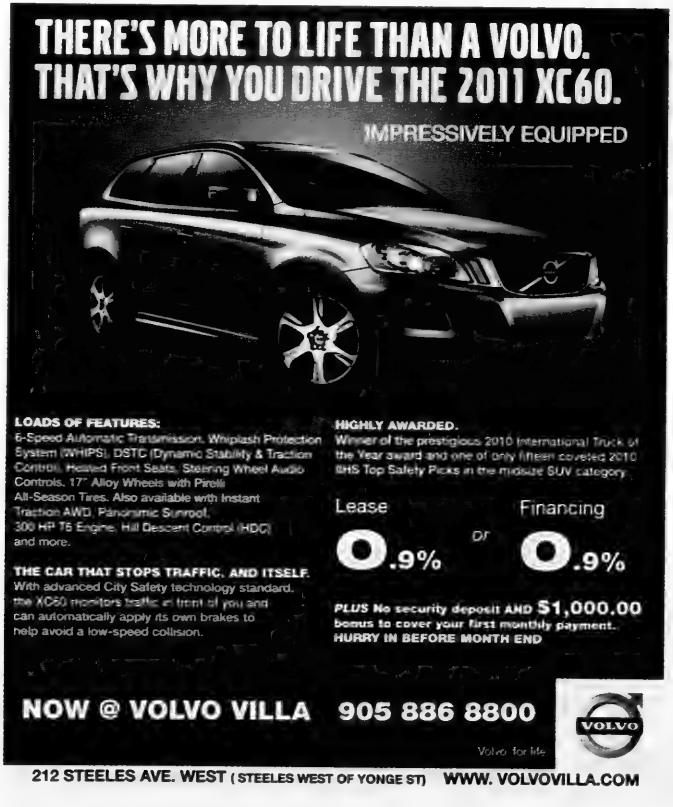
Taylor said the cause is not often talked about or recognized, despite the fact that seniors are the largest at-risk group in the Jewish community. "Though many of us have enjoyed great relationships with our grandparents, we must recognize that countless seniors do not have the support they need to live healthy, fulfilling and engaged lives."

The federation supports vital initiatives including Meals on Wheels, Healthy at Home and programs that offer seniors emergency assistance, counselling and essential provisions.

"There is a lot we can do as young adults to help seniors who may lack connections to a larger network of support and resources, and we hope that BAC2Fashion will bring attention to this need."

BAC2Fashion allows young adults to work together to create positive change, Taylor said. "It's important to provide young adults with an outlet for giving back to the community and becoming active members in it. Fashion is something to which the younger generation can connect and provides a common thread to link the generations."

For more information about BAC2Fashion, visit www.bac2fashion.com.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Herzl's dream comes to life at Baycrest

Laura Fixman
Intern

A collection of Theodor Herzl memorabilia could have a huge impact on Baycrest clients, its owner, David Matlow, says, because they remember a time before Israel existed and many of them were personally involved in the state's creation.

The exhibit, *The Dream Fulfilled: Theodor Herzl and the Jewish State*, will be at Baycrest until April 2012. Project and museum co-ordinator Aviva Babins saw part of Matlow's collection at Beth Tzedec Congregation and knew she had to bring it to Baycrest.

"This is the kind of show that affects everyone," Babins said. "It will trigger a different memory in different people."

Matlow said he has such a large collection of Herzl memorabilia because although Herzl's idea of a Jewish state wasn't new, he was the one who could inspire people and make his dream a reality. Matlow added that he hopes his collection will remind people how remarkable it is that there is an Israel.

"It's the most unlikely and preposterous idea anyone ever had, but it happened," he said.

Matlow's interest in Herzl began with his committed Zionist family. His grandparents lived in Israel, and he had admired a picture of Herzl they had on their wall. When his grandmother died in 1991, he got the picture, which became the first of the more than 2,000 items in his collection.

One of his favourite items is a postcard from the First Zionist Congress in 1897, addressed to friends in Toronto. He also likes the carnet de bal, which is like an autograph book, that belonged to Fanny Wolfsohn and was signed by all the prominent Zionists of the time, including Herzl.

The exhibit begins with large panels explaining what Herzl did, which Babins said contextualizes the whole thing. It is then organized in chronological order, beginning with the First Zionist Congress, and including Herzl's books, newspaper articles and souvenirs created with his likeness. In the centre of the exhibit is a portrait of Herzl done in Rubik's cubes by a local Toronto artist.

A glass case captures the reflections of North York mom Erin Priemer and her three young daughters as they look at memorabilia associated with the late Theodor Herzl. ***[Kelly Connelly/Baycrest photo]***

From the exhibit, ***The Dream Fulfilled: Theodor Herzl and the Jewish State***

Babins said it's important to incorporate local themes into Baycrest exhibits, and it's important to engage the intellect of Baycrest clients.

"I'm here to improve quality of life," Babins said. "In a setting like this it's important to bring culture in for people who aren't able to go out to museums."

In his first few days at the exhibit, Matlow said people came up to him to say that his collection was very moving and had them in tears. He thinks this happens because people come to realize that Herzl accomplished so much in nine years, but didn't get to see his dream fulfilled. He died in 1904.

"It's such a powerful story," Matlow said. "There is tremendous confusion about the history of the State of Israel, and this exhibit tells the complete story more effectively than reading a book."

He said he continued collecting because of Herzl's message that anything you dream is possible. Herzl's dream is not yet complete, however, because he dreamed of a state at peace, Matlow added.

"This exhibit makes people think about what Israel means to them and it is up to the next generation to continue the dream Herzl started," Matlow said.

"Perhaps the magic of the State of Israel – and the miracle of it – has been lost in the news of conflict."

The exhibit ends with letters from Zionist organizations around the world next to the flag of the country they represent. Matlow said this is perfect because what made Herzl successful was the fact that he could inspire people worldwide to continue to pursue his dream.

"It's not that Herzl did this on his own," Matlow said. "He was engaging enough for people to believe in the dream and that's why people are still interested."

The Dream Fulfilled is open to the public. For more information, contact Aviva Babins at ababins@baycrest.org.

Being Jewish in the Canadian Forces

Laura Fixman
Intern

Captain Michael Fitzerman said that being a Jew in the Canadian Forces didn't make his experience different from that of anyone else.

Fitzerman joined the army in 2001. At the time he was studying physics at the University of Toronto, and he completed his training during the summer months. He became a part of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, an armoured regiment, and while he was stationed in Afghanistan, he was involved in training the Afghan army.

"They knew I was there to help them, and they appreciated the help," said Fitzerman, who is currently stationed at the Canadian Forces base in Petawawa, Ont.

Fitzerman, who spoke at Shaar Shalom Synagogue in Toronto last week, said he enjoys sharing his positive experiences in the army. A synagogue member, Fitzerman was asked to speak because Shaar Shalom Brotherhood president David Kestleman wanted other members to get a realistic picture of what Canadians are doing in Afghanistan.

Captain Michael Fitzerman
[Laura Fixman photo]

"It will show them what it's really like out there, and that it's different than what's in the media," Kestleman said.

When training Afghan soldiers, Fitzerman didn't immediately let it be known that he was Jewish, because he thought it would jeopardize his safety, he said. He eventually told the soldiers he knew well and was surprised to find they treated him better after that.

"They were curious and asked a lot of questions about religion," he said. "Most of them had never met a Jew before."

When asked by an audience member if he knows how many other Jews are in the Canadian Forces, Fitzerman replied that he doesn't know, because like most people, he doesn't ask. He said that in the army, religion doesn't matter.

"You're there to do a job regardless of race or creed," he said.

He added that in army life it's common to make fun of everyone for everything, but that any racist or antisemitic remarks are dealt with in the strictest possible manner and are considered a career ender.

"They hold people in the military to a greater moral standard," Fitzerman said.

While it is possible to get Jewish holidays off in the army, he said that he never took any, as that would mean that he wouldn't be able to take other statutory holidays. He added that soldiers who have a higher rank than his are allowed to take Jewish holidays without penalty.

He also said that he never took Jewish holidays because he believed in the philosophy of mission, soldier, self. He would put his mission above everything, and as a captain, he would focus on his soldiers after that. Doing anything for himself would come last.

Although Fitzerman is a radio specialist, while he was stationed in Afghanistan he had to work in infantry, operations and intelligence.

"Because we're a small army, everyone has to be good at everything," he said.

Israeli and Jewish identity in Canada

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Yosef Tastassa
Special for the CJN

Many Israeli immigrants in Canada wonder if Israeli identity and values can be retained in a non-Israeli environment? We are trying our best to preserve our Israeli identity, and as parents, we are trying to raise "Israeli" children in our new, entirely Canadian milieu.

But what are the prospects?

Will we as Israelis eventually assimilate into the broader Jewish identity? Will future generations of Israelis in Canada develop their own Canadian identity with or without a Jewish component?

In January 2011, the first-ever conference of Israelis Abroad took place in Toronto. One of the speakers was Gidi Greenstein, the founder and president of the Israeli-based Reut Institute, which supports strategic planning by the State of Israel in fields vital to its future security and prosperity.

According to Greenstein, connecting immigrant Israeli children to Jewish values and tradition offers the best chance for preserving Israeli identity. "Judaism has proved a remarkable survival capability for nearly 2,000 years through difficult times and challenges," he said. "The core values of Judaism are a combination of religious, traditional and daily elements that have proved themselves throughout history."

Greenstein said that the modern Israeli identity is different than the modern Jewish one. The experience of the secular Israeli in Israel is based on language, military service and modern culture that are unique to the State of Israel.

"When looking at the descendants of Israelis who left Israel decades ago, we see a strong erosion in the Israeli identity. To the generation born outside Israel, the Israeli identity comprises only stories of a place where their grandparents or parents came from, along with bits of cultural experiences and nothing else," he said.

"Descendants of Israelis who do not find a connection to Judaism have a high probability of simply joining the local culture. From here to complete assimilation, the path is short."

The main immigration wave from Israel to Canada began a few decades ago. A major wave arrived during the 1980s, and another in the first decade of this century.

It is easy to identify the Israeli "fingerprint" in the Toronto area, which is mainly north of Steeles Avenue. One first notices the culinary aspect of the fingerprint. Israeli restaurants with Hebrew menus and Hebrew-speaking staff are commonplace. Indeed, the falafel and hummus are quite good. Most of the supermarkets sell products imported from Israel.

Hebrew is everywhere. You hear it and see it on street signs, shop windows, in offices, on Israeli radio, in newspapers, in Israeli theatre and on the Israeli TV channel.

The attitude of the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto is supportive and welcoming. Many Israelis have found positions in Jewish organizations in the Toronto area, and their influence can be felt in many aspects of community life. The most significant is in education.

Israeli teachers are on staff at Toronto-area day schools. The teachers bring Israeli culture to local Jewish children.

Five years ago, the Israeli school Kachol-Lavan was established. Some of the children who attend Kachol-Lavan also participate in the only Israeli scouts program in Canada, Tzofim, Shevet Hermon.

Israeli daycare centres are also ubiquitous. The proliferation of Israeli involvement in the Toronto area may actually challenge Greenstein's theory. Israelis here number in the tens of thousands. It is possible that a critical mass has been formed. This critical mass, with wide cultural activities, may succeed in preserving the individual and collective Israeli identity among the young generation.

Ironically, families that were secular in Israel find themselves more connected to Judaism in the Diaspora. Some Israelis go to synagogues, wishing to preserve their identity and feel more connected. Some celebrate Shabbat evening with *Kiddush*. Many Israeli homes observe kashrut and celebrate Jewish holidays.

We live in a world that is changing rapidly. Vast amounts of data are instantly communicated to far corners of the world. The younger generation is exposed more than any other before to endless cultural, language and other stimuli. But its members are also looking for an identity, no less than their parents are.

There is no unequivocal answer to the question of how Israeli immigrants and their children will preserve their identity. Or what that identity will be.

Most likely, we will all be wise in retrospect.

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Pathways South

Reena Pathways is a program for young adults with developmental disabilities who are in transition from attending school to learning to take on adult activities and lifestyles. Located in Hillel's student centre, the Wolfond Centre on the University of Toronto campus, the participants are part of the scene with other students their own age.

Pathways is a day program which targets life skills such as cooking, pedestrian safety, and job readiness. It offers recreational programs, such as swimming at the Miles Nadal JCC, and a friendly social group for young adults living downtown. The participants give back to the community by volunteering at local social service agencies such as the Food Bank and the Scott Mission, while gaining on-the-job experience and learning transferable skills.

Brett's Story

Brett is a young man in his 20's who has attended Pathways for three years. He lives in a supportive independent-living apartment, sings in a choir, and is an aspiring actor. By working as a volunteer at the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre reception desk, he built the skills and the work experience which gave him the confidence to attempt new things.

One thing that he wanted very much was a passport. The pathways staff guided him through all the steps; the application, guarantors, and proof of citizenship, until finally he had the passport. His pride in accomplishing this complicated process is remembered by all who were involved and was a highlight for Brett.

Then he was on to another challenge. He applied to Project Works, a government program which pairs job seekers with coaches to search for jobs. Along with staff support, Brett created a resume, solicited references, and worked hard on interview skills. He proved to Project Works that he has the skills to find a job and was accepted into the program.

Brett regularly comes back to Pathways and keeps in touch with his friends there. They all wish him every success in the future.

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Does it really need a hechsher?

Rabbi Tsvi Heber

Keeping kosher has never been easier for kosher shoppers. Statistics show that kosher-certified products now represent a whopping one-third of all products for sale at American and Canadian supermarkets. Truly astounding is the range of products that bear a kosher symbol. While the need for kosher certification of meat and most processed foods is self-evident, kosher symbols are even known to appear on "intrinsically kosher" items such as raw grains and spring water. What's more startling is that companies are increasingly seeking kosher certification for cleaning products and even paper towels. While there are certainly many more kosher consumers today than in years past, the surge in the variety of kosher products has more to do with the power of "kosher."

One of my colleagues recently visited a soap manufacturer. "Rabbi," said the company representative, "we need to get our laundry detergent kosher certified." My colleague replied, "Sir, laundry detergent does not require kosher certification. Kosher is for food!" "You're making a mistake, rabbi. To consumers, kosher means quality, and laundry detergent should be kosher, too!"

Indeed, a recent survey proved that only 15 per cent of people buy kosher because they're Jewish. Other reasons included quality, safety, and people who are vegetarians, vegan or lactose intolerant. These consumers are driving today's all-encompassing kosher market.

While kosher consumers surely reap the benefits of this expanded kosher market, it has also caused confusion. Certifying intrinsically kosher products creates an impression that such products aren't kosher unless they're certified. The reality is detergent obviously doesn't require kosher certification, nor do many other foods, even some processed ones. Products such as extra virgin olive oil, frozen blueberries, dried dates, unflavoured beer and coffee, salt and pepper are kosher without certification. This knowledge is critical to travellers and to the rest of us when kosher certified products aren't available or are more expensive.

Rabbinic Reflections

On the other hand, kosher consumers may unknowingly purchase uncertified products that they assume to be kosher, when in fact they're not. We see kosher consumers buy from uncertified coffee shops and ice cream parlours. While some products are made from exclusively kosher ingredients, others aren't. The use of non-kosher utensils and equipment is a significant issue.

I have many stories to tell – including discovering a popular frozen yogurt parlour erroneously telling its customers that their flavours were certified kosher when, in fact, they weren't. Recently, representatives of the Kashruth Council of Canada met with a franchisee of a large ice cream chain. She was interested in kosher certification, because many of her customers want strictly kosher products and she's not always able to provide them, so she turned to the Kashruth Council.

In summary, food manufacturing today is complex, and the much-sought-after kosher designation helps consumers stay informed.

Rabbi Heber is director of community kosher operations for the Kashruth Council of Canada.

Tribute to a mentor

Regardless of their personal piety or lack thereof, Jewish law affirms that an almost super-human level of respect be shown to our parents. What is less well known is that, in theory at least, one must display even greater honour to our teachers, "for our parents bring us to this world and our teachers bring us to the world to come."

Jewish law even records a practice that students are to observe many of the practices of shiva upon the death of their (primary) teacher. This article will appear on the 12th yahrzeit of my mother, Ruth Kelman. One week later, our family will observe the second yahrzeit of my father, Rabbi Joseph Kelman. I and my sister and brother were most fortunate to have such wonderful parents/teachers who get much of the credit for whatever we may have achieved.

But I would like to focus on the recent passing of one of my teachers, Rabbi Aaron Levine. Rabbi Levine was an accomplished Torah scholar and received rabbinic ordination not just in ritual law, but in commercial and civil law, an extremely rare accomplishment. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Brooklyn College, Rabbi Levine received his PhD in economics from New York University and chaired the department of economics at Yeshiva University for many years.

Perhaps more than any other, he "invented" the field of Jewish business ethics, bringing his tremendous expertise in economic theory as a tool for analysis of ancient talmudic texts and using Jewish texts to help shed light on economic theories. Through this synthesis, he shed light – both economic and moral – on the most complex of business transactions in the modern marketplace. At the same time, he was the dedicated and beloved rabbi of the Young Israel of Avenue J in Brooklyn.

Money Matters

Rabbi Jay Kelman CA

Some 30 years ago, I had the privilege to enrol in his course on comparative economic systems. Ostensibly, this fascinating course was a blueprint for how a Torah-based economic system might be put into place in, say, the State of Israel. The course served as the basis for his first book, *Free Enterprise and Jewish Law*. This was followed by *Economics and Jewish Law, Economic Public Policy and Jewish Law, Case Studies in Jewish Business Ethics*, and *Moral Issues of the Marketplace in Jewish Law*.

A quick perusal of these books – and I highly recommend them all – will introduce a reader to a discussion of such topics as strikes and unions, taxation policies, pricing of pharmaceuticals, ethical investing, corporate takeovers, teacher evaluations, layoffs, marketing, whistleblowing, telemarketing – to name but a few.

In addition to his encyclopedic knowledge and keen analytical skills, he was one of the finest people I have ever met. Humble to a fault, unassuming and soft-spoken, he took a deep interest in his students. On those occasions when I would call to discuss a moral quandary with him, he greeted me with a warmth and concern befitting a close friend.

It's no exaggeration to say that it was Rabbi Levine who kindled my interest in the field of money and morality. The articles I am able to present are a result of the influence and inspiration from this wonderful person. May his memory be for a blessing.

For Kelman memorial lectures details, go to www.torahinmotion.org.

Religious Jews and Israeli government decisions

Views & Reviews

Martin Lockshin

Gadi Taub's Hebrew book, *The Settlers*, has been translated into English at a propitious time. In recent weeks, the possibility of a unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state has been widely discussed, along with U.S. President Barack Obama's suggestion that the 1967 borders should be the basis for any agreement between Israel and the Palestinians. Interest in the fate of the Jews living in the territories is high. (The "territories" in this article refers to the area called, depending on your politics, either Yehudah and Shomron, occupied Palestine, or the occupied West Bank).

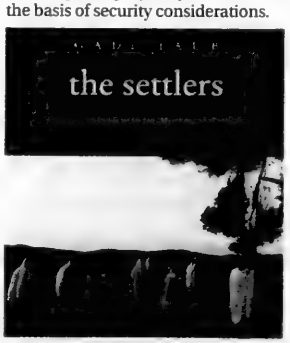
Taub, who teaches political science at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, does not support the movement to settle Jews in the territories. But he is not an indiscriminate opponent, either. His book concentrates on the ideological national-religious leaders of the settlers, saying almost nothing about the tens of thousands of secular and haredi Jews who have moved beyond the Green Line because of economic or lifestyle considerations. Taub realizes that even among the leaders of the movement that initiated and promoted settlement, Gush Emunim ("Bloc of the Faithful"), there are a variety of ideological perspectives on such crucial issues as the value of the state and its government or the relative importance of religion and state.

What I found most interesting about the book was the author's thesis that various events in the last 40 years have led to significant shifts in the argumentation of those who support settlements. Taub retells the story of the conflict surrounding one settlement in the 1970s, Elon Moreh, to explain this development.

A group of religious settlers repeatedly attempted to establish Elon Moreh near the biblical city of Shechem (known by Arabs as Nablus) and were removed time and again by the Israeli government. (Taub notes that settlers who defy the government often portray themselves as continuing the spirit of the early Zionists, who often flouted the law in order to create Zionist facts on the ground. Taub rejects the comparison: breaking the law of the democratically elected government of the Jewish state is very different from breaking the law of the British mandatory regime.) Finally, after a change in government, the Elon Moreh group was allowed to settle near Shechem, on land that had belonged to Arabs but was now expropriated by the new government. Arabs and members of the Jewish left appealed to the Israel High Court of Justice, arguing that the expropriation was illegal. The government countered that the expropriation was justified since the settlement would improve security. The court rejected the government's case, saying that while security needs could justify expropriations and settlements, no reasonable argument could be made that this specific Jewish enclave in the middle of a densely populated Palestinian area actually increased anyone's security.

Curiously, as Taub highlights, the brief submitted to the court by Rabbi Menachem Felix, one of the founders of Elon Moreh, may have undermined the government's case. Rabbi Felix argued that security considerations were irrelevant to the discussion. He preferred to argue that the settlers were simply acting on the divinely ordained obligation of Jews to settle in all parts of the Land of Israel.

Taub argues that Rabbi Felix's approach had been the central argument of Gush Emunim for its first 10 years. Once the High Court of Justice rejected the argument out of hand (and once the court of public opinion in Israel also failed to respond to this religious claim), the settler movement took a sharp rhetorical turn, beginning to justify its actions on the basis of security considerations.



Since Taub is a political scientist, much of the book deals with the thorny question of the settlers' attitudes to the state and its sovereignty. The settler movement originated 40 years ago in the religious-intellectual world of Yeshivat Mercaz Harav Kook, headed by Rabbi Zvi Yehudah Kook, the son of the famous pre-state chief rabbi, Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook. (I was a student in that yeshiva during those crucial years.) The younger Rabbi Kook strongly believed in the religious value of the state. He saw its miraculous expansion in 1967 as an important step in an unfolding messianic drama. "Divine politics," is what Rabbi Zvi Yehudah called it. But the problem for Rabbi Yehudah and his followers was how to relate to leaders of the state who did not subscribe to this messianic worldview and who made decisions about Israel's policies based on their understanding of Israel's security needs or, as happens in every country, based on their understanding of what policies would get them re-elected.

Paradoxically, the religious value that the settlers imputed to the state made it difficult for them to accept politics as usual when it came to decisions about its future. Occasionally, this conflict led to a small number of settler rabbis calling for civil disobedience. Other settler leaders have cooled their enthusiasm for the state, while remaining staunchly committed to the land.

But Taub does offer some hope when he describes settler leaders and sympathizers who are now developing more mature attitudes to the state and its government. Rabbi Yuval Cherlow, who used to live and teach in the Golan Heights, has written that the values of sovereignty and Jewish political independence are more important than settlement. Rabbi Yoel Bin-Nun, who has lived in the territories for most of his life, has written that a rabbi who rules on matters of state because he is knowledgeable about halachic matters, such as Shabbat or kosher food, "is like a dentist who begins to perform heart and brain surgery only because he is called doctor." These two rabbis believe that all citizens of the state, including rabbis, must defer to its experts and elected legislators.

It is not so simple for religious Jews to defer to governmental decisions on "Jewish" issues if they are not consistent with the teachings of Judaism as they see it. Religion teaches people to stand fast and defend holy values. Politics, though, is the art of the possible. For the last 2,000 years, we have not had Jewish governments ruling on Jewish issues, so the question of the attitudes of rabbis to such governments was academic. But it is heartening to see now the development of a small cadre of Israeli rabbis who value the Torah, the land and the state and yet who realize that, in the 21st century, a state has to follow standard political procedures, as unattractive as they might sometimes be, when developing national policies and priorities.

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Tanach specialist makes lessons interesting and interactive

When pressed, Karen Sitnik will admit that finding time to do everything she wants to do with her students can be challenging.

But, as a rule, the middle school Torah and Navi teacher at Associated Hebrew Schools says she tries to be "very proactive, so I don't have the challenges [that often come with the job]." To that end, she works at making her lessons "interesting and creative," incorporating games, technology and interactive activities.

By Frances Kraft

For a recent project on kashrut, she had students create a virtual kosher kitchen with a demonstration aimed at a new chef working in a kosher restaurant.

"It's practical, it's visual and it's interactive," she said.

She has also used a class blog to have students discuss issues they're learning about.

Sitnik said the technological aspect to her lessons doesn't have to do with the fact that her husband, Rabbi Ari Sitnik, is the school's IT consultant.

The couple are the parents of four boys – a 14-year-old, an eight-year-old, and four-year-old twins.

Their oldest son was born eight months before she began her teaching career. She has been at Associated the whole time and has taught every grade, from 1 through 8.

An alumna of York University's Jewish teacher education program, Sitnik, 37, also completed her M.Ed. there a couple of years ago, working on the degree part-time. Her thesis topic was "Teaching Tanach in elementary grades." Currently, she's working on a new Torah curriculum for the school, leading a group of colleagues in the project.

A native of Montreal who lived in Orillia for a short time as a young child, Sitnik has lived in Toronto since she was six years old. She attended Bialik Hebrew Day School before starting high school at what is now the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

Her last two years of high school were spent at Ulpanat Orot, after her father – and then she and other family members – became observant. Before entering York University, she spent a year at a Lubavitch seminary in Israel.

Sitnik said she always loved working with children,

Karen Sitnik *[Frances Kraft photo]*

but she also considered a career in medicine, and kept her options open while she was in high school.

She has taught general studies as well as Jewish studies, but said that "there's something about Jewish studies I love… it's closer to my heart."

To balance full-time teaching with her busy home life, Sitnik has to be "very organized," she said. "If I don't shop on Wednesday, I can't cook on Thursday and have Shabbos food on Friday. It just helps when you know the steps and work backwards."

She teaches her students to approach their work the same way, figuring out what they need to do to achieve their goals.

As well, Sitnik tweaks her lessons to meet the varied needs of her students, whether they are visual learners or learn better in other ways.

"I'll ask the student…'What would make my classes more interesting?' I ask for feedback all the time. They write me suggestions, and I take them seriously."

"They are our teachers..." will return in September 2011.

A lesson from the teacher: *In Mishlei [Proverbs], it says, "Train a child according to his way." Basically, I think that every student is teachable. You just have to find the way to reach him."*

דער יידיש ווינקל

דזשערי קעין

געגראַמטע קופלעטן אין דער יידישער פּאָעזיע

איניקע פּאָעטעז האַלטן אַז פּאָעזיע מיט אַן גראַם, כּיס אַן נעגראַמטע קופלעטן איז ניסט קיין פּאָעזיע. אנדערע האַלטן אַז צו סרייבן אין נעגראַמטע קופלעטן איז קיינדער שפּיל – און פּעזיע מיט נעפּיל און אכת איז אריסגעפלאַכטן הגם די ספּראַך פּליסט פרייַ.

די מערסטע איבערזעצער פֿון יידיש אויף ענגליש האַלטן אַז יידיש לאָזט זיך ניסט איבערזעצן כּיס פּליסיקייט אויף אַן אַנדערער ספּראַך אוּן די אָרטעט איז צו ראַטעוועז דעם פּאָעטישן אינהאַלט אוּן נעפּיל, ניסט דעם גראַם.

באַזעט וומאַף, אַ פּרעכטיקער איבערזעצער פֿון יידיש אויף ענגליש האַלט אַז כּיס נעגראַמטע קופלעטן מוז דער איבערזעטער נעפּינען אַ הויפּ וואָס איז נעטרייַ צו דער יידישער פּאָרם. כּיר חיזיק דאָ הי, אין דיזן איבערזעצונג אויף ענגליש פֿון כּורים אולאַנאָוורס פּאָעמע , איז זוכהאַף נעטרייַ צו אירגאַלט און פּאָרם:

אַנטיקלעך

אַוטכלט האבן כּידלעך דריי, שיינקע וי נאַלד,
כּיס טיַערע אַנטיקלעך זיך זאַלבע דריט נעפּראַלס:

"איך האָב אַ שטערנטיכלע, – האָט איינע זיך באַריכט –
נאָך פֿון כּיין עלטער–באָבעטשי, נעקנעפּלט אוּן נעבליכט".

"איך האָב אַ ציטער –נעדעלע, – די צוויטע האָט קשאַלירט, –
נאָר פֿון כּיין עלטער-באָבעטשי, כּיס דימענטלעך פֿאַדיערט".

אוּן נאָר דאָס דריטע כּיידעלע האָט קטיל אין זיך נעלאַכט,
אוּן קטיל דאָס שחבון-שוועלע פֿון אַלקער אויפֿגעמאַכט:

"דאָס טיַערסטע אַנטיקעלע פֿאַרמאַג אַיך איינער נאָר –
די עלטער–באָבעטשי אַליין פֿון איבער הונדערט יאָר !"

Antiques

Three girls I know, with rosy cheeks,
were boasting of their fine antiques:

"I have a headscarf," boasted one,
great-grandma's scarf – it's matched by none."

"A pendant here," said number two,
"great grandma's own, with diamonds, too."

The third smiled, no comment made,
and softly raised the window shade:

"The best antique is mine, just see:
great-grandma's here alive with me."

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SHABBAT TIME

The junior/senior kindergarten class at Temple Sinai Nursery School shared Shabbat after they baked challahs. They also enjoyed making and eating chicken soup with matzah balls, noodles and carrots. Picture, from left, are Summer Osak, Jonah Goldman, Sydney Kumer, Ezra Horwitz and Laylie Wiesenfeld.

Absurd story dogs news media

Headlines in some of the world's major media outlets on June 17 were indeed shocking: "Jerusalem rabbis condemn dogs to death by stoning'" (BBC News); "Jewish court sentences dog to death by stoning" (Agence-France Press); "Shocking sentence: Jewish court condemns dog to death by stoning" (*Time* magazine).

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

The BBC story declared: "A Jewish rabbinical court condemned to death by stoning a stray dog it feared was the reincarnation of a lawyer who insulted its judges, reports say... The animal is said to have escaped before the sentence was carried out."

Sensational, but, as it turned out, totally erroneous. It never happened. The only newsworthy story here is the egg left on the face of the BBC, AFP and *Time*. (No mainstream Canadian media picked it up.)

How did an innocuous occurrence and a non-story – a dogcatcher was called when a dog wandered into a Jerusalem courtroom – get transformed and so egregiously misreported in the mainstream media?

In an attempt to find the answer, the June 21 *Christian Science Monitor* delved into this media embarrassment.

Apparently the BBC, etc. took their lead from Ynet, the website for the Israeli daily *Yediot Achronot*, which reported some version of the story. The Ynet report (it's no longer available) did, however, carry a denial from the head of the court that the so-called ruling took place. This alone should have been a warning to journalists to check the facts to ensure accuracy, which should be the first responsibility of the media.

According to the *Christian Science Monitor*, Ynet itself relied on a story from a small paper tied to the haredi community, which in turn based its report on an unnamed person who was supposedly at the court. In short, this "story" should not have been picked up by Ynet, and then certainly not by major international news organizations which, within days, had to issue corrections.

Yet even the BBC's correction of June 20 was prefaced by a statement that in its own way compounds the shoddiness of its June 17 story. "This report was based on sources usually regarded by the BBC as reliable," it declared, thereby confirming its own laziness and negligence for failing to check out what on the surface was absurd.

Reflecting on the different standards that apply in academe versus journalism about establishing truth, media critic Eric Alterman (an academic and journalist) was particularly blunt. Alterman wrote: "Journalists... usually treat anything as true if someone in a position of ostensible authority is willing to say it, even anonymously (and if no one is going to sue over it). The accuracy of anyone's statement, particularly if that person is a public official, is often deemed irrelevant" (Academe Online, May-June, 2011).

Responsible, diligent journalists – and there are indeed many of them – would no doubt take strong exception to Alterman's characterization. But what he says certainly applies to the BBC and others in this sorry case.

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Noteworthy:

In an "analysis" piece for cbc.ca (June 21) titled "The hypocrisy that is the West's response to Syria," Neil Macdonald had some interesting things to say about double-standards:

"I wrote to a leader of one of the pro-Palestinian groups last week, asking what his followers are planning for ordinary Syrians. Will there be an aid flotilla of the sort even now being planned once again for Gazans? Perhaps some sort of attempt to confront the Syrian navy?

"The answer: 'We focus on Israel and Palestine. But we have put out statements backing what the peoples of the Middle East are doing to resist and replace the regimes that are oppressing them.'

"Really? I haven't seen many. The fact is everyone seems to have a reason not to rage against Bashar al-Assad and his killers... And the West's ubiquitous social justice activists, the ones who fill reporters' e-mail queues with daily denunciations of Israel or western imperialism have no history at all of going up against Arab dictatorships (quite the opposite in some cases, I'd have to say)."

Paul Michaels is communications director for the Canada-Israel Committee.

WORDS OF WISDOM: Jonah Himelfarb, an alumni of The Toronto Heschel School, offers his words of wisdom to the graduating class of 2011. Himelfarb was the valedictorian at CHAT this year and praised Heschel for providing him with a solid foundation and desire to make a difference.

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Ex-Yale scholar defends antisemitism initiative

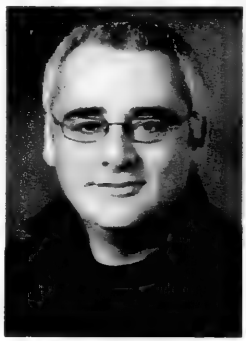
Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — It may have cost him a prestigious post at an Ivy League university, but Montreal native Charles Asher Small believes he was right in drawing scholarly attention to the dangerous antisemitism of radical Islam and the Iranian regime.

Small is the founder and director of the Yale Initiative for the Interdisciplinary Study of Antisemitism (YIISA), whose disbanding after five years by the university has been controversial and, despite an international outcry from Jewish groups and academics, is now irrevocable.

YIISA, which was the first university-based research centre of its kind in North America, will wind up at the end of July because Yale said it had not met its academic expectations, either in its research or instruction.

Meanwhile, on June 20, the university announced the launch of the Yale Program for the Study of Antisemitism, which will not be headed by Small.



Charles A. Small

Scholars for Peace in the Middle East, a group that combats anti-Israel propaganda on college campuses in the United States, suggested Yale had caved in to pressure from Iran, some Palestinians and others who were angered by YIISA's increasing focus on Islamic antisemitism and its threat to Israel. Others felt YIISA was engaging in advocacy more than academics.

Small agrees. "We broke a taboo in talking about radical Islam and antisemitism, about how things have changed in the Middle East since the 1990s, how the Arab-Israeli conflict has moved to one of religious ideology, how it has turned genocidal," he said in an interview.

"It's one thing to study dead Jews, but to try to understand and to strategize in order to keep those alive today secure is another... We were trailblazers."

He thinks Yale had to respond to "the overwhelming pressure" and set up a revamped program on the subject.

The American Jewish Committee and Anti-Defamation League (ADL) also deplored the closing of YIISA, but the ADL is now supportive of Yale's establishment of a new program to study antisemitism.

Small rejects Yale's public statement that YIISA scholars had not published enough papers in top-tier academic journals or attracted sufficient students. He points to a publication record that includes eight books, 43 papers in peer-reviewed journals, and "countless" articles, as well as the number of "esteemed" visiting professors and graduate and post-doctoral students who have been associated with YIISA.

Last August, YIISA held what Small describes as the largest ever academic conference of its kind on antisemitism, entitled "Global Antisemitism: A Crisis of Modernity."

He notes that the report of the review committee on YIISA remains confidential. Neither Small nor any member of YIISA governance has seen it, which, he said, is not normal.

Small, who holds a PhD from Oxford University and did post-doctoral research at the Université de Montréal, has been outspoken in his contention that "the radical form of Islamicism has at its core a hatred of Jews" and that scholars can play an active role in combating antisemitism, hand in hand with human rights advocates and policy makers.

In fact, he's convinced they have a "moral obligation."

He wonders if history might have been different if in 1935 scholars had examined European antisemitism in the same pragmatic way that YIISA has. He believes Iran is preparing "another Holocaust."

In his first written statement on the matter, concurrent with Yale's announcement of its new antisemitism program, Small said: "It became evident that YIISA and Yale University have different visions and approaches to the study of antisemitism... YIISA, however, is committed to critical, engaged scholarship with a broader approach to the complex and, at times, controversial context of global antisemitism."

Small is hoping to link up with another academic institution that will support his approach, and possibly work with some of the academics at the new Yale program.

Before his association with Yale, Small founded the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy, which still exists, at least, on paper. He is also the president of the International Association for the Study of Antisemitism, which was launched at the YIISA conference last year.

YIISA had a strong Canadian connection. Montreal member of Parliament and McGill University law professor Irwin Cotler chaired its academic committee. Irving Abella of York University, Catherine Chatterley of the University of Manitoba, and, from McGill, Gil Troy, Morton Weinfeld and Raphael Fischler are listed as members of the international academic board of directors.

Cotler could not be reached for comment.

Historian wants to save European shuls

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Warning that synagogues in isolated Jewish communities in central and eastern Europe are in grave danger of disappearing, a Canadian historian has launched a project to save them.

Janet Kerekes, a specialist in European history, started what she has dubbed the Synagogue Project earlier this year.

"It's an effort to twin synagogues in Toronto with those in central and eastern Europe, to the benefit of both parties," she explained.

Having visited synagogues in Austria, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria and Serbia, Kerekes warns that some shuls in these countries may vanish due to what she described as "repurposing, decrepitude, underutilization and a lack of support."

Kerekes, whose parents are of Polish and Russian descent, has met with rabbis in Toronto and Europe to garner interest in her project.

"On both sides of the ocean, there are people who want to become involved," she said.

Under her proposal, abandoned synagogues would be purchased and restored. Synagogues that were put to other uses would also be purchased and converted to their original use.

In her view, Jews in Canada should reengage with their European past so that their children don't lose sight of their historical legacy.

"We are co-heirs of the synagogues that are still standing in central and eastern Europe," she said. "Jews who perished in the Holocaust and the survivors and their children are all our distant relatives.

A synagogue in Sopron, Hungary and, inset, Janet Kerekes

"Do we not owe it to them to help them maintain their Jewish way of life, whose conduit for continuity is their synagogue. Should we not reach out to these long-lost relatives and re-establish bonds with them?

"And lest we forget, we owe this to the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust. We should take care of their surviving families. Memorials are not an adequate response."

All too often, she suggested, Jews in the Diaspora are so focused on Israel that they forget their European past.

Victimized by fascism and communism, the Jewish communities in Europe she has visited are in dire need of assistance.

"They are isolated, beleaguered, proud, stoic, fragile, self-dependent yet needy, assimilated yet very conscious of their identity and usually poorly educated, Jewishly speaking."

She added, "They can use all the help they can get."

The condition of their synagogues varies enormously.

Citing a few examples, she said, "The synagogue in Belgrade has been well restored, as has the Dohanyi synagogue in Budapest. The synagogue in Sopron, Hungary, has a reasonable exterior, but the interior is completely empty. It is only a shell. The synagogue in Papa, Hungary, is in ruins."

Last week, Kerekes embarked on another trip to Europe to advance her project. She plans to visit Jewish communities in Austria, Hungary, Ukraine, Poland and Germany.

She wants to get a sense of their needs and how they would like to engage with Jews in Toronto.

Till now, Kerekes has financed the project herself, but she hopes synagogues in Toronto and elsewhere will pitch in with an annual donation.

The project is really a continuation of her University of Toronto doctoral thesis on the failure of Jewish assimilation in 19th and 20th century Hungary.

University Press of America published her dissertation in 2005 under the title of *Masked Ball at the White Cross Café: The Failure of Jewish Assimilation.*

Kerekes has been a teaching assistant at Ryerson University and McMaster University. During the early 1990s, she taught secular studies at several Jewish schools in Toronto – Or HaEmet, Cheder Chabad and Eitz Chaim.

Currently, she is a private English-as-a-second language tutor.

From left are Ariella Abramovitch, Jacqueline Abramovitch, Elizabeth Silverberg, Michala Abramovitch, Sharona Abramovitch and Aaron Goldstein.

Survivors celebrate at their own 'prom'

Cara Edell
Special to The CJN

Hundreds of Holocaust survivors were recently given the chance to celebrate their prom with March of the Living's 2011 high school delegation.

The Senior Prom: An Intergenerational Celebration of Life, held on June 20 at the Warehouse Event Venue in Toronto, was organized by March of the Living to blend the generations in a fun and meaningful atmosphere.

"Over 65 years later, we wanted to give Holocaust survivors the chance to celebrate their prom, as they were unable to attend their own – they were either in concentration camps or in hiding," said Elise Kayfetz, post programming co-ordinator of March of the Living.

"The unfortunate fact is that the presence of Holocaust survivors is quickly fading, and we want to be able to shine some positive focus on those survivors that are still with us today and give them a night to remember."

Under March of the Living's post programming model, Kayfetz said it is the organization's mission to ensure that the alumni transition back into the Jewish community and become strong leaders of the future.

Kayfetz and her friend, Andrea Rowan, first created the prom experience in 2005 for seniors at Shalom Village in Hamilton, Ont. Kayfetz, who is also a gerontologist, held her second version of the event in 2007 at Baycrest.

"This year, I decided to take the initiative one step further," she said. "Instead of simply making the event for Holocaust survivors who never had the chance to attend their prom, I wanted my March of the Living 2011 alumni to share this ubiquitous event with the survivors and be paired up as dates – making this a true intergenerational celebration of life."

To prepare for the event, the prom planning committee contacted UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's Holocaust survivor service centres to send out invitations. The committee itself was an intergenerational mix of volunteers, including Amek Adler, a survivor.

Kayfetz said many of the survivors who were invited to the prom are living in isolation. "It's important for them to know we care about them. Holocaust survivors are getting older and passing away, so while they are here, not only should we be dancing with them, we also need to remember them and their stories."

She said the prom acts as a gateway to future programming with survivors. One of the March of the Living educational post programming options is called Legacy – An Action Plan, in which participants spend two sessions with a survivor and learn to tell their story.

"The prom is important for the survivors because they need to know we want to remember them. Younger generations give survivors hope that the light of the Jewish community will forever be ignited and bright when they are no longer here."

Kayfetz said she thinks the prom will act as a reminder to the high school students that they "need to do more with Holocaust survivors while they are here. As my mom says, they are the ones that brought us here and we owe it to them to show we care."

The evening featured music by Magen Boys Entertainment, a photo booth, a beauty bar for makeup touch-ups and boutonnieres for all survivors made by Susan Jackson.

FAMILY MOMENTS

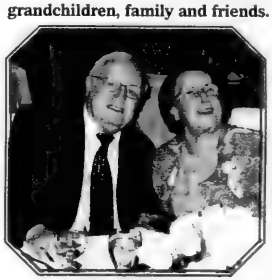
Mazel Tov

The Canadian Jewish news

Happy 80th birthday on June 23 to Connie Kussner. With lots of love from your children and grandchildren.

Mazel tov to Bess Faigan on your 90th birthday on June 17. With all our love, your children, grandchildren, family and friends.

Happy 65th wedding anniversary to Sam and Anna Szpirglas. Lots of love from your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Happy 65th wedding anniversary to Ronnie & Sol Nish on July 13. With love from all your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Welcome Zipora, born March 12 to Tamara Blitz-Miller & Alejandro Manevich. A sister for Sonia & Elías. Grandparents Etti and Morris Miller, Martha Bil and Hebert Manevich.

Proud parents Shane & Katie Dubin welcome Emma Roslyn. Grandparents, Marvin & Phyllis Dubin and Dr. Nolan & Eva Kane. Great-grandparents, Sid Brown and Rose Stern.

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What's New

By LEILA SPEISMAN

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MEMBERCLICKS

Thursday, June 30

KELMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

Rabbi Joseph and Ruth Kelman Memorial Lecture. **Rebecca Feldman** speaks on "Can't We All Get Along? Things we do for the sake of Peace," 8 p.m., Or Chaim Yeshiva. www.torahinmotion.org or 416-633-5770.

Friday, July 1

BAYT ADULT EDUCATION

BAYT adult education presents the Rabbi Joseph and Ruth Kelman Memorial Lectures with **Rabbi Daniel Feldman**, Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshiva University, speaking on "The Prohibitions of Embarrassing People in Public" at 8:45 a.m. (*Shacharit* and breakfast 8 a.m.) Beth Avraham Yosef of Toronto. 416-633-5770.

WOMEN'S TEXT STUDY

All women are invited for a morning of text study with **Rebecca Feldman** on "The Communal Nature of Personal Obligations." 9:30-11:30 a.m. Beth Avraham Yosef of Toronto. Information 416-633-5770.

Deadlines: There is no issue July 21. July 4 is the deadline for the July 14 issue and for July 21 items. July 18 is the deadline for July 28. Phone 416-391-1836, ext. 235; fax 416-391-0829; or e-mail whatsnewcjn@gmail.com. This week's What's New was done by Lila Sarick.

Other News

HOLOCAUST DATA

Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, and Canadian Jewish Holocaust Survivors are compiling a definitive database of Holocaust survivors living in Canada, through a grant from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. If you, your parents, grandparents or someone you know is a Holocaust survivor, complete the form available on the website: www.holocaustcentre.com/About/Canadian-Holocaust-Survivors-Database. Call **Efrat Daniel Porat**, 416-635-2883, ext. 5259, for more information.

HEBREW CAMP

JumpStart Hebrew is a one-week camp program at Beth Sholom Synagogue open to the community for children entering grades 1-4. Runs Aug. 29-Sept. 2, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and will be staffed by teachers from Beth Sholom Hebrew School. Activities include oral Hebrew, reading and reading readiness activities, music, drama and cooking. Lunch will be provided two days. Cost, $75 for members of Beth Sholom and Beth Sholom Hebrew School and $90 for the community. Contact **Karen Goodis** at karen@bethsholom.net or at 416-789-6103, ext. 225, for more information and for registration.

HERITAGE MUSEUM

The Morris and Sally Justein Heritage Museum at Baycrest presents "The Dream Fulfilled – Theodor Herzl and the Jewish State," with more than 400 items from the private Herzl memorabilia collection of **David Matlow**. Open to the public. For hours and to schedule group tours, call 416-785-2500, ext. 2802, or ababins@baycrest.org.

BBYO GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 17th annual BBYO Friends and Alumni Memorial Golf Tournament takes place on Tuesday, July 12, Nobleton Lake Golf Course. Includes lunch, dinner, auction and raffle, and much more. Shotgun at 12:15 p.m. Register online, www.bbyo.ca/fan or call 416-398-2004, ext. 221.

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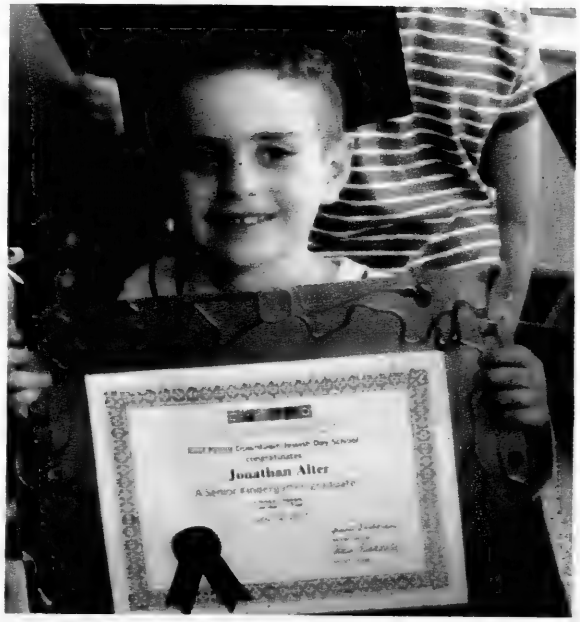
CLASS ACTS



KINDERGARTEN GRAD: The Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School celebrated its senior kinergartners' promotion ceremony to Grade 1. Students sang songs, talked about what they learned this year and received diplomas. Pictured is student Jonathan Alter after receiving his diploma.

FROM TORONTO TO RA'ANANA: The Bialik Hebrew Day School 2011 student council chose to have students raise funds and awareness for Beit Issie Shapiro, an organization in Ra'anana, Israel, that serves children and adults with developmental disabilities. Students sold chocolates and soda and organized staff vs. student sports games, to raise $2,500. Student council members recently presented a cheque to Jocelyn Emdon from Canadian Friends of Beit Issie Shapiro. Seen from left are student council vice-president Jordana Colomby, president Lauren Wintraub, staff advisor Oriane Falkenstein, Emdon and Bialik senior division vice-principal Beverley Young.

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ACCOMMODATION REGISTRY

Are you looking to rent your basement apartment or an extra room in your house? List it for free through the Accommodation Registry at UJA's Jewish Information Service of Greater Toronto. If you are looking for a place to live, we will be happy to assist you as well. JIST is located in the Harold & Miriam Green Lobby in the Lipa Green Centre, 416-635-5600, jinfo@ujafed.org. For more community information, visit www.jewishtoronto.com and follow the link to Doing Jewish In Toronto.

LEARNING WITH NISHMAT

The annual Nishmat Yarchei Kallah with **Rabbanit Chana Henkin** will take place July 19-21, 9:30-12:30, at Yeshivat Or Chaim on the topic of "The Meaning of Fasting, the Meaning of Celebrating." Free babysitting available (pre-registration required). To register, call **Denise Levin**, 416-880-7417, or go to www.nishmat.net/YKregistration.php.

LADIES NIGHT OF SPARKLE

Help send DANI kids to summer camp and treat yourself to some high-end fashion jewelry and accessories. Thursday, July 7, 7:30-10 p.m., 67 Renaissance Court, Thornhill. Sample DANI's new catering initiative DANI's Dairy Delights (COR certified). For information, 905-731-6606 or info@dani-toronto.com.

ADULT MINI-SCHOOL

Registration open for the summer session of the Melton Adult Mini School. "Jews and Their Cities." Explore the culture and personalities of Alexandria, Rome, Baghdad and Vilna. Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda four Wednesdays in August. Taught by **Mitch Parker**. Charge. Call **Loretta**, 416-789-7400 to register.

MELTON FALL SESSION

The Melton Mini school will hold a 10-week graduate class starting Oct. 11 on "The Arab/Israeli Conflict" taught by **Michael Rubin** at Beth David Synagogue. Call 416-789-7400 to register.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Heartline Bereavement Group grief support program meets at Hospice Thornhill. Contact **Bonnie Strand** at 905-764-0656, ext. 227.

CEDARVALE MINYAN

Cedarvale Shul is located in the basement of Cedarvale Terrace (www.cedarvaleterrace.ca) at 429 Walmer Rd. On Shabbat, enter through the rear doors at back of parking lot. Weekday minyan at 7:45 a.m. On Shabbat, 9:30 a.m. Kiddush follows services. For information on shul services, call 416-707-3161.

ORILLIA COUNTRY SHUL

Shabbat services continue during July and August, 10:30 a.m., 151 Creighton St. S. in Atherley. This year's leaders are: July 2, **Rabbi Ilyse Glickman**; July 9, **Rabbi Nir Barkin**; July 16, **Elliot Melamet**; July 23, **Rabbi Danny Gotlieb**; July 30, **Rabbi Michael Dolgin**; Aug. 6, **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein** and **Cantor Tom Schwartz**; Aug. 13, **Rabbi Tina Grimberg**; Aug. 20, **Rabbi Cory Weiss**; Aug. 27, **Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld**. Call 705-327-7069.

FASHION SHOW BENEFIT

Deja Vu Boutique presents a fashion show and dinner born from one woman's journey with breast cancer. All proceeds go to Markham Stouffville Hospital Sept. 18 at the Hilton Suites Hotel. For tickets, call 905-472-9566.

TORAH IN SPANISH

Torah classes in Spanish given by **Rabbi A. Bertfeld** Wednesdays 9 p.m. at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation. For information, 905-886-7935.

FOR SENIORS

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. (55+). **Valerie**, 416-395-7881. Half-price membership special. Casino Niagara, Wednesday, July 13. Ongoing activities: Mondays, line dancing, 10 a.m.; Tuesdays, fitness class with qualified instructor, 10-11 a.m.; Wednesdays, art class, 10 a.m.; Thursdays, social bridge 12:30 p.m.; seniors woodworking club in a fully equipped shop. Call 416-630-6487.

Bernard Betel Centre, 416-225-2112. Thursday, June 30, Wellness Lecture, "Alzheimer's Disease: What Is It and What Can We Do About It?" 1:30 -2:30 p.m., free; Beauty and Fashion Boot Camp Tuesdays starting July 5, a 4-week workshop on learning how to look great at any age; Basic Acrylic Painting starting July 6 with **Marvin Fagan**, ext. 105.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell, 416-630-9444.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday afternoon socials. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl**, 416-635-6317, or **Marcia**, 416-932-1229.

Wagman Centre, 416-785-2500, ext. 2275. Entertainers of the Wagman Centre looking for energetic seniors. Now working on a program dedicated to the 1950s – folk tunes, crooners' songs, rock 'n' roll. Contact **Judy Ross**, 416-733-0580.

Active Seniors Miles Nadal JCC, 416-924-6211, ext. 155; Thursday, June 30, 1:30 p.m., **Anna Van DelMan** will give an illustrated talk, "Treasures of the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles." Exquisite original Judaic articles will be on display.

Daytime choir, everyone welcome. Meets Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m. No experience necessary. $3 drop-in. music@mnjcc.org or **Gillian** at ext. 266.

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.

Limited space available in our Mini Camp session on Tuesday mornings for the month of July.

Space available in our upcoming prenatal series July 10 and 17. For more information on these programs, call **Monique Shapiro** at ext. 4012.

Drop in duplicate bridge game, with **Samy Toledano**, Thursdays 12:30-3:30 p.m. Pay at the door. No charge for people attending first time.

International and Israeli folk dancing with **Teme** and **Sandy**, Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. Drop in – pay at the door.

Register now for summer art workshops at the Koffler Centre of the Arts, including landscape painting masterclass; painting studio workshop; summer drawing workshop and collage workshop.

MILES NADAL JCC

750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211. www.mnjcc.org.

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HONORARY LEGAL COUNSEL RECOGNIZED: Donald Carr received an award at UIA Federations Canada's (UIAFC) annual general meeting on June 5 for completing 26 years of service as UIAFC's honorary legal counsel. From left are Barbara Farber, past president of UIAFC, Carr (who's also president of *The CJN*) and Linda Kislowicz, CEO of UIAFC.

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Cotler retables 'Grandmothers for Gilad' petition

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Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Liberal MP Irwin Cotler last week retabled a petition in Parliament on behalf of "Grandmothers for Gilad Schalit" as the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) soldier's fifth anniversary as a Hamas captive in Gaza was to be marked June 25.

First tabled last Oct. 27, the petition, conceived by York University professor emeritus Sally Zerker, calls on the Canadian government to help secure the release and repatriation of Schalit, who turns 25 at the end of August.

"The petitioners call upon the government... to insist that the Red Cross, the United Nations, and other humanitarian agencies uphold the applicable standards of international humanitarian law," Cotler said June 20 in the House of Commons as Parliament was about to rise for the summer.

That includes, he added, the right to visitation by the International Red Cross and family, and proof that he's alive.

Schalit's abduction in a cross-border raid in 2006 was illegal and he has been held "in complete isolation," Cotler told Parliament.

"This constitutes a form of torture, according to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights," New Democratic Party foreign affairs critic Paul Dewar said in an e-mail to *The CJN*.

The only indication of Schalit's condition has been a video message, dated September 2009, that Israel obtained by releasing 20 female Palestinian prisoners.

In the message, Schalit said he was being treated well.

Last fall, *The CJN* reported that Zerker, who is in her early 80s, had formed "Grandmothers for Gilad" in September 2010, comprising about 50 grandmothers who want Canada to be at the forefront of the Schalit issue in the face of virtual silence on the part of the world community.

Irwin Cotler

Zerker was motivated by an essay that appeared one month earlier in *The CJN*, written by her brother, Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg.

The petition had 56 signatorees when first tabled – more than twice the number needed to be presented in Parliament. Zerker galvanized the effort with the help of her blog, grandmothersforgilad.blogspot.com.

"I don't know if [my petition] will make any difference," Zerker told *The CJN* at the time. "But my feeling is one has to try and bring this into the international arena, [which] has not happened in the case of Gilad Schalit."

Zerker also expressed hope that the petition would spread to other countries, including France, where the Schalit family originates (there is a petition circulating on Schalit's behalf in France, but not specifically involving grandmothers).

Last week, Cotler told Parliament that the $300 million in aid Canada has promised the Palestinian Authority be linked to Schalit's basic rights being met under international law.

UIA Federations Canada gets new president

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Marc Gold, the new president of UIA Federations Canada (UIAFC), has the challenge of making Jews even in the smallest communities feel part of the national whole while streamlining the organization's top-heavy administration.

Gold, who was president of Montreal's Federation CJA from 2007 to 2009, succeeds David Engel of Toronto as lay leader of the Toronto-based organization with an admittedly cumbersome name for a two-year term.

UIAFC seeks to represent all Jews in the country who contribute to a UIA-affiliated campaign. There are 10 federations in Canada and another 40 smaller, unfederated communities, 27 in Ontario alone.

"We have to find the balance between being representative, yet workable," he said in an interview.

UIAFC has a board of more than 80 members, as well as a large executive, Gold said. That's much too big, he believes, noting that even large corporations rarely have more than 25 directors.

Gold, 61, is vice-president of Maxwell Cummings and Sons Holdings Ltd., whose president and CEO is his brother-in-law, Steven Cummings, currently chair of the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA).

Gold would like UIAFC to be better known among Canadian Jews.

"UIAFC plays an important role in Canada and in representing the Canadian federations and communities internationally," said Gold. "We're able to bring a coherent Canadian perspective to the table. It gives both the largest and smallest communities a collective voice."

Its primary function is to channel a portion of the funds raised in UIA campaigns to philanthropies in Israel and to national, principally advocacy organizations, CIJA being the largest.

Canadian Jewry sends tens of millions of dollars to Israel annually, in recent years from $20 to $40 million, he said. UIAFC's decides with the Jewish Agency for Israel and Keren Hayesod how this money is spent, and a UIAFC staff in Israel oversees its distribution.

Each federation's contribution to advocacy in Canada is determined according to a formula that takes into account such factors as the community's size and the amount it raises or has the capacity to raise.

A plan for a new national advocacy organization, approved by the CIJA board in June, will integrate the roles of Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC). Details are expected to be announced by the end of the summer, said Gold, including what the new entity will be called.

At the annual general meeting June 5, where Gold was confirmed president, UIAFC decided to continue to maintain "CIJA 2.0", as it's been facetiously dubbed, as its advocacy agent.

Marc Gold

Gold, however, stressed that the organization he heads is more than the organized community's banker or accountant.

It is increasingly playing an educational role, reaching out especially to younger Jews in smaller centres, whether they live there or are students away from home. It offers leadership training to strengthen Jewish identity and a sense of community belonging.

An online program just launched already has signed up subscribers from as remote a locale as the Northwest Territories.

In affiliated communities without a federation, UIAFC actually runs the campaigns.

Although the trend over the past decades has been migration to the big cities, Gold said "tens of thousands of Jews still live in dozens of communities that may have only one synagogue or school."

He plans to visit these communities during his term, and looks forward to working with UIAFC CEO Linda Kislowicz, formerly of Montreal, whom he has known for years.

"We have to examine how we do business as an organization and be as transparent as possible," Gold said. "We must hold our partners and agents accountable and, at the same time, make sure we are responding to their needs and objectives. Are we truly representing the interests of our federations and communities? We have to make sure we are relevant."

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Winnipeg federation boosts cash allocations

Myron Love
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Beneficiary agencies of the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg received some good news from the federation board at its most recent meeting June 2: most of them will get more money this year.

The federation's annual CJA campaign raised a record $5.4 million last year – $100,000 more than the previous year. The additional $100,000 is all going to beneficiary agencies.

The federation's two major beneficiaries are the Gray Academy of Jewish Education and the Jewish Child and Family Service, and, naturally, they'll receive the largest portions of the additional money. The junior kindergarten-Grade 12 Gray Academy will get an extra $40,000, while JC&FS will receive about $28,000 more than last year.

Smaller increases will go to the Rady Jewish Community Centre ($8,500), B'nai Brith Camp ($7,500), Camp Massad ($5,000), Shalom Residences ($3,000) and Reform congregation Temple Shalom's religious school ($1,500).

The federation board also heard a report from Andrew Paller, author of a study on fundraising by North American Jewish federations. He said Winnipeg registered the highest average campaign growth from 2006 to 2009 among 13 medium-sized communities and was a leader in encouraging donations from community members younger than 45.

He also noted that professional fundraisers are more successful than lay people in getting pledges from donors in the $10,000-plus category.

One area where Winnipeg can improve however, is in encouraging federation agency board members to contribute more, Paller said.

The federation board also recognized Bob Freedman, longtime CEO of the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg, and chief financial officer Jack Cipilinski for their long years of service.

Freedman has been CEO for 25 years, while Cipilinski (who was unable to attend) has served as CFO for 30 years.

"It was a nice surprise and very touching," Freedman said.

Moishe House opens in Vancouver

Lauren Kramer
Pacific Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Canada's first Moishe House opened in Vancouver in May, with four young leaders eager to host and organize activities for the 20- and 30-something crowd.

"We're trying to reach young Jews through events that are part educational, part social," said Baruch Huberman, a native Vancouverite who is one of the residents at 536 E 20th St. in Vancouver. "The idea of Moishe House is to create a stronger community for people who may not feel comfortable or be part of any existing Jewish organization. And our activities are events-oriented, so we can attract people who have passions in the things that we do."

The Oakland, Calif.-based Moishe House organization began in 2008 and has 36 Moishe Houses around the world, including in Vienna, New Orleans, St. Louis, Beijing, Kiev, Gomel in Belarus and Chisinau in Moldova. Between four and eight new houses open each year, and all of the early Moishe Houses are still in full operation – with new residents. Each house has three to five young adults who have one thing in common: an eagerness to create a home that becomes a hub of Jewish life for their young adult peers.

According to its website, Moishe House is targeted at young adults aged 21 to 30 because "a major void has evolved in which there are almost no appropriate organized venues for post-collegiate Jews in their 20s. Moishe House was created to meet the needs of this growing demographic by cultivating a meaningful and attractive pathway from Jewish college life to Jewish family life."

The residents of Vancouver's Moishe House include Jacob Haas, an Oregon student who is working on a degree in education; Kiki Lipsett, who hails from the San Francisco Bay area and works for a community engagement and development organization, and Rotem Tal, an Israeli studying at Simon Fraser University. Huberman, 28, is completing his bachelor's degree in kinesiology.

"They've had incredible turnouts at Vancouver's Moishe House events so far," said Jeremiah Katz, a Vancouverite who was instrumental in helping to organize Moishe House in conjunction with the board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver. Events to date have included a housewarming, a potluck Shabbat meal, a hike and a barbecue at Queen Elizabeth Park. Moishe House was recently given 21 tickets to the Jewish Film Festival, so movies are next up on the list.

Huberman said he's also been surprised at the turnout at events. "Our friends were the first people to join us, but at each event, people I've never met before have been coming. We had 16 new people for the Shabbat dinner. They come, enjoy it and bring their friends along."

Seen from left are Moishe House Vancouver residents Kiki Lipsett, Baruch Huberman, Jacob Haas and Rotem Tal.

Vancouver's Moishe House residents pay half of the $3,500 monthly rental fee. The rest is covered by the Jewish federation, whose donors have contributed $35,000 towards a year's operating costs for the house. The residents are given $400 each month to organize social events. For programming ideas, they draw from the Moishe House infrastructure in Oakland.

"We provide in-person training by visiting every location, and we bring all the residents together at least twice a year," Moishe House executive director David Cygielman said. "We also have a director of Jewish education and a director of repair the world programming who support contact, and a regional director who provides general support and oversight."

"We're given a lot of autonomy," Huberman said. "The location was important to the Moishe House organizers – they wanted it to be in a young, hip neighbourhood and they were looking for a mix of men and women to be residents – at least one local person and one Israeli, so we'd be able to attract as many people as possible. But there's no rules about Jewish observance."

Given the great turnout at events thus far, Katz said it's likely that Vancouver's Moishe House will continue after the first year. "The next generation is one of federation's priorities," he said. "We have a great location and a very diverse group of individuals at Moishe House. This definitely fills a gap in our community."

Cygielman said Moishe House Vancouver is doing five or six programs every month, and the head office gauges success both quantitatively and qualitatively. "We track what types of programs, how many people and how many new people come to the events. And in partnership with the Jim Joseph Foundation, we have engaged the TCC Group from New York to do qualitative evaluation to see how Moishe House impacts both residents and participants."

Huberman said being at Moishe House has been a fantastic opportunity. "It's great living here – we're able to afford a really nice house in a great neighbourhood. And if we have a passionate idea, like we want to go hiking but don't know who to go with, this is a way to make it happen. It's opened my eyes to all the potential in Vancouver that I didn't know about."

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On side with Pride

Justine Apple

As executive director of Kulanu Toronto, the city's only Jewish LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) organization, it seems fitting that I am writing a guest voice for this issue of *The CJN*, as we are in the midst of Pride Week. Pride Week is Toronto's foremost arts and cultural festival celebrating the lives and stories of the gay community, and it attracts more than one million people from all over the world.

Guest Voice

Pride Week climaxes with the Pride Parade this Sunday, and Kulanu Toronto is proud to be taking its spot in the lineup, complete with our very own float and live band.

Last year, we were incredibly proud to have more than 500 Jewish marchers, both straight and gay, in our contingent. Some of them included members from organizations such as Canadian Jewish Congress, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, Canada-Israel Committee, Hillel of Greater Toronto and the Simon Wiesenthal Center. We also had marchers from Temple Sinai, Congregation Darchei Noam, First Narayever Congregation, Holy Blossom Temple, Temple Emanu-el, Beth Tzedec Congregation and Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School. It was thrilling to watch our huge, colourful delegation march down Yonge Street with Rainbow, Israeli, and Canadian flags.

Many of you joined us at last Pride to counter the controversial anti-Israel messaging of Queers Against Israeli Apartheid (QuAIA). Your presence evidenced your support for Israel as a gay rights leader and as a country much like Canada that celebrates a diverse and dynamic LGBT community. Together, we marched for the truth. Together, we showed QuAIA that we will not back down and allow hateful, divisive messaging to hijack a parade that is meant to be vibrant and inclusive.

Justine Apple

This Sunday, we invite you to march with "all of us" ("*kulanu*" in Hebrew) again. We look forward to having members of Canadian Jewish Congress, Temple Sinai, Holy Blossom, Darchei Noam and JSpaceCanada marching with us. We acknowledge the continuing guidance and support from Congress, as well as the support this year from Senator Linda Frum.

Although QuAIA has agreed to stay out of the parade, they will be hosting an independent Pride Week event to raise awareness of "Israeli apartheid" and urge the LGBT community to promote boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel. It is imperative that we do not stand idly by and let QuAIA's hostile messaging once again infiltrate the parade. Whether you are straight or gay, we need your support to stand up against hatred and intolerance and bring Pride back to what it once was – a safe and welcoming space for everyone.

Perhaps you support Israel and have considered coming to march with us, but you have stayed away due to your own fear or prejudice against the gay community. Marching with Kulanu Toronto may help shed some of those fears. Come join us. After all, many of us are your daughters, sons, mothers, fathers, friends and colleagues. Gay or straight, we all belong in the colourful mosaic called the Jewish community. Join us on Sunday as we march for a positive, hate-free parade. Together, let us show pride in our commitment to the shared values of dignity, diversity and freedom.

Since 2000, Kulanu Toronto has been committed to celebrating being Jewish and gay. We provide a safe, welcoming space where people feel comfortable to be themselves. Our monthly social, educational and cultural events draw people of all ages and Jewish affiliations. Years ago, we attracted mainly university students, but our demographics have shifted to include people in their late 20s through 60s.

Our events include Shabbat dinners, pub nights, Pesach seders, and Holocaust Education Week programs. We have a close relationship with Congregation Darchei Noam, where we recently co-sponsored an LGBT Pride Arts Program, and we have enjoyed co-sponsoring films for the past two years at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival and Toronto LGBT Film and Video Festival.

Please sign up to march with Kulanu Toronto at kulanutoronto@gmail.com. Join our contingent at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 3, at the corner of Bloor and Church streets. Look for our Israeli flags and Kulanu Toronto banner. The parade begins at 2 p.m. and ends at 4 p.m.

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Israel will not permit breach of blockade

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JERUSALEM — Israel will not allow any ships to breach its blockade of the Gaza Strip, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his inner cabinet yesterday, during a discussion of the Gaza-bound flotilla that was expected to set sail this week.

Security officials and Foreign Ministry representatives told the cabinet Israel has no information indicating that terrorists or those affiliated with a terror group are planning to take part in the flotilla that will try to break Israel's naval blockade of the Gaza Strip, a government source said. Nonetheless, there may be clashes between Israeli forces and some Arab activists aboard the ships.

Some 10 ships are planning to set sail, mostly from Greece. The government and the army are hoping the ships will stop on their own, possibly early Thursday, and that the Israel Navy will not have to board them, a move that would not be well received in the world. Some 500 people are expected to be aboard the flotilla.

The Greek government is trying to stop its citizens from joining the international flotilla.

The Greek authorities have been asked by Israel and the United States to hold up the flotilla as long as possible. Assuming the ships do sail from Greece, they will meet two or three that have already set sail from Spain and France, and continue toward the Gaza coast.

The announcement two weeks ago from the Turkish group IHH that it will not take part in the flotilla has changed the security establishment's views on the anticipated resistance. IHH members violently resisted the naval takeover of the Mavi Marmara in the flotilla of May 2010, and nine of them were killed in the clashes. In addition, since the Mavi Marmara won't be part of this flotilla, only smaller ships will be involved, increasing the likelihood that Israel will not have to board them to force them to turn back.

Government and defence sources said that since most, if not all, the flotilla participants will be European peace activists and presumably not interested in violence, this will present a "more difficult public diplomacy challenge," and Israel wants to avoid clashes with the activists.

In contrast to the decision last year to deploy naval commandos onboard the ships when they ignored Israeli warnings not to continue to Gaza, this year Israel will try other methods to stop the ships and direct them toward Egypt's El Arish port.

The navy has, however, trained for scenarios involving violent resistance and forcible takeover of the ships, but this is considered a last resort. In such a case, the ships and passengers will be brought to a special security area at Ashdod Port.

Flotilla organizers have been informed that if they dock first at Ashdod, Israel will bring the humanitarian aid directly to Gaza, a government source in Jerusalem said.

Greece, which has growing ties with Israel, said in a statement from its Foreign Ministry that while it is against the blockade of Gaza and the use of violence to prevent ships from reaching the coastal strip, "taking into consideration the appeal of the United Nations General Secretary, we encourage Greek citizens as well as ships under Greek registry not to take part in the new flotilla headed to Gaza." The flotilla will not help the humanitarian situation, the statement said.

Israel welcomed the Greek Foreign Ministry statement.

Greek activists have called their group A Ship to Gaza and have portrayed themselves as defenders of human rights and democracy throughout the region.

However, A Ship to Gaza has reportedly proven to be a political movement of extreme left-wing Greek activists and anarchist sympathizers who support terrorist groups such as Hamas, have allied themselves with extremist Muslim-Turkish organizations and lend legitimacy to authoritarian regimes like Iran. The activists have not hidden their opposition to the recent improvement in the relations among Greece, Israel and Cyprus.

Vangelis Pissias, the head of A Ship to Gaza, in a February interview with the Greek public television station ET-3, voiced his strong opposition to the improvement in Greco-Israeli ties and praised attempts to derail them. He said the new flotilla is "part of this effort."

Greek media have come out in support of the ministry's statement, including outlets that have traditionally been anti-Israel.

In related news, acclaimed British writer Howard Jacobson criticized fellow novelist Alice Walker for her planned participation in the upcoming flotilla to Gaza.

"Whatever its cargo, by luring the Israeli military into action which can be represented as brutal, the flotilla is engaged in an entirely political act," Jacobson wrote in an essay published Friday on CNN's website. "To call it by any other name is the grossest hypocrisy."

Walker, the American author of *The Color Purple* and other books, had explained her participation in the flotilla in an article for CNN earlier in the week.

"Our boat, The Audacity of Hope, will be carrying letters to the people of Gaza. Letters expressing solidarity and love. That is all its cargo will consist of. If the Israeli military attacks us, it will be as if they attacked the mailman," Walker wrote.

She said she wanted "justice and respect" for Palestinian children. "One child must never be set above another," she wrote.

Jacobson, who won the prestigious Man Booker Prize last year for his novel *The Finkler Question*, which tackled themes relating to antisemitism, Jewish identity and Israel, responded: "Gaza is under siege, Israelis will tell you, because weapons are fired from it into Israel, threatening the lives of Israeli children."

He added that "if the aim of the flotilla is to ensure that one child will not be set above another, it is hard to see how challenging the blockade will achieve it. All an Israeli parent will see is a highly charged emotionalism disguising an action that, by its very partiality, chooses the Palestinian child over the Israeli."

–With files from JTA

PERES SMELLS THE ROSES AT TOMORROW CONFERENCE

Israeli President Shimon Peres smells the roses at an exhibition last week at Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The exhibit was part of the president's Tomorrow Conference. Carmi Gillon, vice-president for foreign relations of Hebrew University, is behind Peres.

[Flash90 photo]

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

The third annual Israeli Presidential Conference in Jerusalem closed with an impassioned message from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu who challenged Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas to "have the guts" to face his people, and tell them that he will "accept the Jewish state."

The conference, called Facing Tomorrow, attracted more than 3,500 people and presented lectures from politicians, scholars, religious and community leaders, and even celebrities on topics that ranged from the global economy, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Israel and the Diaspora and Jewish identity.

Although the Facing Tomorrow theme suggested that the speakers – including Israeli President Shimon Peres, former UK prime minister Tony Blair, Kadima Party leader Tzipi Livni, Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales, Liberal MP Irwin Cotler, sexologist Dr. Ruth Westheimer, pop music star Shakira and comedian Sarah Silverman – would give predictions and present ideas that looked to the future, many, including the prime minister, simply rehashed old ideas.

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September UN Gambit still in works

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The Palestinians will seek membership as an independent state at the United Nations in September even if peace negotiations with Israel are underway, the Palestinian UN envoy said last week.

Riyad Mansour said the Palestinians are working on three separate tracks: restarting negotiations, completing the institutions for an independent state and gaining additional recognition for a Palestinian state.

"If we succeed in opening the door for negotiations, we're not going to stop from attaining what belongs to us as Palestinians in this General Assembly starting on Sept. 20," Mansour told reporters after the Security Council's monthly meeting on the Mideast. "Whether we succeed in the negotiations or we don't, the other two tracks are continuing."

Mansour dismissed speculation that the Palestinians would decide against taking action to promote an independent Palestinian state and UN membership at the annual gathering of world leaders and ministers at the General Assembly.

Some Palestinians have said privately that the project is problematic and promises a messy and unclear outcome that could change little on the ground - and might backfire politically or even spark new violence if Palestinians emerge disappointed with the result.

UN membership requires a recommendation from the Security Council – which means no veto by the United States, Israel's closest ally – and approval by two-thirds of the General Assembly, or 128 countries. The United States has repeatedly said there should be a negotiated peace settlement between Israel and the Palestinians before Palestine becomes a UN member state.

Earlier this month, U.S. officials told a visiting Palestinian delegation that seeking UN recognition in the absence of a peace deal was a "non-starter" – the latest indication the United States would veto a resolution at the Security Council.

Israel's UN Ambassador Ron Prosor told reporters that "doing anything unilateral would not be constructive."

The Palestinians insist they will not resume peace talks until Israel stops building settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem – lands that Israel took control of during the Six Day War in 1967 and that the Palestinians want for their future state. Israel maintains that the Palestinians should not set conditions for talks and that settlements didn't stop them negotiating in the past.

Mansour criticized Israel for refusing to halt settlement building and agree to resume negotiations based on 1967 borders, with agreed land swaps, as U.S. President Barack Obama has endorsed.

Prosor said "I think both sides are working together now to find ways to go into direct negotiations."

"I know that unilateral steps don't bring anything constructive, but on the contrary," he said, "so we all should try and work as much as we can with the time that we have in order to set down with the difficult issues that we still have to address."

Mansour wouldn't say exactly what the Palestinians will do at the United Nations in September. Asked when the Palestinians would submit an application for UN membership to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, he replied: "When we are ready."

He predicted that more than two-thirds of the 192 UN member states would recognize an independent Palestinian state before September, up from "around 120" countries at present.

"Then, we want to know if there is a position in the Security Council of depriving us of our natural right and legal right to join the community of nations as a state," he said. "What would be the argument if more than two-thirds of nations are supporting us in that endeavour?"

Mansour said he believes this year the Palestinians are facing "a historic moment" because the international community "is sick and tired of the continuation of this conflict."

"No one can stop the wheel of history that is rotating," he said. "They want to see it ending – and it has to be ending on the basis of an independent Palestinian state on the borders of 1967 with east Jerusalem as its capital."

Iran denies involvement in suppressing Syria protests

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JERUSALEM — Iran accused the European Union of "distorting reality" on Sunday after the bloc slapped sanctions on the Syrian leadership and three high-ranking Iranian officials the EU said was helping Damascus crush dissent.

Alongside extended sanctions on Syria, the EU added three commanders of Iran's Revolutionary Guards – accused of supporting Syrian President Bashar Assad's suppression of anti-government protests – to a blacklist that imposes travel restrictions and freezes assets. "The EU's baseless claim linking Iran's Revolutionary Guards with Syrian events shows its attempt to target propaganda against the Islamic Republic and to distort reality," Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast said in a statement.

He denied Tehran was interfering in Syria's internal affairs, saying, "The government and people of Syria enjoy the political and social maturity to resolve their domestic problems."

Iran, which crushed its own anti-government protests after the contested re-election of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in 2009, has voiced support for uprisings in most of the Arab world, except in Syria, which has what Iran sees as a "line of resistance" against Israel. Both support militant groups Hamas and Hezbollah.

As part of a drive led by Washington to further isolate Iran, which it believes is developing nuclear weapons, the United States blacklisted a major Iranian port operator and its national airline, Iran Air, last Thursday.

The U.S. Treasury said Iran Air and its Iran Air Tours subsidiary had on numerous occasions transported military-related equipment on behalf of the government, including missiles, rockets and titanium sheets, a dual-use material that can be used in advanced weapons systems.

Iran Air chief executive Farhad Parvaresh called the sanctions "ineffective and useless."

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

"Imposing sanctions against Iran's aviation is not something new. It is more than 30 years that Iran Air does not have any flights to America," he was quoted as saying by Sharq daily.

The sanctions on Iran Air could increase difficulties in the airline's operations that started last year when airports in many western countries stopped refuelling its planes because of U.S. sanctions prohibiting the export of refined petroleum products to Iran.

Tehran denies it is seeking nuclear weapons and says it wants atomic technology for power and other peaceful purposes.

Israel Briefs

Apple removes intifadah app

Apple Inc. removed the Arabic-language "Thirdintifada" application from its App Store following a request from the Israeli government. The application was removed last week a day after Israel's minister of public diplomacy and Diaspora affairs, Yuli Edelstein, wrote to Apple founder and CEO Steve Jobs making the request. "We removed this app from the App Store because it violates the developer guidelines by being offensive to large groups of people," an Apple spokesperson said Wednesday evening. The Thirdintifada application, which had been available for free download from the App Store, updates users on anti-Israel protests or allows them to organize their own. It also features anti-Israel articles and photos of terrorists who have attacked Israel or Israelis. Edelstein, who in his letter to Jobs had called the application "anti-Israel and anti-Zionist," commended the decision in a statement issued Thursday morning. "By its action, Apple has proven, as Facebook did, that it shares the values that oppose violence, incitement and terrorism." In March, Edelman appealed to Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg to remove a page called "Third Intifada" that called for a new uprising against Israel. The page subsequently was removed, though copycat pages arose in its place.

Mt. of Olives graves vandalized

More than a dozen graves at the Mount of Olives cemetery in Jerusalem were vandalized, the latest in a series of attacks on one of Judaism's oldest cemeteries. On June 14, some 14 graves were damaged by Arab youths wielding sledgehammers, according to private security guards stationed at the cemetery in eastern Jerusalem. The damage was in addition to vandalism sustained at the cemetery last month on Nakba Day when Arabs mark the declaration of the State of Israel. During riots, Palestinians hurled large rocks and boulders toward the graves, chipping and breaking at least 15. Arab youths also vandalized or destroyed nearly 40 newly installed surveillance cameras in the cemetery, according to the international committee for the preservation of Har HaZeitim (Mount of Olives). At the same time, local Arabs began illegally expanding a mosque to within 15 feet of the grave of prime minister Menachem Begin, according to the committee.

In the last year, efforts of the committee have resulted in the restoration of 2,000 of an estimated 40,000 graves that were destroyed before 1967 under Jordanian rule, an increased private security presence and the installation of 50 surveillance cameras and fluorescent lighting. There are an estimated 150,000 graves on the mount, where Jews have been buried since biblical times.

Prison conditions hardened

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced last week that he plans to toughen the conditions of Palestinian security prisoners in Israel's prisons. "I have decided to change Israel's treatment of terrorists sitting in prison," Netanyahu said. "We will give them all that they deserve according to international law but nothing beyond that. We will stop, among other things, the absurd practice in which terrorists who murdered innocent people enrol in academic studies. There will be no more 'doctors of terror' – the celebration is over." Netanyahu's comments come after Hamas refused Thursday to answer the International Red Cross' request that the Gaza rulers provide proof that abducted Israel Defence Forces soldier Gilad Schalit is still alive.

- JTA and Ha'aretz

Banjos make the boy

Cary Fagan is a Toronto-based novelist and children's writer who happens to play mandolin in a bluegrass band. It may come as a surprise to his readers that he has also been known to build banjos in his spare time.

In the author's note at the back of *Banjo of Destiny* (Groundwood), his new novel for young readers, he tells us: "The wood for the first banjo that I made came from a broken Ikea chair. For the third and most recent one, I used wood that I found in the garage of our house... For one I used a handdrum that looked something like a large tambourine."

These are not stray details, since Jeremiah Birnbaum, the child at the centre of *Banjo of Destiny*, does something similar, though his materials happen to include hardware scavenged from a wrecked plastic child's guitar.

Reviewed by

Norman Ravvin

Banjo of Destiny is a light-hearted fable with very contemporary concerns. Jeremiah is the son of too-rich parents, who aim to expand their young son's future possibilities by offering him too much of everything. He takes ballroom dancing lessons. He is a student at Fernwood Academy, where courses include "culinary arts" and "industrial design." And he sits for excruciating piano lessons with the pompous Maestro Boris, who responds to Jeremiah's poor recital performances by telling him he has "no soul."

Jeremiah's story is, in the most indirect way, a Jewish one. His parents are successes with modest beginnings; the mother as a hot dog cart cook and the father once toiled as a window cleaner. Since his "parents had grown up with so little," Jeremiah understands why they want "the best for him." Even more, they would like him to be a "gentleman," a more naturally polished version of themselves.

Although *Banjo of Destiny* is not set in a recognizable locale, this element might remind a Toronto reader of a photograph of Ed Mirvish, which hung prominently in his Bloor Street store, decked out as a "proper" Englishman. (Another book by Fagan that makes more overt use of Toronto's Jewish backstreets is the picture book *Ten Old Men and a Mouse*, set in the Kensington Market area).

Banjo of Destiny makes light fun of private-school life, and of the way kids take verbal potshots at one another. Cooking class reminds Jeremiah of the homemade concoction he offered the family chauffeur an opportunity to sample – his "Tuna-Pea Soup-Chile Pepper-Chocolate Surprise." But the novel takes on heft and greater seriousness the day Jeremiah stumbles upon an abandoned farmhouse in the wheat fields beyond his school grounds. There, like an apparition out of a folk song, sits "an elderly black man, tall and slim, with a moustache. His steel-gray hair was trimmed short. He wore a white shirt with a pinstriped vest. His trousers were pulled up at the knees, showing his argyle socks and well-polished shoes. His suit jacket had been folded and laid neatly over the porch rail."

The old man plays a banjo, the sound of which captivates Jeremiah. With great dedication and the help of his streetwise schoolmate Luella, Jeremiah builds his own banjo. Fagan's way with this material is inspiring – the reader feels convinced he could make a do-it-yourself banjo using the few pages of instructions offered.

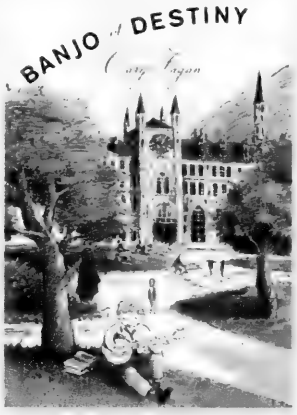
Once the instrument is finished, Jeremiah finds it no easy challenge to force music out of it, but eventually he does gain a repertoire, entering a world of unusual songs that reveal what it means to really love to immerse oneself in something.

Fagan makes subtle use of his story's fable-like message, and there is no cloying lesson to be had in the final pages of *Banjo of Destiny*. One can feel, instead, the joy some people gain from making a thing, from making music, and from sharing these things with others. One feels, too, the change in Jeremiah that such discoveries bring.

Banjo of Destiny is nicely illustrated by Paris-based artist Selçuk Demirel, whose style, especially on the book's cover, is reminiscent of both the best of European poster art and the perennial *New Yorker* artist, Sempé.

There is much that parents and their kids can share in the novel, a quality not easily found in books aimed at adolescents.

Norman Ravvin's new novel is The Joyful Child, *from Gaspereau Press. He is chair of the Concordia Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies.*



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HomeSAV caters to bargain-hunting hipsters

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

One of the characteristics of entrepreneurs is that they don't complain about a gap in the marketplace, they do something about it.

That's what three 30-something professionals did. They brainstormed a business model designed to make shopping for home furnishings and children's products easier for busy people like themselves.

Enter HomeSAV, a web-based shopping club that offers mid- to high-end products at significant discounts, along with home delivery.

Launched less than a year ago, the concept has proven quite popular, said Aliza Pulver, who, along with Allen Fisch and Alex Norman, created the company.

At last count, membership, which is free, closed in on 100,000 and is growing at the rate of 30 per cent per month. The firm's website registers in the range of 700,000 page views per month and HomeSAV has relationships with more than 500 quality brands.

"We've come a long way since we started," said Pulver, who was a real estate lawyer before going into business.

The online discount purchasing club has proven a hit for the company's targeted demographic of 28- to 45-year-olds, which takes in first or second home buyers. Manufacturers have warmed to the firm's ability to provide a coveted demographic, Pulver said.

Their business model has been compared to a "Groupon of home décor." Here's how it works: shoppers browse the company's website and become members.

Allen Fisch, left, Aliza Pulver, centre and Alex Norman

New product offerings are forwarded to members' e-mail addresses. There are 30 products available daily and they are offered for four days only.

"People are much more used to shopping online for every product," she said.

A recent visit to the website highlighted Kalorik "sleek small appliances," Van Teal lighting, KidKraft playsets and DK Living "contemporary décor," among other products.

"With our purchasing power, we're able to negotiate discount prices," Pulver said.

"We move a large volume of products for our suppliers and do a great job of catering to our demographic... We bring savvy (hence HomeSAV, as in HomeSavvy), fashionable people looking for hip products, but who don't have the time to shop for them," she added.

"We've become really good at curating and finding great products."

Visitors to the website can scroll through high-resolution images and check out the products from different angles, "so you feel like you're shopping in a store."

Once a product is selected, it's delivered right to the customer's door. To date, the return rate has been less than one per cent, Pulver said.

The North American market for furniture and home furnishings is $124 billion a year, and HomeSAV provides an easy way to make a purchase without having to go store to store. Prior to starting the business, the partners were becoming frustrated about furnishing their own homes. They were leading busy lives, advancing their careers and starting families.

"We found it unbelievably time consuming and expensive to furnish the house," Pulver said.

Bringing their particular skills to the table – Norman worked in the online space, Fisch had experience in the furniture business, Pulver was a buyer – they started HomeSAV. At first, they dealt with end-of-line items, but as the business proved successful, they added more high-end products. Manufacturers are now testing the popularity of products with HomeSAV even before they're offered at retail outlets, Pulver said, adding that manufacturers are also pleased with the online traffic at their own websites generated by HomeSAV members.

HomeSAV currently employs nine people other than the partners, and they recently expanded into the United States.

"I do think we've broken new ground," Pulver said. "At times, young people who are working hard don't have the time to get these products.

"We want to educate end users and make it easier to shop for high end products."

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El Al staff in strike position

Compiled by CJN Staff

Unionized workers at El Al Airlines in Toronto have voted to give their bargaining committee a strike mandate.

The El Al employees, members of the United Steelworkers (USW), provide marketing, sales and reservations services from the airline's offices in downtown Toronto.

"Negotiations have been ongoing since our last contract expired on Dec. 31, 2010," said Jacob Mazgaonkar, Steelworkers bargaining committee member and unit chair for the El Al workers.

Dinah Kutner, general manager of the airline's Canadian office, said "we're still negotiating.

"Every three years we negotiate. This time it's taking longer to come to an agreement."

Kutner said nine employees are affected, seven in the office and two at the airport. The two sides are "not far" apart, she said, adding that flights to and from Israel would not be affected in the event of a strike.

According to Mazgaonkar, a request for assistance has been made to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service and the union is hoping the agency can help the parties resolve the impasse and avoid a labour dispute, he added.

EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

FRINGE FESTIVAL HOSTS ABOUT 150 PRODUCTIONS AROUND CITY

The Toronto Fringe Festival hosts about 150 productions at some 30 venues around Toronto from July 6 to 17. Productions range from dramas and musical extravaganzas to improv and take place in local theatres and other spaces. Tickets are always $10. For details on the program, visit the website, www.fringetoronto.com. Following are details of three Fringe productions:

Branch Out Theatre presents *Through the Tulips*, a play by **Naomi Tessler** about self-discovery and intergenerational friendship. An arts graduate of New York University who currently works in Toronto, Tessler directs a cast featuring **David Simor** and **Shel Goldstein** for the Toronto Fringe Festival.

The story focuses on Noam and Celia, who meet in a tulip garden; Celia's grandmotherly encouragement and Yiddish witticisms help Noam better appreciate his personal gifts. $10. Factory Studio Theatre, 125 Bathurst St.

Also at the Fringe, *The Adventures of Mazel and Schlimazel* is a humorous Yiddish tale for children, with **Geoff Kolomayz** and a live klezmer band; directed by Lorie Wolf. $10.

Living With Henry is a musical drama by **Christopher Wilson** that explores the realities of living with HIV/AIDS. The story revolves around Michael, a gay man who overcomes huge challenges to gain a deeper understanding of himself and the world. With **Lizzie Kurtz**, **Vince Staltari**, **Mary Kelly** and **Christian Bellsmith**. George Ignatieff Theatre, 15 Devonshire Place, July 7 to 17.

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Bata Shoe Museum: Active Seniors of the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre presents a guided visit to the Bata Shoe Museum to view the current exhibit, *The Roaring Twenties: Heels, Hemlines and High Spirits*, as well as highlights of the regular collection. The exhibit showcases shoes of the 1920s and examines how period influences such as cinema, jazz and world travel affected the shape of fashionable footwear. $14. Thursday, July 7, 1:15 p.m. Advanced reservation required. 416-924-6211, ext. 155.

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Names in the News: Canadian Jewish poet **Leonard Cohen** has won a prestigious Spanish literary prize, the Principe de Asturias Foundation prize for non-Spanish authors. Cohen, 76, is due to receive about $72,000 as well as a statue by Catalan artist Joan Miro at the awards ceremony in September.

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Arts in Brief

• Toronto IsReal Dance Festival offers a full weekend of dance workshops, including top international choreographers demonstrating the latest and greatest moves in Israeli folk dance. Miles Nadal JCC, July 1 to 3. sofsof@rogers.com, 416-221-6280; www.israelidancetoronto.com

Jerry Gray

• Guitarists **Brian Katz** and **Rob Piltch** perform jazz and klezmer selections at Mezzetta, 681 St. Clair Ave. W. (at Christie), July 3, 9 to 11 p.m. Dinner reservation, 416-658-5687.

• **Jerry Gray** of the **Travellers** performs and offers a Yiddish-oriented look at his career of 61 years, illustrated by songs and anecdotes. Yiddish Vinkl, at the Free Times Café, 320 College St. $16, includes buffet lunch. Thursday, July 6, 12 noon. RSVP to yiddishvinkl@yahoo.ca

• **E.M. Broner**, a pioneering figure in Jewish feminism has died at 83 in New York City of multiple organ failure. She was the author of 10 books, including *The Women's Haggadah* which reimagined the traditional Passover seder from the point of view of women, including Moses sister, Miriam. It has inspired feminist seders throughout the world.

Two boys and a memorable experience

Joseph Serge
Arts Editor

Set on the tiny island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean, *The Last Brother* (Graywolf Press) is a haunting and beautifully written book by French-Mauritian writer Nathacha Appanah.

Raj, the 70-year-old narrator, looks back with guilt at an experience that happened to a Jewish boy he befriended 60 years earlier at the tail end of World War II.

Raj's childhood has been anything but happy. His two brothers died during a vicious, devastating rainstorm. His father is an alcoholic who frequently beats him and his mother.

One day, Raj is hiding outside the prison camp where his father works as a guard. Through the barbed-wire fence, Raj gets his first look at the inmates as they're led to the courtyard for fresh air.

The prisoners are not the "dangerous ones: runaways, robbers and bad men" that his father warned him about. To his surprise, they are white and include women and children.

Raj is drawn to one of them, a boy around his age who Raj believes was looking back at him through the barbed wire fence.

The inmates are Jewish exiles from Europe who fled the Holocaust in 1940 on a ship bound for Haifa, but were turned back by the British. Instead, they were sent to Mauritius where they spent the rest of the war.

But Raj doesn't know any of this. Living on this island far from Europe, he has no idea there is even a war on.

After one particularly brutal beating, his father takes him to the prison hospital explaining to the doctors and police that he fell out of a tree.

In the prison hospital, he meets many of the Jewish refugees, including the boy, David Stein, who is suffering from malaria.

To Raj, naïve and innocent, Jewishness may as well be an illness, for why else would they be in hospital? He is amused by the star around David's neck. Why would David name a star after himself, he wonders?

Raj and David become close friends, but after Raj is released from hospital, they are separated, until a cyclone ravages the hospital and David escapes.

The two boys unite and embark on a fateful and tragic story that Raj will remember forever.

The Last Brother is a moving book that touches upon several themes, especially the loss of childhood. Appanah and the English translator, Geoffrey Strachan, have a beautiful way with description, as in this scene when Raj first sees David behind the prison fence:

"What I saw first was his hair, that magnificent mop of it, which floated around his head but which was certainly his and his alone, in a way that nothing has ever belonged to me, those curls hiding his brow, and his way of advancing stiffly, not limping, for all the world as if it were made of wood and iron and his machinery had not been oiled for quite some while."

Unfortunately, these long, poetic sentences can sometimes be cumbersome and slow the pace down, distracting the reader.

That aside, *The Last Brother* is a moving and intelligent novel that tells a unique and original Holocaust-themed story.

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Patinkin leads off Jewish theatre's new season

Kathryn Kates
Special to The CJN

Performances by Mandy Patinkin and Theodore Bikel are two of the highlights of the Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company's upcoming fifth season.

Patinkin, who's won both Tony and Emmy awards, will star in the season's Sept. 17 launch of *Mamaloshen (Mother Tongue)*. Bikel makes a return visit to Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company (HGJTC) in *Visiting Mr. Green*, after wowing Toronto audiences in *Sholom Aleichem: Laughter Through Tears* in 2009.

The star-studded season's other offerings include the Off-Broadway success, *Circumcise Me*, the true story of Jewish comedian Yisrael Campbell, born Christopher Campbell, a Catholic, and a new play by Canadian playwright Hannah Moscovitch, *The Children's Republic*, about Dr. Janusz Korczak. Korczak ran an orphanage in Warsaw for Jewish children and stayed with them on a train to Treblinka. A co-production with the Tarragon Theatre, the play stars Peter Hutt.

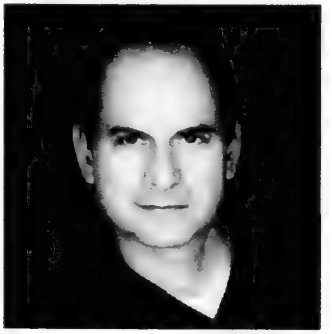
The season culminates with Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning play *Lost in Yonkers*, starring Marion Ross, who played the mother in the 1970s hit TV sitcom *Happy Days*. The play also stars Linda Kash and David Eisner, in his HGJTC acting debut. Eisner shares co-artistic director duties with Avery Saltzman.

"There are several highlights this year," Eisner says. "It is incredible for us to open up with Mandy Patinkin, who is a world-class performer. Marion Ross is this wonderful, iconic television star from the States. To have her to do this Pulitzer Prize play, and have me get my feet wet and be in it, is a thrill as well. I have only done a few plays – mostly my experience has been in film and television," he says.

"Another highlight is doing a Canadian play, a co-production with such a prestigious Canadian theatre company as the Tarragon. This has been in our radar for three years now, so for it to come to fruition is a very special project for us. It will be part of Holocaust Education Week."

The company is excited to have Bikel back. Eisner says Bikel has been a great spokesperson for Jewish theatre, and is grateful that he has helped HGJTC in many ways.

This season, the HGJTC becomes a resident company at the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts in Toronto. "It is a real thrill to have our name on the side of the St. Lawrence Centre, to have a Jewish theatre company in one of the major theatres in Toronto," Eisner says.



David Eisner

Also returning is the Conversations on the Green series, hosted by Ralph Benmergui. This year, actor and comedian Eugene Levy; the president and CEO of Postmedia Network, Paul Godfrey; AIDS activist Stephen Lewis and Marion Ross will be talkin' the talk.

"We have celebrities talk about their career through the lens of growing up Jewish. Except for Marion Ross, who isn't Jewish, but she's going to talk about Jewish culture and how that influenced her life and career," Eisner says. "To have Eugene Levy, Paul Godfrey, Stephen Lewis and Marion Ross, it really rounds out a great fifth anniversary season for us."

Eisner credits the Jewish community, especially the Harold Green family, for the success of the company. "They say it takes a village to raise a child – it also takes a village to raise a theatre company to life. It is a partnership with the audience, and the audience is growing," he says.

"The people who come are our best advocates. They love what they see. We have about 1,000 subscribers, and this season we hope to double that. Phones are ringing steadily."

For online information, including dates and prices: www.hgjewishtheatre.com. Subscriptions are available online or by calling 416-366-7723, toll-free at 1-800-708-6754. For group rates, call 416-932-9995, ext. 224.

Milman thrilled about first Israeli performance

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

HERZLIYA — Sophie Milman, the Juno Award-winning jazz sensation, performed in Israel recently for the first time since she moved to Canada when she was 16.

Barely able to contain her excitement, 28-year-old Milman, who made aliyah to Israel from Russia when she was a young girl, told the capacity crowd at the Zappa Club in Herzliya that she wasn't able to put her joy into words.

"I'm so excited to be here and it really feels like my first show... To come back to Israel is really amazing, I can't even explain it," Milman said in Hebrew, drawing attention to her barely there Russian accent.

In an interview following her performance, Milman said that she was so excited about performing in Israel for the first time since she moved with her family to Canada that she "started freaking. In the hotel room I couldn't find my shoes, I couldn't find my dress."

Milman, who performed with her trio – pianist Paul Shrofel, bassist Kieran Overs and drummer Jim Doxas – as well as veteran Israeli saxophonist Peter Wertheimer, added that her gig in Israel was so special to her because "so much of my identity was formed here. I consider myself very much a Canadian at this point, but Israel and the people here are very close to my heart."

In fact, many friends and family members she left behind in Israel, who had never seen her perform before, were in the audience.

Sophie Milman

Despite having toured throughout North America, Europe and Asia, it wasn't until she connected with Canadian Friends of Hebrew University (CFHU) national director, Rami Kleinmann, that she was able to arrange this homecoming.

Milman's husband, Casey Chisick, an entertainment lawyer, who also worked as executive producer of her Juno Award-winning 2007 album, *Make Someone Happy*, her 2009 album, *Take Love Easy*, and her 2008 concert DVD, *Live in Montreal*, arranged for Milman to come to Israel to perform and to promote Hebrew U and the Institute of Medical Research Israel-Canada (IMRIC), which fosters interdisciplinary partnerships between Canadian and Israeli scientists and researchers.

CFHU, a non-profit organization that promotes and raises funds for Hebrew U, which hosted a delegation of Canadian friends last week, arranged for Milman to perform at the Zappa Club on June 18, at the Hebrew U convocation and during board of governors meetings the following evening, as well as a Canadian awards dinner during which Israeli researchers and students received scholarships and awards donated by CFHU supporters.

"Within six months, we made it here. I'm so grateful to this organization for bringing me here. I really have a lot of respect for what Hebrew University does, the medical and technological advancements," Milman said.

She said that in the months before she arrived in Israel, while recording her not-yet-released album in New York, she couldn't stop thinking about her show in Herzliya.

"It went better than I even imagined... It's very rare that when you're on stage, you're breathing together with the audience. I really felt that," she said.

The sexy songstress, with her trademark smoky voice, serenaded her Israeli audience in English, French, Hebrew and Russian, with jazz standards including *Day In, Day Out* and *Take Love Easy*.

Milman also surprised the audience with covers of Bruce Springsteen's *I'm On Fire* and Joni Mitchell's *Be Cool*.

Before she sang *Be Cool*, she said, "I love Israel, I love Russia, but Canada was very good to me and I wanted to record something Canadian and this is the song we chose."

In an intimate moment, Milman dedicated a song called *Man I Love* to her husband, who was looking on from off-stage.

"This was one of the first jazz songs I learned and recorded," she said. "This song is the purest form of love, and I dedicate this song to my husband, who is the man I love, who I waited for, for so many years. Someone who could truly get me, get the jazz thing. I finally found him, and we got married two years ago."

After her flawless performance at the Zappa Club, Milman sang the following evening at the Hebrew U convocation ceremony at the historic Rothberg Amphitheatre – which predates the State of Israel – overlooking the breathtaking Judean desert.

She sang *Eli Eli* and a Hebrew translation of *What a Wonderful World*, but it was the opportunity to sing *Hatikvah* that gave her goosebumps.

Having sung the Israeli national anthem countless times at Jewish events throughout Canada, "it was nothing like singing *Hatikvah* on Mount Scopus, singing to people who felt it, who know it. I was shivering as people sang along," she said.

Although Milman's parents didn't travel to Israel with her, they were able to share the moment with her while watching the ceremony that streamed live on the Hebrew U website.

"They were able to watch it from home and they were crying," she said.

"I just can't put it into words... It's overwhelming."

Brott Music Festival features music for all tastes

Kathryn Kates
Special to The CJN

Toronto-based mezzo-soprano Lauren Segal will return to Hamilton for the 24th season of the Brott Music Festival.

The festival, under the artistic direction of conductor Boris Brott, features acclaimed guest artists performing everything from classical to rock in 18 events from June 11 to Aug. 18, mostly in the Hamilton and Burlington area.

At last year's festival, Segal sang in Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*. This year, she will twice appear at the McIntyre Theatre Mohawk College in Hamilton.

She performs in *Opera Ovations!* July 7 at 7:30 p.m., with tenor Ermanno Mauro, soprano Sinead Sugrue and baritone Peter McGillivray.

"*Opera Ovations!* is an opera gala – a greatest hits from opera," Segal says. "I will be singing pieces from *The Barber of Seville* and *Samson and Delilah*."

Singing in *Samson* is somewhat conflicting for the singer, who says her Jewishness plays into everything she does.

"Delilah [is not] a very Jewish-friendly character, and [when you] sing a character, you don't want to disagree with what the character is saying because you are not going to give it, the character, enough credit. So, I think singing a duet about killing Samson, who is this hero, is a little tricky," she says.

"I know you have to push the acting glove, but within my own Jewishness, I am having to find some peace with it and to realize it is this biblical story and that she is one of the characters and has to be played."

Segal will take the stage again Saturday, Aug. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in *Carmen in Concert*, a staged concert version of the opera, in which she will sing the title role. Also performing are tenor Keith Klassen as José, baritone Gregory Dahl as the toreador Escamillo and soprano Sinead Sugrue as Micaëla, with direction by Giandomenico Vaccari of Italy.

"*Carmen* will be semi-staged, so we will be having some stage action going on. It will be enough to show the drama, but even if we just stood there, the music is so amazing that the drama would come out," says Segal, who understudied *Carmen* in Canadian Opera Company's full-stage production of the Bizet opera.

Segal says both productions she is in are filled with passion and excitement.

"I think everyone goes to one of these shows with their own experiences. It might remind them of something else, or take them away from something so that they can have a little break, or make them feel something that they never knew they felt. I want people to enjoy it. I want Toronto audience members to know that the drive to Hamilton is not so far and very much worth it."

Lauren Segal

The singer studied music privately while studying for a master of science degree in the physics department at the University of Toronto.

The two-time recipient of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions Encouragement Award was the only Canadian to participate in the inaugural Salzburg Festival Young Artist Project in 2008.

Earlier this year, Segal performed as Maddalena in Opéra de Montréal's *Rigoletto*. Her season continued with concert performances with Orchestra Toronto, the Vancouver Bach Choir and the Windsor Symphony, and a Gala Opera Evening performance for the Manitoba Opera. Segal will return to the Canadian Opera Company for productions of *Die Zauberflöte*, *Nixon in China* and *Ariadne auf Naxos*.

Segal also recently appeared in a trilogy of short films, *The Trilogy of Desire*, inspired by arias from *Le Nozze di Figaro*, *Carmen* and Vivaldi's *Bajazet*.

Segal's website is www.laurensegal.com. For tickets or information on the Brott Music Festival, go to www.brottmusic.com or call 1-888-475-9377, or 905-525-SONG (7664).

Hamlisch headlines star-studded concert

Marvin Glassman
Special to The CJN

Composer Marvin Hamlisch will present a star-studded concert, "*The Very, Very Best of Broadway*" at the Black Creek Summer Music Festival at Rexall Centre at York University next month.

As artistic adviser for the July 9 event, Hamlisch recruited Broadway-musical veterans Audra McDonald and Brian Stokes Mitchell (both were in Toronto for *Ragtime* in 1996), actor Jane Krakowski, comedian Martin Short and actor Raul Esparza to sing selections from Broadway musicals. Hamlisch will conduct the Black Creek Festival Orchestra and Chorus and play piano.

"The best way to showcase the Black Creek Festival was to select the brightest stars we could find for a concert that nobody would ever forget, from the Broadway musicals," said Hamlisch, 67, in a phone interview. "Having just one or two singers would not guarantee a sell-out audience, but having five established Broadway stars would make the concert an unforgettable experience under the open air and the stars."

Marvin Hamlisch

Hamlisch is known for writing the music for *A Chorus Line* – Broadway's fourth-longest running show – and *They're Playing Our Song*, as well as writing scores and songs for 40 films, among them, *The Way We Were* and *Through the Eyes Of Love*.

Along with composer Richard Rodgers, Hamlisch is the only other person to have won a Grammy (four times), an Oscar (three times), an Emmy (twice), a Tony and a Pulitzer Prize.

Less well-known is the fact that Hamlisch's Jewish upbringing inspired much of his work and his dedication to doing fundraisers for synagogues and Jewish organizations.

His parents, Austrians Lily and Max, escaped Nazism in 1935. Max jumped from a train headed to Germany, and Lily hid under a car while fleeing to Switzerland before immigrating to America.

"To my mother especially, being Jewish is sacred. She instilled my pride in being Jewish by how she lived. When the Gestapo in Vienna hauled her in for questioning, she secretly kept her Jewish star around her neck under her blouse. Despite my father's pleas that wearing a Jewish star in public was too dangerous, she never took it off her neck. She was a street fighter but always humble in her Jewishness."

Through the years, Hamlisch has done memorable fundraisers for synagogues in Toronto. In May, Hamlisch was honoured at the Cantors Assembly in Toronto during Jewish Music Week.

"I wrote music for the Jewish prayer *Shehechiyanu* to celebrate the week and was honoured by the cantors," he said. "It was very moving, and I always want to do as much as I can to keep music alive in synagogues."

Hamlisch has performed his original song, *Chanukah Lights*, to rave reviews at holiday concerts, recorded *Hativkah* on CD and conducted three cantors singing *Oseh Shalom* and other Jewish songs in a Calgary concert that has been televised.

Born and raised in New York, Hamlisch is regarded in musical circles as a genius. He was the youngest student ever at age seven to be accepted to the prestigious music school, Juilliard. By his mid-teens, Hamlisch became widely known for his piano playing, and by age 21, he started writing hit songs.

Following his string of writing popular songs for film and Broadway, Hamlisch was the music director for Barbra Streisand's concert tours in the 1990s. He's spent most of his time since 2000 as the pops conductor for the National Symphony Orchestra (U.S.), and the Milwaukee, Pittsburgh and San Diego pops orchestras.

Hamlisch conducts the Black Creek Festival Orchestra and Chorus, joined by five Broadway singers, July 9 at 8 p.m., at Rexall Centre at York U. For tickets, call 888-860-7858 or go to www.blackcreekfestival.com.

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Dragon Boats to race on Sea of Galilee

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Its proponents claim that once you try dragon boat racing, you're hooked, but good. Being part of a dragon boat crew builds teamwork, it makes you fit, it raises money for charity and it allows you to see the world.

Although dragon boat racing takes place in 70 countries, it's never before been held in Israel, but that will change next spring when dragon boating will make its official debut on the Sea of Galilee. On May 17 and 18, 2012, as many as 40 boats containing 20 rowers each will compete in the first annual Dragon Boat Israel competition.

Details of the event were unveiled last week at Sunnyside Pavilion overlooking the much chillier and damp shore of Lake Ontario.

Israel's historic freshwater lake, also known as the Kinneret, has never seen the likes of it before: long shallow boats that resemble elongated canoes, a dragon's head at the bow, 20 people pulling in unison, a steerperson at the tiller and a drummer sounding out a relentless beat to encourage the rowers.

Dragon boat racing is a popular sport in North America and it's all the rage in China, where it possesses something like the cultural significance of hockey in Canada.

Debbie Halton-Weiss is chairing the effort to bring Canadian dragon boat racers to Israel to compete with Israeli rowers next year.

Halton-Weiss is hoping as many as 20 teams of 20 rowers each, along with an equal number of spouses and family members, make the trip to Israel next spring. Dragon Boat Israel is recruiting teams and individual rowers from across Canada and has representatives in Calgary, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto and eastern Canada. Montreal should soon have a representative as well, she said.

Sponsors of the event include Israel's Ministry of Tourism, UIA Federations Canada and Marlin Travel. El Al is the event's official airline. Halton-Weiss, who serves as chair of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, said "we see this as a way of federations [thinking] outside the box. It's an amazing outreach program" that gets Jews who might not otherwise be affiliated "to think about community involvement."

Two years ago she had never even seen a dragon boat race, she said. But Ottawa Jewish leaders were asked to participate in a local event and since doing so, she has not looked back.

"I was amazed at the diversity of the rowers, from cancer survivors, to entire offices of co-workers, religious, not religious, young, not so young," she said.

"It's about team-building, synchronicity and working together."

A member of a Jewish team of rowers – the Sea Lions, who all wear No. 18 – Halton-Weiss has been paddling in dragon boat races ever since. Bringing the sport to Israel "combines two passions, Israel and dragon boats," she said.

Frances Halperin is planning to make the trip to Israel and she's getting the word out to friends she races with, as well as others who are recreational paddlers. So far, she's contacted 68 women's teams across the continent, including Team Transplant, a group of cancer survivors.

Halperin has been paddling for 10 years as part of the Dragon's Abreast and Canadians Abreast teams. The teams consist of breast cancer survivors and so far, she said, about 30 racers have committed to make the trip to Israel with her. She expects ultimately to fill two boats.

Most of the rowers are not Jewish. The most common question she hears when she pitches the trip is, "Is it safe?"

"I tell them I spent 2-1/2 weeks touring Israel alone in October, and I never felt it was unsafe," she said.

Halperin, who's travelled to Australia and New Zealand for dragon boat events, is excited about getting back to Israel.

"What's not to love?" she asked. "It's incredible, just incredible. I loved every minute of it."

Doreen Davenport is one of the rowers considering making the trip to Israel. She's already been to dragon boat competitions in Shanghai, Singapore and Cape Town and she's intrigued about "the experience of competing in a new environment and then travelling in a place I've never been."

Davenport is the kind of traveller Oded Grofman is hoping to entice. Grofman, head of the Israel Government Tourism Office's Toronto branch, said Israel is trying to attract visitors who don't necessarily fit the mould of religious pilgrims or those interested in antiquity.

A dragon boat leaves the dock at Sunnyside Pavilion.

"We want to bring different kinds of tourists, to [change Israel's] image and its brand."

More than 75,000 Canadians are expected to visit this year, and sport is increasingly an attraction to them, particularly those looking to hike in the country's historic trails.

Sports tourism "is a niche market, but a significant market for the Israeli government," he said.

The event is being marketed with the slogan, "come for the race – stay for the journey."

Victor Yagoda believes the dragon boat event could prove an important boost to the northern Israeli economy. Yagoda, who serves as project manager for Dragon Boat Israel and is organizing the event on the Israeli side, was impressed with a competition he witnessed in Ottawa that attracted 195 teams.

"It's the kind of event that brings people together... One thing I've learned is that dragon boating is mishpachah [family]."

Yagoda said he expects 20 Israeli teams will compete in the event, matching the Canadian contingent.

However, he acknowledges he has something of an uphill battle, just to raise awareness of the sport. "If you ask an Israeli what is dragon boating, [it's] one of the few times an Israeli will say, 'I don't know,'" he quipped.

Angela Biene, general manager of Marlin Travel in Ottawa, said the travel agency is offering seven- and 10-day packages in three-, four- and five-star hotels, starting at $2,599.

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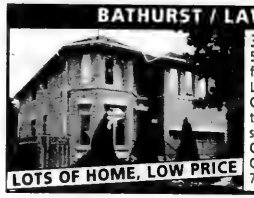

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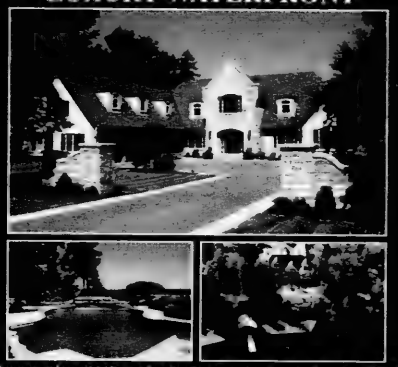

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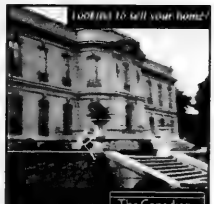

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Proposed circumcision ban not merely a parochial concern

Basil Herring and Joel Finkelstein
JTA

Comment

Circumcision, or brit milah, has long been the stuff of cheap jokes and comedy. But in recent weeks, what used to be nothing more than harmless fare has taken on a much more serious tone. So-called "intactivists" on the fringe left of American politics have pushed the radical notion that infant circumcision is an act of genital mutilation, so unacceptable in fact that it ought to be illegal.

That such a notion should have garnered enough signatures to have qualified for a popular referendum in San Francisco (and potentially elsewhere) is deeply troubling. For even if, as expected, it will be defeated in the end – like most such California ballots – that will offer scant comfort to the millions of Americans, Jewish or otherwise, who for good reasons circumcise their sons at birth. For to them – to us – it defies comprehension that in this land of liberty and justice for all, serious consideration can be given to outlawing the fundamental practice of Jews since the beginning of Jewish history.

We thought we had left such things far behind in our long journey through eras and lands of religious bigotry and cultural intolerance.

Proponents of the ballot argue that there is a state interest in opposing the consequences of circumcision. But to carry any weight, only state interests of the highest order and greatest clarity should be permitted to override religious liberty claims. And given the substantial medical evidence that circumcision has positive benefits, that standard cannot be met here.

The referendum has been couched as a vote on male genital mutilation. To frame our age-old practice as genital mutilation is manipulative and misleading, as it precludes any other interpretation of circumcision. To portray the issue, as the intactivists have, via a supposedly humorous cartoon featuring Foreskin Man battling Monster Mohel is worse than a bad joke. It is deeply offensive and beyond the pale of civilized discourse.

The concern, however, goes far beyond the right to circumcise Jewish or Muslim children.

Far more troubling and ominous is what would appear to be a gathering assault on the religious freedoms enjoyed by faith minorities in the United States that so proudly celebrates the separation of church and state.

There are many examples: there are growing efforts to forbid adherence by Muslims to their *sharia* law. Some hospitals and medical-care facilities have adopted end-of-life policies that would violate the deeply held principles of minority faiths relating to life and death. Some corporate employment policies do not allow for "conscience clause exemptions" based on religious belief. There are ongoing challenges to accommodation of religious practices such as Sabbath eruv construction.

The list goes on.

Such crucial concerns should not be seen as merely the parochial concerns of some Jews. To the contrary, like the First Amendment that so critically ensures every citizen's right to free exercise of religion, they reflect the long tradition of recognizing that the price of liberty, as U.S. president Andrew Jackson said, is eternal vigilance. As long as the practices of any minority faith are threatened, we are all of us – religious or non-religious – at peril of the loss of our fragile freedoms in a world of increasing homogeneity and conformity.

And thus, to ignore or downplay the significance of anti-circumcision activist groups that would presume to oppose others' faith or practices, no matter how frivolous or outlandish it might appear, would be not just folly but a clear and present danger to all of our freedoms. And thus the time to oppose them, in concert with all freedom-loving Americans, is now.

Rabbi Basil Herring is the executive vice-president and Rabbi Joel Finkelstein is vice-president of the Rabbinical Council of America, a modern Orthodox association.

Dutch lawmakers offer compromise on kosher slaughter

JTA

AMSTERDAM — The Dutch parliament has offered a compromise on a bill that would ban kosher slaughter.

Under the compromise hammered out last week, ritual slaughter will not be included in a bill that would ban the slaughter of animals in the Netherlands without first stunning them, if it can be proved that the ritual method of slaughter does not cause additional suffering.

Under the laws of shchitah, or Jewish ritual slaughter, animals may not be rendered unconscious before slaughter. Muslim law has a similar proscription.

The compromise means that the Jewish and Muslim communities can "go and investigate what is possible instead of just telling them what they can't do," lawmaker Stientje van Veldhoven of the centrist D66 party said.

The Jewish community has rejected this line of reasoning, saying the ban and the new amendment demonstrate a lack of religious freedom for Dutch Jews. As many as 50,000 Jews and approximately one million Muslims are living in the Netherlands, according to reports.

The Dutch parliament will vote on the proposed ban, with the amendment, next week.

Shchitah is permissible under European law and to ban it goes against the European Union's Charter of Fundamental Rights, which clearly states that there is freedom of religious practice.

A controversial ban on kosher slaughter put in place by New Zealand's agriculture minister was partially reversed last November amid allegations that the decision was taken to appease Muslim countries that have lucrative trade relations with New Zealand. The ban on kosher slaughter of poultry was suspended, the ban on beef remains.

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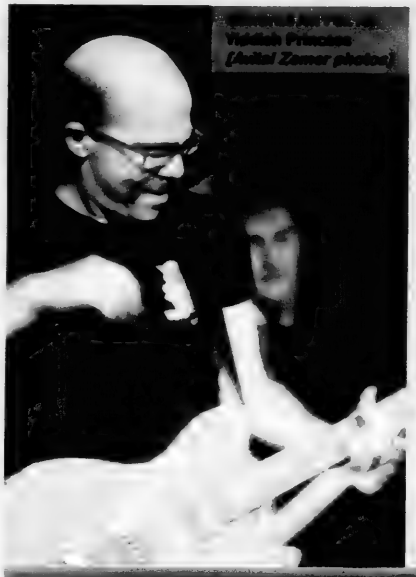

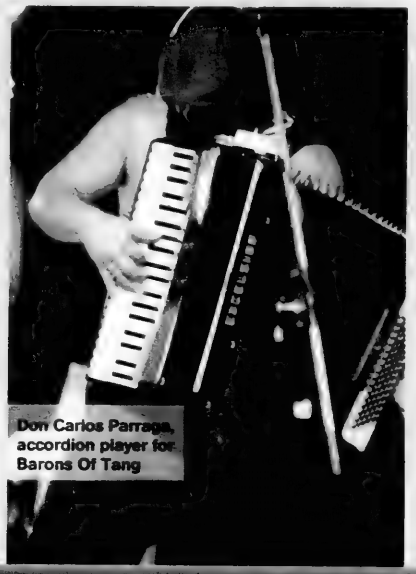

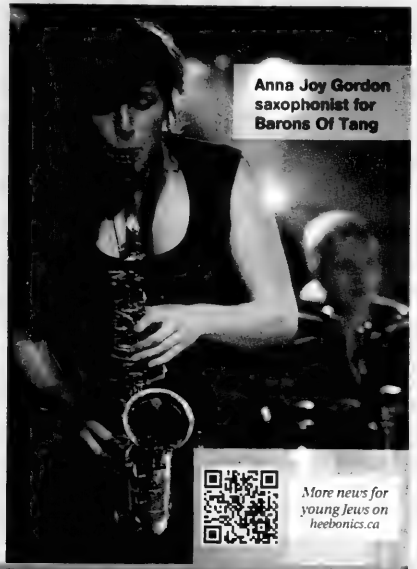

Kicking off the summer Ashkenaz-style

Daniel Koren
Special to *The CJN*

It's been 16 years since the Toronto-based Ashkenaz Foundation hosted its first Jewish festival. It is now the largest Jewish event in Canada, showcasing more than 200 artists involved in music, literature and film, with an average attendance of 50,000.

With a distinct focus on the arts, the community-based non-profit organization is relentlessly dedicated to promoting awareness of Jewish and Yiddish cultural happenings.

Though the biennial Ashkenaz Festival took place last year, it did not stop the foundation from throwing a 2011 summer kickoff party on June 16 at Revival Bar in Toronto, as part of its Youth Outreach Program. On the bill were two very different headliners.

Yiddish Princess is a band out of Brooklyn, N.Y., that combines 1980s glam rock/power pop – think Talking Heads or David Bowie – with traditional Yiddish folk music, sung vivaciously by frontwoman Sarah Gordon. With intensity and enthusiasm, Gordon has founded a sound like no other, one that simultaneously evokes nostalgia for the '80s and for the classic Yiddish folklore we grew up on.

The Barons of Tang is a seven-piece ensemble from Australia that has been hailed as one of the leaders of the contemporary "deathcore" movement. Combining Gypsy punk, hard rock, metal and klezmer music, Barons of Tang sounds like an aggressive Gogol Bordello, on steroids.

Together, these two bands provided the audience with a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Each band played its own unique set of musical styles and influences, but with a common fondness for Jewish music.

The night began with a pre-concert shmooze, giving attendees the opportunity to meet the artists, learn about the Ashkenaz initiative, and find out how they could get involved.

Festival co-ordinator Eric Stein, who received a warm shout-out from Gordon toward the end of her band's set, eagerly met and shook hands with people who came out to the event, readily supplying information about the bands and explaining why the bands are perfect representatives for appealing to a youthful Jewish demographic.

"Bands like Yiddish Princess and Barons of Tang draw on many traditional influences but create a sound that is more akin to rock, pop, punk and metal music than the traditional styles that older generations of Jewish music fans might be attracted to," Stein said. "It's music geared to clubs and bars, as opposed to concert halls and synagogues."

It was easy to tell that most people were expecting more traditional sounding music for a Jewish event, and were a bit shocked when Yiddish Princess took the stage. The band played traditional Yiddish folk melodies about Passover and Hanukah, but completely rejuvenated them, adding electricity and a full-on rock esthetic that is seldom heard complimenting Yiddish folk.

"My mom is a Yiddish singer, so I grew up on that kind of music, but also grew up on the '80s, so it seemed like the right thing to do [to merge the two]. No one really does it, but there's lots of room for innovation, so why not?" Gordon asked.

"The thing we like so much about doing this project is that, while it is a Jewish project, it's not exclusive in any way. We all have a really wide range of experiences with Judaism, but it's really important for everybody to be able to express their culture without feeling obligated to being a certain way."

This was not the first time Yiddish Princess was invited to play for an Ashkenaz event. The group performed at last year's festival to a large and enthusiastic crowd. "It was probably one of the best gigs we've ever played, so we are very excited to be back here in Toronto," she said.

For their first-ever performance in Toronto, the Barons of Tang were equally entertaining. With seven musicians, and instruments that included an accordion, saxophone, two different drum kits and a cello, they performed a diverse catalogue of cultural music, including power waltzes, folk ballads and traditional Gypsy songs.

Sporting dreads, mohawks and an overall "punk" attire, the band is absolutely the last image one would conjure when thinking about Jewish music. It is their relationship to klezmer and the way they interpreted it for their songs that made this seemingly hardcore rock band a perfect fit for the Ashkenaz Summer Kickoff.

As an organization that is sponsored by the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and government sponsors, among others, as well as private donors, Ashkenaz put together this younger, adult-themed event to remind this demographic about the importance of supporting their local Jewish community. "The future of Toronto's Jewish community in many respects depends on cultivating the next generation of philanthropists who support Jewish causes," said Stein.

It is up to us to provide the next generation with a bright future – one that includes an understanding of our heritage, and an awareness of good music and the arts.

For more information about Ashkenaz, visit www.ashkenazfestival.com.

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רק שתדעו: מעט מאוד אנשים אני לא מחבבת. מעט. אפשר לספור אותם על כף יד אחת. אבל האיש הזה מילא בהחלט כמה אצבעות באותה כף... מייד התחלתי, כישראלית מצויה, לספר לה על כל העוולות שהוא עשה לי בתחום האומנותי והכספי. לצד השתיקה שהשתררה לפתע בחדר, הבחנתי בהרבה זוגות עיניים ואוזניים קשובות. ואז ניגשה אלי בחורה מדהימה, שרה דובנר שמה, ולקחה אותי הצידה תוך כדי טיעון אמין לסובבים ("את חייבת לטעום את הגבינות הנהדרות שאני מגישה עכשיו!"). "נינה," כך שרה בעדינות, "זה לא הולך ככה בקנדה." ניענעתי בראשי. "אבל זכותי לומר מה שאני מרגישה!" שרה הביטה בי בחיבה. "אולי בישראל זה לגיטימי, כל הדוגריות והישירות הזו, אבל פה, לטובתך, אם אין לך משהו טוב להגיד על בן אדם, אל תגידי שום דבר. הקנדים לא יעריכו אותך על הישירות הזו שלך. זה יפעל רק לרעתך. הם יפחדו להתקרב אלייך, כי אולי פעם גם תתרגזי עליהם, ומה אז? תלכלכי עליהם גם?!".

לקחתי לתשומת ליבי את דבריה. שרה דובנר, היא אחת מהאנשים היותר תורמים לחברה שהכרתי לאחרונה. היא תורמת מזמנה, ממרצה ומחכמתה לקרוב לבבות בין יהודים קנדיים לבין ישראלים, הן במסלול הקהילתי, והן במסלול האישי, והטיפ הקטן הזה שלה, שהגיע ממקום של נתינה, הוא האינדיקציה בשבילי (אחרי ככלות הכל, מה היה לה רע לשמוע קצת ריכולים ואנקדוטות מאדם ציורי שכמוני?).

שתי בחורות נוספות נעו ללבי לאחרונה. האחת היא דוריס אפשטיין, אשת תקשורת חריפה, ואידיאליסטית אמיתית. הגברת החמידה הזו אוחזת בתפקיד מראיינת טלוויזיה בערוץ אמריקאי (המצולם בקנדה), והיא בוחרת את מרואייניה, רובם ככולם, לקידום הקול היהודי והישראלי בעולם כולו. דוריס עושה הכל בהתנדבות ובתחושת שליחות, ורק מחפשת איך לעזור.

הגברת האחרונה להפעם, היא ג'ניס מסר, אותה הכרתי בקורס למנהיגות יהודית בו השתתפנו. אדם מדהים שנותן כתף ואוזן קשבת. ג'ניס מתנדבת באירגונים יהודיים, והיא פעלה מאחורי הקלעים על מנת לעזור לאומנים יהודים להביא את האמירה שלהם בצורה ברורה. היא גישרה על פערי שפה לאלה שהאנגלית עדיין היתה עילגת בפיהם. כל זאת בהתנדבות, כמובן.

אנשים יפים באמצע הדרך, אנשים יפים מאוד. ואותי זה מרגש.

נכון שאני טיפוס ציני, ואני לא מבטיחה שבפעם הבאה שניפגש, אני לא ארכל על מי שפגע בי (בינינו, כמה אצבעות כבר נישארו לי?..) אבל באמת שבקנדה יותר קל וכייף לי לפרגן. אנשים כאן יותר חיוביים ("כי הם יותר שבעים!" מאיר צועק לעברי עכשיו מהספה). אז או-קיי, אולי אין כאן דוגריות מצמררת, אבל את התענוג הזה אני יכולה לשמור לי לביקור הבא בישראל...

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Salad:
1 c thinly sliced red onion
1/3 c dried cranberries
8 c lightly packed fresh baby spinach leaves
2 firm, ripe pears (do not peel), quartered lengthwise, cored, cut into long, thin slices
2/3 c shelled hazelnuts or unsalted cashews toasted, chopped

Place onions in medium bowl and cover with cold water. Let stand 30 min. (this crisps onion and takes away raw onion taste). Drain well, pat dry on paper towels. In small bowl, toss cranberries with 2 tblsp dressing to soften. Set aside at least 20 min or until ready to serve salad. To assemble salad, place spinach, onions, pears in large bowl. Shake remaining dressing, pour over salad. Toss to coat evenly. Arrange salad in large serving bowl. Scatter cranberries and hazelnuts over top. Serve immediately.

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Mom on the road

Married with Children

Lauren Aginsky

"I can't believe you're leaving again." My husband is watching me pack my bags with a look of despondency on his face as he anticipates the long weekend ahead of him, single-parenting four children. He's a modern man, fully in favour of his wife having a career. It's when that career takes her away from home that the situation gets problematic.

The Voice inside me begins its familiar tirade of relentless questioning. "What kind of mother leaves her children? Is this trip really so important? Are you sure you have your priorities straight? Look at these children! How can you leave them?"

My father's judgments don't help either. He reminds me of my late friend Andrea, who died at the age of seven when she suffered a major asthma attack brought on by anxiety. The source of anxiety was the absence of her parents, who were travelling overseas at the time. They came back to a funeral, and a life forever changed.

The reminder is terrifying, prompting a knee-jerk reaction to cancel everything, stay home and guard the door. It's every parent's greatest fear that something terrible will befall their children. But we have to balance that fear with reason, logic and practicality. Will a three-night trip cause irrevocable harm to the children? Probably not. Will they be safe and well cared for in my absence? Yes. Okay. I attempt to banish my Jewish guilt and keep packing.

But in the hours before my flight leaves, my efforts to answer The Voice and its insinuations of parental neglect sound more feeble with each passing minute. "My work makes me feel good," I tell The Voice. "I feel competent at what I do, and I want to keep doing it." Moreover, I'm teaching my kids that it's okay for a mom to work and still be a good mom. That means when they become mothers, they'll know they have choices.

Still, the choices aren't always easy ones, and judgments abound from every direction. With my work as a travel writer I get itineraries jam-packed with interesting people, beautiful hotels and fun destinations. "That's not work," my friends say. "And it's hardly lucrative," my husband reminds me later, as we climb into bed.

I agree, travel writing has its perks, but nevertheless, it is work. There's pressure to deliver great stories, even when the destination is not as perky as its brochures would have you believe. There's solitary meals in the company of my laptop and lonely nights in hotel rooms with the phone clutched to my ear, wishing I could teleport back home and kiss the kids good night. I love my work, don't get me wrong. But it doesn't feel much like a vacation.

He's right about the money. Though it's repeatedly voted one of the best careers in the world, travel writing is not a good way to pay the bills. But money cannot be the exclusive reason to pursue something you love. My work brings me profound satisfaction, and each time I do it I feel a surge of passion, exhilaration and excitement. I return home with renewed energy and a different appreciation for my family and home life.

So I continue to answer The Voice, mustering all my determination. I hoist a backpack on my shoulders, kiss the family goodbye and board another plane. When I get home, I know everyone will be glad to see me. And I'll be a happier mom for following my heart to a career I truly love.

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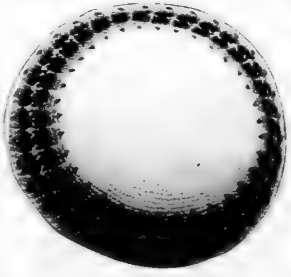

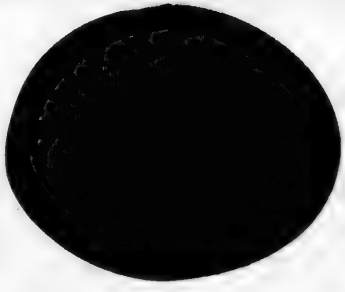
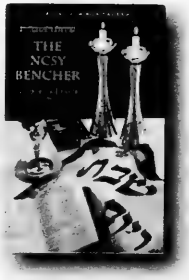

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Israel agrees to flotilla compromise

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Israel has agreed to the Greek government's offer Sunday to send the flotilla's humanitarian aid to Gaza with Greek diplomats, under UN supervision. The offer is intended to serve as a compromise in order to end the flotilla affair.

According to a separate report, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas also expressed support for the Greek government's offer.

According to the Greek initiative, the humanitarian aid aboard flotilla ships will be loaded onto Greek government watercraft and transferred to Gaza via the organized channels, as requested by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon two weeks ago. This means the aid would go through either the Ashdod port or Arish, and from there be taken to the Gaza Strip under the supervision of Greek and UN authorities.

The Greek government has already approached the United Nations and Israel to assess the possibility of transferring the humanitarian aid via Israel or Egypt to the Gaza Strip using Greek ships, under UN supervision.

"The initiative is likely to give everyone a way out, including the flotilla organizers, and allow everyone to feel as though they got part of what they wanted," said a source from the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem.

Greece to transport humanitarian aid

The Greek Foreign Ministry issued a statement on Sunday afternoon that "certain groups of Greek and foreign citizens, without having received the necessary permission required according to the rules of safety, insisted on going through with the enterprise." These people, the Greek Foreign Ministry said, were attempting to break the Gaza blockade, despite the secretary general's request.

The European Union's recommendations were in line with the conclusions of the European Council, the Quartet's (the United Nations, the United States, the EU and Russia) appeal on Saturday and the Greek Foreign Ministry's urging not to participate in the flotilla.

"In light of these developments, and concerned primarily with the protection and safety of human life, the Greek government decided to ban the departure from Greek ports of vessels with Greek or foreign flags bound for Gaza," said the Greek Foreign Ministry, adding that "Greece's stance regarding the need to lift the Gaza blockade and to improve the humanitarian conditions in the area is known and remains unchanged.

"In this critical conjuncture, we should all demonstrate a sense of responsibility or assume entirely and exclusively the responsibility for our actions. The government will act as it must in an orderly fashion and according to the laws of the state," concluded the statement.

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Rescued from Entebbe

Thirty-five years ago on July 4, 1976, Israeli soldiers travelled some 4,000 kilometres to rescue more than 100 Israelis who were being held hostage by Palestinian and German terrorists and by the Ugandan army at the Entebbe airport in Uganda. Reporter Yosef Tastassa spoke with Maj.-Gen. Doron Almog, the first Israeli soldier on the runway at Entebbe that fateful night in July. Almog offers his recollections and his insights from the heroic military operation. The young woman in the photo being hugged by family members was one of the hostages rescued. [IGPOP photo]

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Standards Review

WINNIPEG — The Sharon Home will undergo a "full standards review" following complaints by family members over the care of elderly residents at the nursing home. The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA), in conjunction with the provincial health department, will conduct the review sometime this summer. Concerns over the quality of care surfaced after the death of a resident in November 2009. Following a review, the Sharon Home developed a "long-term action plan" that contained over 39 recommendations for quality improvement, but some residents' families remain dissatisfied with changes at the facility.

WORLD

'Columbo' Dies

LOS ANGELES — Actor Peter Falk, who won four Emmys for playing a rumpled detective on the TV series *Columbo*, died recently at age 83. He had been suffering from dementia in recent years. Falk played Lt. Frank Columbo on NBC from 1971 to 78, and then reprised the role in several made-for-TV movies. He was born to an eastern European Jewish family in New York in 1927. His right eye was surgically removed after he developed a tumour at the age of three. The glass eye was part of his signature look for the Columbo character, along with his feigned absent-mindedness.

Shchitah Under Fire

SYDNEY, Australia — Australian Jewish leaders have reacted angrily to the growing support for a ban on Jewish ritual slaughter, saying it is motivated by ignorance or antisemitism. Proponents of the ban include animal welfare groups, Greens, independent lawmakers and some Labor backbenchers. Last year, New Zealand tried to follow Switzerland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden in banning shchitah, but the government backed down after the Jewish community launched legal action.

Both Sides Now

NEW YORK — Jewish groups came down on both sides of the New York State government's vote to approve same-sex marriages. The Anti-Defamation League called the Marriage Equality Act "a significant step forward in the pursuit of individual liberty and freedom from discrimination for New Yorkers." The Orthodox Union said in a statement, however, that it was "a mistake" to enact the legislation and that "we oppose the redefinition of marriage and the state sanction of same-sex marriages." The measure, approved June 24, included exemptions for religious groups and other organizations from being forced to acknowledge same-sex marriages.

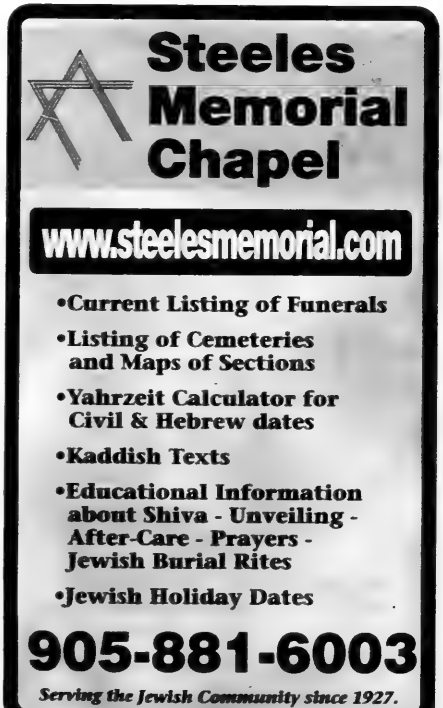
Freiman Gets Congress Award

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress president Mark Freiman has been awarded the Samuel Bronfman Medal, presented to people who have "rendered distinguished service to Canadian Jewish Congress and to Canada's Jewish community."

A respected lawyer with expertise in constitutional matters, Freiman led Congress through a massive overhaul in which community organizations, including Congress, are being brought within the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA).

In honouring Freiman, Congress vice-president Barbara Bank said he "has acted upon a long-standing dedication to... community... With the winds of change buffeting us with hurricane force, Mark stood fast as our staunch advocate...[reminding] his interlocutors that beyond structures, mandates and boards, real lives and real futures were at stake."

Bank noted that during Freiman's two-year term as president, he defended Canada's anti-hate laws, lobbied for the full implementation of the Security Infrastructure Program, expanded Congress' Darfur advocacy, pushed for a permanent monument to the St. Louis at Pier 21 in Halifax and guided Congress' 90th anniversary celebrations.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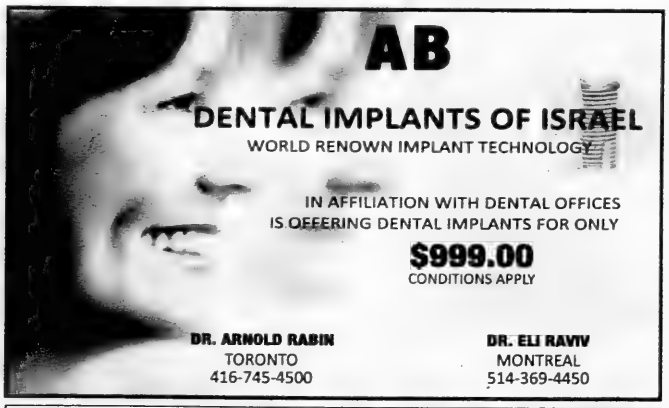

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Memories and insights from Entebbe

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Special to The CJN

One of the most heroic and daring military operations in history took place at Entebbe, Uganda, 35 years ago, on July 4, 1976.

The State of Israel decided to send the best of its troops some 4,000 kilometres to bring home more than 100 hostages who had been kidnapped a week earlier on board Air France Flight 139. After the operation, the country felt relief, pride and even amazement at the planning and execution of the rescue mission.

But those feelings were mixed with pain and grief, as Lt.-Col. Yehonatan (Yoni) Netanyahu fell in combat, Surin Hershko was severely wounded and three of the hostages lost their lives during the rescue. Subsequently, we learned that one of the hostages who had been hospitalized before the rescue was dragged from her hospital bed and killed by Ugandan security forces.

Maj.-Gen. Doron Almog

Maj.-Gen. Doron Almog was the commander of Israel's paratroops reconnaissance unit in 1976. He was the first Israeli soldier on the runway at Entebbe. After 34 years of military service, Almog retired from the Israel Defence Forces in 2003. His last post was as the chief of the Southern Command.

Last week, during a visit to Toronto, Almog shared with *The CJN* some of his memories as well as the insights he gleaned from his mission in Entebbe.

"I was the first soldier to land there, on the ground of Entebbe, charged with the task of marking the route and gaining control of the control tower," he said. "Twenty-five minutes later, Yoni was critically wounded, Surin Hershko was seriously injured and 105 stunned hostages were on their way to the Hercules H-4, together with the soldiers of the Golani Brigade and the airplane's medical team.

"I was the last one to leave Entebbe, just as I received the news that Yoni was no longer among the living. Pieces of memories of our last conversations about an operation we executed deep in Syria in April 1974, when I was the commander of the paratroopers' special tasks force and he joined us from the armoured corps for the special mission, flitted through my mind," Almog said.

Looking back at the Entebbe rescue operation from the vantage point of 35 years later, Almog became philosophical. He reflected about the lessons of Entebbe that can and must be applied today.

"The task of an army leader is not only to fight well, but also to give a sense of confidence and security to those who make decisions," he said. "The State of Israel took upon itself an enormous responsibility when it allowed us to fly there [Uganda], 4,000 kilometres away from our homeland. The confidence of [prime minister Yitzhak] Rabin, [defence minister Shimon] Peres and [IDF chief of staff] Motta Gur came from their belief in our capabilities.

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At the edge of science

From the editor's desk...

The CJN was in Haifa last month to gain a glimpse of daily life at the very vital and busy Rambam Health Care Campus Hospital that serves some two million people from all parts and places of Israel's north.

The hospital's fealty to the principled dedication to healing and saving human life as practised and taught by Moshe Ben Maimon, known acronymically, respectfully and affectionately as the Rambam, the 12th-century philosopher, scholar and physician after whom the hospital is named, is everywhere on display.

The domain of human knowledge, the Rambam noted in the medical oath he penned, "can extend itself." At the Rambam, it appears that statement is regarded as much prescriptive as descriptive. For the hospital takes the obligation, duty and challenge of extending the domain of human knowledge very seriously.

This was driven home quite forcefully to me when I found myself sitting across the desk one late afternoon from Dr. Joseph Itskovitz-Eldor.

Itskovitz-Eldor is the director of the department of obstetrics and gynecology and of IVF (in vitro fertilization) at the hospital. He has dedicated his entire adult life to helping women or couples who suffer from the inability to conceive. In 1983, he established the first IVF unit at Rambam Medical Center. It was the first of its kind in Israel. Today, the unit is regarded at the top of the field throughout the medical and scientific world.

Itskovitz-Eldor happens also to be one of the world's pivotal, pioneer scientists in the advance of stem-cell research.

Toward the end of the 20th century, he co-developed, in a joint program with colleagues at the medical facility of Technion in Haifa, the very first human stem cell line.

From his laboratory at the Technion, which is affiliated with the Rambam Hospital, he assisted Dr. James Thomson from the University of Wisconsin-Madison to develop the first use of the human stem cell.

Embryonic stem cells can potentially regenerate and repair damages tissue and organs in the body without significant risk of rejection by a patient's immune system.

The physician-scientists at the Rambam Hospital continue to be at the forefront of worldwide stem cell research.

Already 10 years ago, Itskovitz-Eldor and Dr. Lior Gepstein at the Rambam Hospital were the first in the world to use stem cells to form new heart cells and then implant those cells in a damaged heart to repair cardiac dysfunctions in a living organism.

Dr. Karl Skorecki, formerly of Toronto, made aliyah nearly 20 years ago. A nephrologist, he too is pushing forward the frontiers of research and clinical treatment regarding stem cell use as well as in genomic medicine.

He is currently director of the Rappaport Family Institute for Research in the Medical Sciences at the Technion's faculty of medicine and the director of medical and research development at the Rambam Health Care Campus.

His research, as described by the faculty of medicine at the Technion and the Rambam, focuses on the regulation of specific genes, which are restricted in expression to specific differentiated cell types in the kidney, in normal and disease states.

"Now that a particular gene has been located," Skorecki explained, "it is potentially more amenable to targeting and intervention."

Some years ago, a specific line of research conducted by Skorecki made headlines, especially throughout the Jewish world. For he and his team researched provided scientific proof of a clear genetic connection among Kohanim living today around the globe and of their direct lineage from a common ancestor.

"The Kohen study was an introduction to predictive genomics," Skorecki told *The CJN*.

And it's clearly the quickly burgeoning field of predictive genomics that excites Skorecki. "I can't think of a better time to be doing this research. It allows me to continue to be a student," he enthused.

Moreover and most especially, the implications for the future practice of medicine of the increasingly sophisticated use of genomic markers for disease and cell repair on all aspects of the treatment and prevention of disease are quite revolutionary.

Dr. Joseph Itskovitz-Eldor

Once again, it is no overstatement that the scientists and physicians at Rambam Hospital in Haifa are extending the domain of human knowledge. That they do so for the sake of healing and saving human life makes especially poignant their connection, almost a millennium later, their eternal connection to Moshe ben Maimon, the Rambam himself.

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RIDE FOR THE KIDS

More than 200 participants cycled through the scenic Niagara Escarpment June 26 in the 14th annual Zareinu Moveathon Ride for Kids with Special Needs, the most in Moveathon history. The second half of the fundraiser for the Zareinu Educational Centre included post-ride massages and a finish-line barbecue for all in attendance. Seen at left are Zareinu clinical director and principal Mitch Parker with Rabbi Jennifer Gorman, and at right, Moveathon riders.

[Rafal Burza photos]

Jewish community marches with Pride

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Jewish community members marched with pride this year at the 2011 Toronto Pride Parade last Sunday.

Some 200 members and supporters of Kulanu Toronto, the city's main Jewish gay and lesbian advocacy organization, walked in the group's contingent at the parade.

This year, the group entered a float, complete with a live band and dancers to celebrate at the parade.

Justine Apple, Kulanu's executive director, said this year's march was one of the most "exciting" she's been involved with.

Controversial anti-Israel group Queers Against Israeli Apartheid (QuAIA) mostly honoured their pledge not to participate in this year's event – the group dropped a 40-foot banner off the Wellesley subway station calling for a tourism boycott of Israel – and the parade marched on without incident.

A day earlier, at Pride's Dyke March, a group calling itself Dykes and Trans People for Palestine was spotted carrying signs reading "Israeli Apartheid," according to the *Toronto Star*.

Toronto city councillor Giorgio Mammoliti allegedly caught the group on film. He told the *Star* he planned to ask city council to withhold city funding from Pride Toronto because of the signs.

Earlier this year, Toronto city council decided to make the city's nearly $130,000 in grants to Pride conditional upon determining that QuAIA had not participated in the Pride parade.

Kulanu revellers party and show their Jewish pride at this year's Toronto Pride Parade. ***[Bernard Wexler photos]***

'We always need the spirit of Entebbe'

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"During our conversations and briefings before the operation, they expressed their faith in us – their young soldiers," Almog said. "Giving over this feeling of confidence to those who make decisions at the top national level is a vital component of our real strength."

Almog tied his Entebbe experience to his work today on behalf of the Aleh Negev-Nahalat Rehabilitative Village for disabled children and young adults with severe cognitive disabilities. "We flew to Entebbe with a single goal – to save the hostages," he said. "The Entebbe operation was an expression of our deepest values – that of commitment toward others which we were taught from our earliest age…

"That same commitment brought us to Entebbe and that same spirit must guide our behaviour toward the most vulnerable members of society, the hostages, so to speak, around us today," Almog continued.

"The Entebbe operation entered the pantheon of military history as one of the most daring operations ever undertaken. But for the weakest members of society, those who cannot even ask for themselves, who were deprived from birth, or as a result of an accident or serious illness, of their abilities are held hostage by their condition. We need not fly 4,000 kilometres on their behalf."

Lt.-Col. Yehonatan (Yoni) Netanyahu fell in combat.

Almog said what they need is "a series of courageous social changes brought about through educational programs and exemplary education on the part of individuals and groups, through new regulations and progressive legislation, and by creating a spirit of volunteerism and activity on behalf of the most vulnerable among us."

He added that the "strength of a society is measured by its weakest link. In order to be an exemplary society, we need a sequence of social 'Entebbe operations.'"

Almog said the public good relies on a few self-sacrificing individuals. "This has always been the reality. It will probably remain so. We will always need the spirit of Entebbe – the spirit of determination, of willingness to do for others and not only for ourselves.

"We will always need the 'Nachshons' [a reference to Nachshon ben Aminadav, who was the first to enter the roiling waters of the Red Sea during the Exodus], who leapt forward in front of the rest of the camp. In Israel there will always be a core group who act courageously on behalf of the entire public.

"I pray that this small handful, the torchbearers who go forth at the front of the camp, will bring along with them many more for whom the metaphor of Entebbe serves as a way of life."

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Jewish MPs gather in Jerusalem

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More than 50 Jewish lawmakers from 22 countries last week discussed the political challenges of supporting Israel.

The lawmakers were in Israel for the Consultation of the International Council of Jewish Parliamentarians (ICJP), organized by the World Jewish Congress.

Among them were two Canadian members of Parliament – Conservative MP Mark Adler and Liberal MP Irwin Cotler.

Addressing his colleagues at the ICJP, Adler voiced Canada's support for Israel.

He said Canada "stands ready" to assist both Israelis and Palestinians in finding helpful ways to reach a negotiated peace settlement in the region. He added: "Canada recognizes Israel's legitimate security concerns and its right to protect itself and its residents from attacks by Hamas and other terrorist groups, including by preventing the smuggling of weapons."

Cotler, a moderator at the consultation and an expert in international law, told delegates to continue to ask their respective parliaments to maintain pressure on Iran.

According to a June 28 report in the *Jerusalem Post*, Cotler called for all delegates to recognize the four-pronged threat represented by Iran: the threat of its becoming a nuclear state, its continued incitement to genocide by calling on Israel to be destroyed, its support of terrorists and the massive domestic repression it exercises against its own people.

Vic Toews and Benjamin Netanyahu shake hands in Israel last week. ***[Amos Ben Gershom photo]***

"We must recognize the danger of state-sanctioned incitement to genocide, a crime prohibited by the [UN] Genocide Convention," Cotler said.

The delegates held a hearing last Tuesday in Israel's Knesset, moderated by ICJP chair, U.S. Congressman Gary Ackerman, during which they discussed the anti-Israel feelings being felt in national capitals around the world.

"The coming months will be ones of unprecedented challenge for all those looking to defend the interests of the Jewish state," Dan Diker, secretary general of the World Jewish Congress, said. "Ensuring that these lawmakers can maximize their influence to support Israel and world Jewry's basic rights will therefore be critical in overcoming the many obstacles that we know lie ahead."

The lawmakers met with their Israeli counterparts in the Knesset and with other public officials and visited the protest tent of captured Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit.

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In related news, Canadian Minister of Public Safety Vic Toews also visited Israel last week and met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as part of a broader Middle East trip.

According to the ministry, Toews and Netanyahu discussed "the importance Canada attaches to bilateral public safety co-operation, particularly in the areas of national security, law enforcement, emergency management and critical infrastructure protection."

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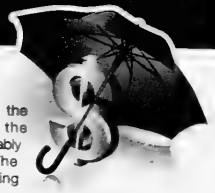

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'Under Jewish law I am obligated to bury the dead, whether or not they are Jewish'

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

When Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman, senior rabbi of the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Ontario (JRCC), recently received a call for help from a frantic stranger, he knew he couldn't sit back.

The man told him that his wife, the mother of their two young children, had died, and he needed help both financially and with the funeral arrangements.

"He was born in Russia and had lived in Israel for 17 years, but from talking to him, [I learned] that both he and his wife had Jewish fathers, but non-Jewish mothers who still lived in Russia.

"Even though he knew he wasn't Jewish, he wanted me to conduct the funeral because he said he didn't feel connected to any other community."

The first thing Rabbi Zaltzman did, he said, was to put the man in touch with Toronto social services, to see if he could get help paying for the funeral.

"It turned out that because he owned a home, he was not eligible for help, but his friends got together and raised money.

"I told him that I would certainly conduct the funeral, because under Jewish law I am obligated to bury the dead, whether or not they are Jewish."

The difference, he said, is that the woman would be buried in a non-Jewish cemetery and did not need the prayer of *Kaddish* or any other Hebrew prayers. "I would conduct a funeral appropriate for a non-Jew.

"I went to the cemetery near Finch and Yonge, and I [presided] over the burial. I also encouraged everyone to participate by shovelling dirt onto her coffin."

This is not the first time this situation has come up, Rabbi Zaltzman said, "and it was not the second or third or fourth, because in the Russian community, many people come here with mixed marriages but feel part of our community."

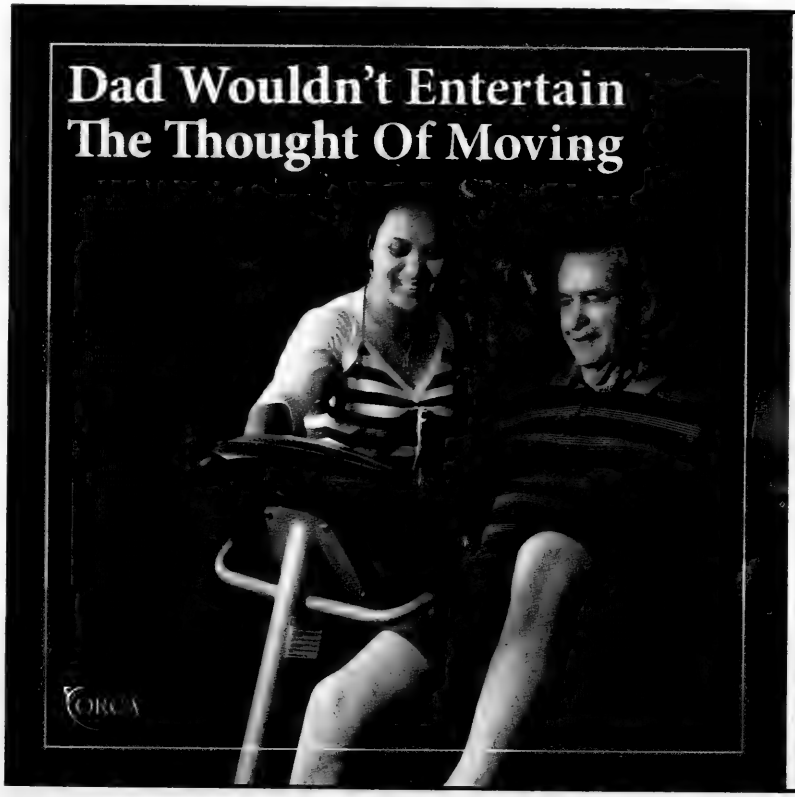
He only did what was right, he said. "The dead should be treated with dignity, and the family should be comforted. People shouldn't raise their eyebrows. I did what had to be done. When it comes to lifecycle events, things have to be done properly. There are no rules about how to express dignity."

As the spiritual leader of the JRCC, he wants people to know that he is there to help them whenever possible, either from an ethical or a religious point of view. "This man may not be Jewish, but he is a human being with two young children. I'm also trying to get him help finding a job."

Rabbi Zaltzman, 55, who has led the JRCC for 30 years, said he wants people to know they can turn to him for help. "Many of our congregants – there are about 32,000 people or 16,000 families – grew up in orphanages and do not know if they are Jewish or not. One of our responsibilities is to help them figure it out. Then we introduce them to Jewish values, and help them embrace the religion.

"The JRCC sends birthday cards to everyone in our community, whether or not they are Jewish. We don't exclude anyone."

Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman



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The cause of freedom

The general story of the Entebbe rescue 35 years ago on July 4, 1976, is well documented. Some 100 individuals, primarily Israelis, were held hostage by Palestinian and German terrorists and their Ugandan army allies at the Entebbe airport in Uganda. The hostages had been passengers aboard an Air France flight to Paris on June 27. The flight originated in Tel Aviv. Terrorists boarded the flight at a stopover in Athens, commandeered it and then diverted it to Entebbe.

At Entebbe, the terrorists separated the Jewish passengers (the Israelis) from the non-Jewish ones. To their everlasting credit, the captain, Michel Bacos, and his crew chose to stay with the Israelis. Then the countdown to promised massacre and slaughter began.

One week after the terrorists issued their ultimatum to the government of Israel, the Jewish state sent a team of commandos in the quiet dark of night 4,000 kilometres across mostly hostile territory to Entebbe.

The resulting rescue operation will be remembered forever by all freedom-loving nations as principled, bold defiance against brutality and cruel, ruthless hatred. All but four of the hostages were saved. One Israeli soldier, Lt.-Col. Yonatan Netanyahu fell in the action. Another, Surin Hershko, was severely wounded.

Maj.-Gen. Doron Almog, the first Israeli soldier to step onto the tarmac at Entebbe told *The CJN* in a poignant interview (see page 3) that "the Entebbe operation was an expression of our deepest values – that of commitment toward others which we were taught from our earliest age."

An entire generation has grown up since Entebbe. A great many of that generation are unaware of that heroic episode in Israel's history, just as they are unaware of so much else about the country and the truth of the conflict in which it has been embroiled these past 63 years.

At the UN Security Council, Uganda sought to mobilize its friends to condemn Israel for rescuing its citizens. The motion failed. Israel's ambassador, Chaim Herzog, minced no words in addressing the false, sanctimonious dissimulators of the council. "We are proud not only because we have saved the lives of over a hundred innocent people – men, women and children – but because of the significance of our act for the cause of human freedom."

Alas, the dissimulators, such as the participants and organizers of the Gaza flotilla, persist in their hateful campaign of false accusations against Israel.

And Ambassador Herzog's response is as relevant to them as it was 35 years ago to hostage takers and their allies. Israel stands for the cause of human freedom. The lies and distortions of Israel's enemies merely burnish Israel's truth.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

Gerry Weiner, who grew up in Montreal's old Jewish immigrant district, was appointed minister of state for Immigration by prime minister Brian Mulroney. He became the first federal Jewish Conservative cabinet minister in Canada.

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The massacre in Yassi

On June 11 and 12, 1941, the Romanian and German governments signed several accords in Munich and later in Berchtesgaden, Germany. Romania became a devoted ally of Germany and unconditionally supported Hitler's Nazi Germany.

On the eve of Saturday, June 28, 1941, the chilling cry of air sirens could be heard throughout Yassi, Romania. The government claimed it was a "false alarm." Later in the day, however, the sky was set ablaze by rockets, signalling to the public to begin the pogrom against the Jews. The following day, *Duminica Aceia*, "The Sunday That Was," would unfold as the bloodiest day in the history of Romanian Jewry. Within 24 hours, a proud, creative and culturally rich Jewish community was destroyed. Of the 35,000 Jews who lived in Yassi, an estimated 10,000 to 12,000 were brutally maimed or murdered.

"By the number of its victims, by the bestiality of the means used to torture and kill, by the vast scope of the pillaging and destruction," writes Matatias Carp in his book *Cartea Neagra: The Black Book*, "the pogrom of Yassi... became the signal, not only to the Romanian Antonescu's government, but also to all fascist Europe, which during the following years, were to kill six million Jewish people."

The Romanian government's policy regarding the Jews was clear and deliberate, as noted by I.C. Butnaru in his book *The Silent Holocaust*: "Ion Antonescu, Romania's fuhrer, clearly stated [that] 'it makes no difference to me that we'll go down in history as barbarians... There has not existed a more favourable moment in our history. If it is needed, shoot all of them with machine guns." Such are the terrible recollections of the notorious "The Sunday That Was," the day of the Yassi pogrom!

Baruch Cohen
Montreal

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National community leaders in politics (1)

Letter writer Alex Glauberzon, in his attempt to rebut Michael Marmur's defence of Canadian Jewish Congress CEO Bernie Farber's candidacy for the Liberals in the upcoming Ontario election omits important facts that weaken his argument (letters, June 30 and June 10 respectively).

Glauberzon wrongly laments that Farber's run for office taints CJC's non-partisanship because Farber has declared an intention to return to Congress should his bid fail. Glauberzon then commends Michael Mostyn, the Conservative candidate in York Centre, for severing his ties to B'nai Brith before running.

Lost in all this is the fact that Mostyn himself experienced a soft landing after his loss in the 2006 federal election when he was hired by B'nai Brith for its "government relations and diplomatic affairs" portfolio. Following her defeat in Thornhill, former Conservative MPP Tina Molinari served as president of the B'nai Brith Foundation. Josh Cooper, after losing in Thornhill for the federal Conservatives in 2004, served as executive director of the Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee. Cooper is now with the Jewish National Fund. No one suggests that these Jewish organizations are politically partisan because they employed three former Conservative candidates.

I have served as an officer of CJC and as the Ontario region chair of community relations. My front lawn has had signs from Liberal and Conservative candidates in recent federal and provincial elections, depending on the candidates. As a community, we need to be actively involved in the political system. We should encourage our most passionate advocates for Jewish and social justice concerns, such as Farber, to fully engage at the political level where such leadership is most needed. Who knows how many others like Farber would make fine politicians, if only they could afford to quit their day jobs?

Mark Goldberg
Thornhill, Ont.

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National community leaders in politics (2)

Why does letter writer Alex Glauberzon challenge former Canadian Jewish Congress CEO Bernie Farber's decision to seek public office (letters, June 30)? Many candidates who seek office do so with the hope to win, but surely if they lose, they should not be left out in the cold. Lawyers who run for office usually take a leave from their practice and are welcomed back with open arms should they lose. The same is true for academics and others. Why would we not do the same for our own Jewish advocacy professionals who, like Farber, possess exceptional leadership qualities and can potentially make a skilful and ethical politician?

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Second 'Freedom Flotilla' politically motivated

Ehud Rosen

The second "Freedom Flotilla" is a joint and co-ordinated effort of several groups working to delegitimize Israel on a global scale. The claim of the organizers that they are seeking to relieve the siege of Gaza and provide urgently needed humanitarian aid rings completely hollow, given the vast economic improvements the territory has been witnessing.

Indeed, the *New York Times* reported on June 25 that "two luxury hotels are opening in Gaza this month." The report continued with a description of a "second shopping mall" about to open and "hundreds of homes" under construction.

The motivation behind the current flotilla is thus clearly political.

The latest campaign is co-ordinated by Muhammad Sawalha, a senior U.K.-based Muslim Brotherhood figure who, according to Israeli sources, helped establish Hamas' operational infrastructure in the West Bank in the late 1980s. He found asylum in Britain in 1990 and is one of the central leaders of Islamist, anti-Israel and pro-Hamas activities in Britain.

Many of the participating organizations can be directly linked with the Union of Good (UoG), a coalition of European charities affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood, which in 2008, was designated as a terrorist organization by the U.S. Treasury Department.

Other key organizers of the flotilla are the anti-Israel International Solidarity Movement (ISM), as well as far-left socialists from Europe and the United States. Many of the flotilla's main organizers themselves have stated that the flotilla's prime aim is to create provocation and harm Israel's image.

The first group to send ships to Gaza may have been the ISM, which in August 2008, sent two small Greek-registered fishing boats from Cyprus to Gaza with 44 people on board, calling itself the Free Gaza Movement.

Americans Adam Shapiro and his wife, Huwaida Arraf, founded the ISM in 2001 after the outbreak of the second intifadah. Together with its Palestinian partners, ISM sponsored protests in the West Bank and Gaza, where it was known for welcoming violence and for encouraging its volunteers to compare Israel with the Nazis. In March 2003, a senior member of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad was found hiding in an ISM compound.

Free Gaza Movement members would later join the first flotilla in May 2010 on the Rachel Corrie, sponsored by the Perdana for Global Peace Foundation (previously the Perdana for Global Peace Movement), an organization established by the antisemitic, anti-American former Malaysian prime minister, Mahathir Mohamad.

Other groups and activists usually come from the European and American far-left, such as Paul Larudee, another ISM and Free Gaza co-founder who now heads an American network called the Free Palestine Movement; anarchist, former Israeli Dror Feiler, and Vangelis Pissias from Greece.

However, the more important group in organizing the flotilla is the one affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood in Europe, and its Palestinian branch, Hamas.

Following Israel's Operation Cast Lead in Gaza, which ended in January 2009, a series of international conferences was held in Turkey to restructure the struggle against Israel. The relationships between Turkey's ruling Justice and Development party, the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas have been widely documented in the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs monograph *Turkey, the Global Muslim Brotherhood, and the Gaza Flotilla*. Since 2006, Turkey has become a new centre for the Global Muslim Brotherhood, while the Hamas regime in Gaza acted as the main axis for this activity.

A conference held in February 2009 featured 200 radical Islamist scholars who came to meet with senior Hamas officials to plot a new, "third jihadi front" (in addition to Pakistan and Iraq) centred on Gaza.

Gaza's status became raised as an Islamist symbol for jihad against Israel. The conference gave birth to the infamous, pro-Hamas Istanbul Declaration, which also provided justification for attacking foreign navies that might try to prevent arms smuggling to Gaza.

In March 2009, the first of three Gaza Lifeline/Viva Palestina land convoys arrived in Gaza. It was led by former British member of Parliament George Galloway, under the auspices of a charity he established named Viva Palestina. He joined with others who, according to Israeli sources, are affiliated with Hamas, particularly Zaher Birawi. Two additional land convoys made their way to Gaza in July 2009 and January 2010.

Hamas was the recipient of all vehicles, goods and cash in the first convoy. But the second convoy revealed a deeper connection to the UoG, initiated by Sheikh Yusuf Qaradawi, leader of the Global Muslim Brotherhood. The UoG serves de facto as an important financial arm of Qaradawi's Muslim Brotherhood-affiliated groups around the world.

A much more obvious connection to the UoG can be made with the largest group involved in organizing the Freedom Flotilla – the European Campaign to End the Siege on Gaza.

The Campaign was created in late 2007 and early 2008 as a result of the Palestinians in Europe conferences, an annual gathering that has been taking place since 2003, initiated by the London-based Palestinian Return Centre (PRC), which, in December 2010, was deemed "illegal" by the Israeli defence minister as a "European Hamas affiliate."

Europe is the centre of anti-Israel activity. This poster was displayed in London recently in an anti-Israel rally.

The Campaign to End the Siege on Gaza currently lists an address in Brussels. However, its president, Arafat Shukri (aka Arafat Madi), is also PRC's executive director, and until recently, both PRC and the Campaign also shared the same address and contact details. Furthermore, the Campaign's website (www.savegaza.eu) is registered under Shukri's name and has a PRC e-mail address.

Another founding member of the Campaign is Dutch-based activist Amin Abu Rashed, who took part in the first flotilla and who was described in the Dutch media as the "leader of Hamas in the Netherlands."

Out of 33 NGOs participating in the campaign, almost half are known to have strong connections with the UoG and the Federation of Islamic Organizations in Europe, an umbrella of the Muslim Brotherhood in Europe. The Campaign has also acquired the support of far-left European politicians, groups, and individuals.

The Turkish charity IHH was a very important organizer of the third land convoy, which took place in January 2010. IHH is also a member of the UoG. The third convoy, it must be noted, ended with a violent conflict with Egypt that cost a 21-year-old Egyptian border guard his life. After the complicated, violent week-long fiasco George Galloway was deported and declared persona non grata in Egypt for his role in the affair.

Soon after the violent encounter with Egypt, Muhammad Sawalha, one of the main organizers of the land convoys, revealed his plan in an interview with Hezbollah's *Al-Intiqad* magazine to send a sea convoy (the May 2010 flotilla), adding, "This time we want to confront the Zionist enemy directly." And indeed, in many Islamist websites, the flotilla was referred to as Gaza Lifeline No. 4.

In general, the same organizers stand behind the second flotilla. However there are several changes.

The most important may be the IHH decision not to send the Mavi Marmara, the ship that brought the first flotilla its publicity following violent clashes between IHH activists and the Israel Defence Forces in which nine Turks were killed. Rather than take a leading role, it appears that the IHH will settle this time for sending activists to sail on other ships.

This decision apparently resulted in a reshuffling of the flotilla structure. The Jordanian Muslim Brotherhood is now more closely involved. Its Gaza Lifeline committee, which operates under Jordan's Muslim Brotherhood-controlled professional associations, recently purchased a ship for 560,000 euros. Wael al-Saqa, the head of the committee, said the ship can carry up to 200 people, and the plan is to carry Arab participants in the flotilla.

Sawalha now appears as the flotilla's co-ordinator under his title as vice-chair of the International Campaign to Break the Siege on Gaza, a U.K.-registered group listing Sawalha as its sole director. The campaign is now also the official co-ordinator of the Miles of Smiles land convoys, the third of which recently arrived in Gaza.

Miles of Smiles is another UoG-affiliated operation, mostly identified with Interpal, a major U.K.-based charity and member of the UoG, which was designated as a terrorist organization by the U.S. Treasury Department in 2003 as well.

A further connection may be seen in the British coalition involved in the flotilla, Britain2Gaza, another U.K.-registered group, which has both Sawalha and Hamas-affiliated Zaher Birawi, a convoy and flotilla spokesman, as its directors.

Sawalha signed the Istanbul Declaration of Feb. 13, 2009, which provides important insights into his motivation to take a leading role in the flotillas. Among other points, the declaration states: "The obligation of the Islamic Nation [is] to open the crossings – all crossings, in and out of Palestine – permanently, in order to allow access to all the needs of the Palestinians – money, clothing, food, medicine, *weapons and other essentials, so that they are able to live and perform the jihad in the way of Allah Almighty*" (emphasis added).

Another prominent figure is German-based Walid Abu al-Shewarib, who was previously hailed for the role he played in helping to organize the first flotilla. An official Europol document, said to be based on German information, describes him as "a Hamas member who is a leading member of the association Islamische Gemeinschaft Deutschland (Islamic Community in Germany), considered to be the headquarters for the Muslim Brotherhood in Germany." He is also managing director of the Islamisches Kultur und Erziehungszentrum Berlin (Center for Islamic Culture and Education), regarded as the point of contact for Hamas in Berlin.

The Islamist, pro-Hamas character of this flotilla is much deeper than that of the first, which was led primarily by the IHH alone.

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Kaddish for Esther Broner

Perhaps because I was commemorating a yahrzeit when I learned that Esther Broner, novelist, professor, Jewish feminist and activist, had passed away, I found myself thinking about her dedication to the recitation of *Kaddish* during the mourning period for her father. She did so in a climate that did not easily recognize a woman's right and obligation to say *Kaddish*.

It was not so long ago that women were not generally recognized as mourners in daily synagogue ritual. The first time I said *Kaddish* for my mother, she had been gone for many years. I had been part of the secret fellowship of children who remained in the sanctuary for the memorial prayer, *Yizkor*. But although I grew up as a weekly shul-goer with a Jewish education, the thought of reciting *Kaddish* for her on her yahrzeit never crossed my mind. Much later, when my father passed away, no one thought to ask me – his only child – to recite the *Kaddish* at his funeral or in synagogue. In my world, girls simply didn't do that.

In graduate school, I became involved in a minyan that embraced an expanded set of ritual and spiritual possibilities for women. Only then did it occur to me to observe yahrzeit by reciting *Kaddish*. But our minyan was strictly a Shabbat affair, and yahrzeits have an inconvenient way moving around the week. On my mother's yahrzeit, I went to a synagogue in my neighbourhood, arriving early so that I could make certain it would be acceptable for me to recite *Kaddish*. The service leader assured me it was.

Only men showed up for daily prayer, which met in a small room in the basement with no provisions for a separate space for women. Momentarily stymied, he had an idea. There was a deep storage closet used for sacred books. The door was fitted with a bookcase – think, Anne Frank's annex – and so was quite heavy. He opened the door slightly, and told me to stand behind it, in the closet. I did, and services began.

Into the habit and concentration of prayer, he soon forgot me. There were no other mourners present, and so he passed over the *Kaddish*. From behind the heavy door, I began my recitation – but it was my first time, and the double weight of memory and Jewish womanhood pressed upon me. My voice was so soft, the door so thick, I couldn't be heard.

I left feeling depleted. I should have been louder, more assertive, pushier, more aggressive. But I hadn't thought of this as an assertion of women's rights, just a time and place to commemorate my mother, who had loved going to shul. I did not return for the next minyan. It was, in fact, years before I picked up my obligation to say *Kaddish* for my parents.

Esther Broner chose differently. During the year following her father's death, she was determined to say *Kaddish* for him, although it was unusual for women to do so, especially at minyanim that met daily. She often took a posse of women with her for moral support, and to ensure that her *Kaddish* would be heard. With wit, verve, and gutsiness, she turned feelings of diminishment on their head. Most famously, at a minyan that seated her behind a shower curtain as a makeshift mechitzah, she wore a shower cap.

Sara R. Horowitz

in Toronto

She was confrontational in a way that I had not been, at least not in that context. You might say, I behaved like a "good girl," while she dared to be cheeky. And what irony – it was the "bad girl" who mourned her beloved dead in the ritual way, and the "good girl" who did not.

So many women have *Kaddish* stories like mine. Today we are recognized as ritual mourners in most synagogues. Across denominations, daily minyanim make space and acknowledge a woman's *Kaddish*, whether she sits among men or separate from them, whether her presence counts toward a minyan or does not.

In the retrospective of Jewish history, the invisible tenacity of women kept Jewish ways alive. I'm grateful to them. I'm grateful, too, for feisty women like Esther Broner, no less tenacious, who refused invisibility. They forged for us a way in.

Genuine faith, not blind obedience

This is the text of a part of the second paragraph of the *Shema* that an observant Jew is expected to recite morning and night. The version below is from the new Koren Siddur, translated and annotated by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks.

"Be careful lest your heart be tempted and you go astray and worship other gods, bowing down to them. Then the Lord's anger will flare against you and He will close the heavens so that there will be no rain. The land will not yield crops, and you will perish swiftly from the good land that the Lord is giving you."

Rabbi Dow Marmur

in Toronto

I stopped saying these words in my prayers a long time ago, because they state that natural disasters are God's punishment for human misdeeds. Though there are ostensibly pious Jews who defend this stance, I'm not among them. I believe that natural laws are part of God's creation and cannot be subject to ad hoc divine dispositions.

Recent natural catastrophes have been tragic reminders of why we should refuse to say words that are in blatant contradiction of reality as we know it. Many disasters in the last few months come to mind: earthquakes, first in Haiti and more recently in Japan where it was followed by a tsunami; volcanic eruptions in Iceland, Chile and Eritrea; drought and deluge in China; and closer to home, tornados, floods and wildfires in different parts of Canada and the United States.

Zealous defenders of the faith speak of vicarious punishment: the innocent may suffer for the sins of others. The fact that the doctrine is particularly prevalent in Christian theology – God so loved the world that God let God's only son die on the cross for the sins of humanity – doesn't seem to disturb some Jews. In their fervour as self-appointed defenders of God, they seem to turn God into a callous despot and thus compromise Judaism.

Some apply their misguided doctrine also to the Holocaust, even though that was obviously perpetrated by evil humans, not a superhuman power. Yet we still hear "true believers" proclaim that the Shoah came about because of Reform Jews or Zionists or others they disapprove of. Along similar lines, some have even cited rabbinic sources that earthquakes are collective punishment for individual homosexual acts.

Whenever I argue for the need to revise or excise liturgies of the kind cited above, some well-meaning people tell me that tradition must override personal qualms. If it's written, it must be said and obeyed, because those who wrote it knew best. In equally unacceptable contrast, some cynics say that they prefer to read the prayers in Hebrew because, not understanding them, they need not reflect on their meaning.

Traditionalists often ignore the fact that liturgies are human creations. Even if they contain biblical passages, like the *Shema*, the context of Scripture is often radically different from its use in prayer.

Scripture tells us how the ancients understood the world, usually assuming that everything on earth was decreed in heaven. In prayer, on the other hand, we turn to God with our own insights, perceptions, needs and hopes. Sometimes the same words come to mean different things and sometimes we may have to find different words to express ourselves sincerely because the old texts no longer work. A historic perspective helps us to understand the Bible; existential integrity moves us to recite prayers in words ancient and modern.

Contemporary feminist thinkers have helped me to understand why the old texts don't always reflect my feelings and aspirations. Scripture is framed by the patriarchal view of God as the mighty ruler who uses nature to punish sinners. Many of us today are in search of God as the nurturer who is there to heal and comfort when life and nature overwhelm us.

Instead of asking why God didn't stop the Holocaust it seems more legitimate to learn in humility from those who went to their death and those who survived how they found strength and comfort in God. Similarly, I stand in awe before the many victims of natural disasters who've turned to God not for explanations – knowing that it's for geologists and climatologists to provide them – but for solace in their hour of need. They're our true teachers.

Refusing to obey blindly isn't an act of rebellion but an honourable effort to affirm genuine faith.

The passing parade...

They died recently, leaving footprints in time...

Rosalyn Yalow, 89, a medical physicist who made major advances in diabetes research and the diagnosis and treatment of hormonal problems, won the 1977 Nobel Prize for medicine, only the second woman to do so. **Baruch Blumberg**, 85, a biochemist whose work in virology and epidemiology led to the discovery of the hepatitis B virus, shared the 1976 Nobel Prize in medicine. **Samuel Cohen**, 89, a physicist, was the inventor of the tactical nuclear weapon, the neutron bomb. **Maurice Goldhaber**, 100, an atomic physicist, was the director of the Brookhaven National Laboratory, whose experiments led to three Nobel Prizes. **William Prusoff**, 90, a pharmacologist, co-developed antiviral drugs used to treat AIDS. **Lawrence Garfinkel**, 88, an epidemiologist, wrote landmark studies linking smoking to lung cancer.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

Irwin Mandel, 89, a dentist, was the founder of the preventive dentistry movement, promoting such standard practices as regular dental visits and removal of hardened plaque. **Albert Kligman**, 93, a dermatologist, discovered the acne and wrinkle drug Retin-A. **Arnall Patz**, 89, an ophthalmologist, helped develop a laser for the treatment of eye disorders. **David Becker**, 86, a radiologist, pioneered the use of radioactive materials to diagnose and treat thyroid disease.

Rosalyn Yalow

Thomas Eisner, 81, a chemist and founder of a field known as chemical ecology, wrote the groundbreaking book *For the Love of Insects*. **Jack Wolf**, 76, an engineer and computer theorist, devised the mathematical reasoning for transmitting and storing digital data. **Max Palevsky**, 85, a mathematician, was a founder of the computer chip conglomerate, Intel. **Paul Baran**, 84, an electrical engineer, helped create the Internet. **Stephen Schneider**, 65, a mechanical engineer and climatologist, was a leader of the movement pressing for action to address the phenomenon of global warming.

Vladimir Arnold, 72, a mathematician, discovered important theorems with applications in astronomy, mechanics and weather forecasting. **Steven Orszag**, 68, a mathematician, performed path-breaking research in fluid dynamics. **Peter Hilton**, 87, a mathematician, was a World War II code breaker at legendary Bletchley Park. **Aaron Cohen**, 79, an engineer, was the director of the Johnson Space Center, which managed moon landings and the space shuttle program.

Alfred Freedman, 94, a psychiatrist, headed the American Psychiatrist Association when it removed homosexuality from its list of mental disorders. **Leo Rangell**, 97, a psychoanalyst, was a leading proponent of classical Freudian talk therapy.

Edmond Israel, 86, a banker, played a key role in establishing Luxembourg as a European financial hub. **Alfred Kahn**, 93, an economist, was the chief architect of the deregulation of American commercial airlines. **Daniel Bell**, 91, a sociologist, wrote *The End of Ideology* and was an editor of *The New Leader*. **Ehud Netzer**, 76, an Israeli archeologist, discovered the tomb of Herod the Great. **David Apter**, 85, a political scientist, was the author of *The Politics of Modernization*. **Jacqueline de Romilly**, 97, was one of France's leading scholars of Greek civilization and language. **Daniel Bensaid**, 63, a Marxist philosopher, played a role in forming the Mouvement du Mars 22, which shook France in 1968.

Moacyr Scliar, 73, a Brazilian novelist, wrote *The Centaur in the Garden* and *Max and the Cats*. **Chava Rosenfarb**, 87, a Canadian poet and novelist born in Poland, wrote *The Ballad of Yesterday's Forest* and *The Tree of Life*. **Harry Bernstein**, 101, wrote memoirs of his youth in Britain: *The Invisible Wall: A Love Story That Broke Barriers*, *The Dream* and *The Golden Willow: The Story of a Lifetime of Love*. **Arnost Lustig**, 84, a Czech novelist, wrote *Children of the Holocaust*.

Hans Keilson, 101, wrote novels set in Nazi Germany: *Life Goes On* and *The Death of the Adversary*. **Harvey Pekar**, 70, a comic book writer, wrote the series *American Splendor*. **Tony Geiss**, 86, wrote the scripts for *Sesame Street* for three decades. **Steven Kroll**, 69, was the author of popular children's books, including *Is Milton Missing?* and *Sweet America*.

David Broder, 81, was a syndicated reporter/columnist for the *Washington Post*. **Larry Zolf**, 76, was a Canadian broadcast/print journalist and book writer. **Jerry Flint**, 79, was a top-flight automotive journalist, writing for the *New York Times* and *Forbes*. **Dov Yudkovsky**, 89, was the editor of Israel's bestselling newspaper, *Yediot Achronot*. **John Gross**, 75, edited *The Times of London Literary Supplement* and wrote book reviews for the *New York Times*.

Dan Kurzman, 88, a journalist, wrote *Ben-Gurion: Prophet of Fire*. **Abraham Rothberg**, 89, was the author of *The Sword of the Golem*. **Howard Zinn**, 87, was the author of *A People's History of the United States*. **Charles Silberman**, 86, wrote *Crisis in Black and White* and *A Certain People: American Jews and Their Lives Today*. **Heda Kovaly**, 91, wrote about Nazism and communism in *Under a Cruel Star*. **Maynard Gertler**, 94, was the founder of the Montreal-based publisher Harvest House, the first to publish books by French Canadians in English. **Walter Zacharius**, 87, founded Kensington Publishing, which specialized in bodice rippers. **Owen Laster**, 72, was a pre-eminent literary agent, representing Gore Vidal and James Michener. **Edwin Honig**, 91, translated seminal Spanish and Portuguese novels into English.

Sidney Lumet

Sidney Lumet, 86, directed Hollywood films *Serpico*, *12 Angry Men*, *Network* and *Dog Day Afternoon*. **David Friedman**, 87, was the master of the horror film genre (*Blood Feast*). **Bud Greenspan**, 84, made documentaries about the Olympic Games, notably *16 Days of Glory* and *The Olympiad*. **Laura Ziskind**, 61, a film producer, made *Pretty Woman* and the *Spider Man* franchise. **Donald Krim**, 65, president of Kino International, brought foreign films such as *Beaufort* and *Ajami* to North America. **Cyrus Harvey**, 85, was the founder of Janus Films, which distributed European films such as *La Strada* and *Seventh Seal*. **Arthur Laurents**, 93, directed the Broadway shows *West Side Story* and *Gypsy*. **Hillard Elkins**, 81, was the producer of two Broadway hits, *Oh! Calcutta!* and *Golden Boy*. **Don Kirshner**, 76, was a music publisher (*You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling*) and the host of *Don Kirshner's Rock Concert*.

Alan Slifka, 81, started the Abraham Fund Initiatives to improve Arab-Jewish relations in Israel. **Elena Bonner**, 88, was a Soviet dissident and human rights campaigner during the waning years of communism. **Tullia Zevi**, 91, was president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities. **Moshe Greenberg**, 81, was a biblical scholar. **Bernard Lander**, 94, was founder/president of Touro College.

David Bankier, 63, a historian, was director of Yad Vashem's International Institute for Holocaust Research. **Mietek Pemper**, 91, was the Plaszow concentration camp inmate who compiled and typed the famous Schindler's List. **Moshe Landau**, 99, was the presiding judge at the Adolf Eichmann trial in Jerusalem. **Reginald Levy**, 88, was the captain of a hijacked Belgian airliner liberated by Israeli commandos at Ben-Gurion Airport in 1972. **Arnold Weiss**, 86, a U.S. soldier stationed in postwar Berlin in 1945, found Adolf Hitler's last will and political testimony.

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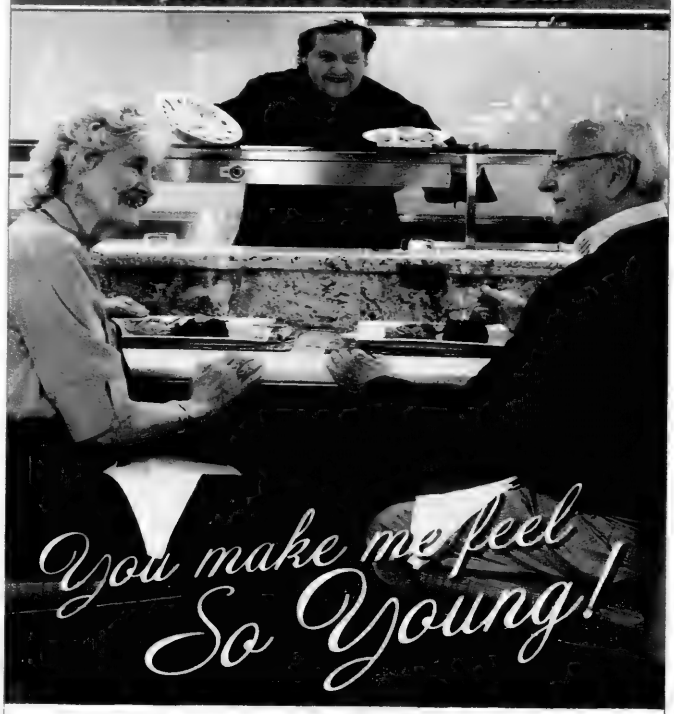

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Young Jews volunteer, but don't necessarily connect it to Judaism

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Zac Kaye, executive director of Hillel of Greater Toronto, says that his organization has no problem attracting students with little connection to Jewish life to its volunteer programs.

Contrary to what one might expect based on a recent American study, most young Jews do some kind of volunteer service, but few do it through Jewish agencies or connect it to Jewish values.

This is according to a new study on Jewish young adult volunteerism commissioned by Repair the World, an American organization that promotes service as a defining element of Jewish life and learning.

A research study for Hillel of Greater Toronto a few years ago indicated that "moderates," the largest segment of Jewish students, find international travel with Jews from around the world second-highest on the list of appealing activities, second only to trips to Israel. Volunteer or social justice work ranked 15th.

Zac Kaye

Study researchers inferred that programs such as a relief trip to New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina "should be attractive to most Jewish students."

A recent Hillel service program to Latvia and Lithuania attracted 13 students, about half of whom were of Russian-Israeli background, Kaye told *The CJN*.

He said the program included "a lot of Jewish content," but that the Jewish aspect "probably wasn't uppermost" in the minds of the participants when they signed up.

He also noted that university students have many other options for service programs that aren't under Jewish auspices.

Alana Kayfetz, manager of volunteer initiatives for UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's Community Connect, which connects young adults to the Jewish community, did a small informal Facebook survey to find out where young Jewish adults volunteer.

Of the half dozen people who responded, about fifty per cent volunteer under Jewish auspices. "These are people who are engaged in the [Jewish] community one way or another," she said.

In Kayfetz' experience – she has a Facebook network of more than 2,200 friends and worked for Hillel for five years before taking on her present job last year – the 50/50 split is typical, she said.

According to the American study, poverty, the environment, education and illiteracy are the areas that draw most young Jewish volunteers, with Israel-related work at the bottom of the list.

The study, titled *Volunteering + Values: A Repair the World Report on Jewish Young Adults*, was conducted by Brandeis University's Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies and Gerstein/Agne Strategic Communications, and surveyed some 2,000 Jews aged 18 to 35.

Jon Rosenberg, CEO of Repair the World, opined that many young Jews do not volunteer through Jewish organizations because they don't always know about the opportunities, and also because of the misperception that Jewish groups serve narrowly parochial interests.

Fern Chertok of the Cohen Center, the lead researcher on the study, said getting more young Jews to see the connection between their volunteer work and Jewish values is important, particularly for those who are not religiously observant.

"It allows them to see the work as a Jewish act," she said.

The study showed a high correlation between one's level of Jewish education and future volunteer work, as well as how clearly one views his or her service as being in line with Jewish values.

Ruth Messinger, president of the American Jewish World Service, which runs projects in the Third World in which participants also learn about the Jewish values underlying their work, said Jews are interested in Jewish service learning, but the community needs to provide more opportunities. Jewish organizations, she noted, don't ask for volunteers often enough.

The study provided material that Jewish organizations could use to develop more volunteer opportunities that correspond to the actual interests of younger Jews.

"If you can interest more young Jews who want to volunteer with quality programs in the Jewish community," Messinger told JTA, "they'll get a deeper sense of their Jewish identity and will feel further invested in their Jewish community."

With files from JTA

UJA Venture Philanthropy Fund offers $300,000 in new funding

Young leaders spearhead launch of SixPoints.ca

By Daniel Horowitz & Suzanne Wintrob

It's one thing to be charitable, but it's another thing to actually get an opportunity to understand community needs and create a meaningful impact.

That's exactly what businessmen Jonathan Bloomberg, Noah Godfrey and Sam Mizrahi are doing. The trio, who are chairing UJA Federation's SixPoints Jewish Venture Philanthropy Fund (JVPF), have successfully encouraged their contemporaries to join them in learning about Jewish philanthropy and making an impact on our community.

Started this past winter, SixPoints, which recently saw the launch of its website (SixPoints.ca) featuring its request for proposals, is comprised of some of our community's most visionary and committed young leaders, all of whom have pooled their financial resources and business planning skills to fund and support new and innovative programs that are consistent with Jewish values, especially that of tikkun olam, "repairing the world."

Here's how SixPoints works.

Each SixPoints' member contributes an equal amount and has one vote. The Fund provides a special emphasis on incorporating business principles and ensuring the sustainability of the organizations it funds. Partners in the fund collectively identify, prioritize and fund new initiatives which can benefit from their time, commitment, abilities and insights, as well as help strategize and follow their progress.

Once all the proposals have been submitted - July 28th is the deadline - SixPoints JVPF members evaluate the proposals and select approximately 10 applicants to make in-person presentations. The SixPoints JVPF then selects four to eight applicants with whom several Fund members will undertake an intensive due diligence process. After this stage, the members vote on which proposals will be funded and the amount of each grant.

The Chairs of UJA Federation's SixPoints Jewish Venture Philanthropy Fund (l-r) Sam Mizrahi, Jonathan Bloomberg and Noah Godfrey

While UJA continues to look after the Jewish community's needs here, in Israel, and worldwide, SixPoints creates a unique opportunity to raise risk capital to be invested in innovative and compelling projects with the potential to generate a significant social return on investment.

"This is a great opportunity to get Toronto's best and brightest young leaders together to collaborate on something that does good for the world," says Noah, a 34-year-old entrepreneur and father of three. This year's JVPF Chairs have more than industry experience in common. All are in their 30s, all grew up in Toronto and all are committed to the Jewish community.

Jonathan, for example, spent his childhood watching his parents, Lawrence and Frances Bloomberg, immerse themselves in UJA and other philanthropic endeavours. As co-founder of the investment counseling firm BloombergSen Inc., the time felt right to follow his parents' example.

"I'm interested in UJA, I've been around it my whole life," says Jonathan, 37. "This fund made a lot of sense to me because it's a unique, hands-on approach to philanthropy, giving us the chance to have a direct impact and see how we're making a difference."

Jonathan and his Co-Chairs are hard at work recruiting their friends and colleagues. Men and women between ages 30 and 45 are welcome, with each member investing $10,000.

Noah, son of UJA long-time supporters Paul and Gina Godfrey, is particularly excited about being able to get up close and personal with his donation. "The ability to touch and feel the impact, to point to a group of people and say 'their lives are better because we were able to help them' - it just feels good to put a face and a story to your giving," he says.

Sam agrees. The 40-year-old father of two, who came to Canada from Iran in 1977, has spent his entire adult life building companies and now heads Mizrahi Developments. He had wanted to get involved in the Jewish community for quite some time, but couldn't find the right fit. When he heard about JVPF, he was hooked.

"JVPF is a very unique type of structure," says Sam. "It creates an entrepreneurial edge for an organization so they can be self-propelling. It's one of many great visionary UJA projects – how to utilize the resources of donors like myself, Jonathan and Noah to sort of take it up a notch, to let us roll up our sleeves, and get involved first-hand."

For more information about UJA Federation's SixPoints Venture Philanthropy Fund, visit SixPoints.ca The deadline for submitting proposals is July 28th.

Discovering family after 67 years

Laura Fixman
Intern

Anna Zvi didn't expect to find anyone when she was searching in the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem's database for information about her late father's family; so she said it was a shock when she discovered a cousin she didn't know she had.

She had recently received her birth certificate from Hungary and knew the correct spelling of her father's name. Her daughter convinced her to look in the database one more time, and she ended up finding her cousin, Hava Evron, who lives in Israel.

"It was disbelief at first, but now it's a great feeling," Zvi said. "We've gotten very close."

The cousins first met in Israel in August 2010, and they met in Toronto for the first time last month.

"We can get closer in a different setting, and she can meet my family," Zvi said.

Evron wasn't as surprised at finding her cousin, because she knew there was a relative somewhere, but didn't know the details. Zvi said her mother never spoke about the Holocaust or her father's side of the family.

The cousins speak on the phone every week, and Zvi said the best part is expanding her once small family.

"Now I can say I'm visiting my relatives in Israel instead of just my husband's relatives," she said. "I don't know many people who get to experience discovering family like that."

She added that if she hadn't kept looking, she never would have found out about Evron. She said there were many times when their paths could have crossed but didn't.

For example, her son and Evron's granddaughter went to the same camp in the same year. They were also both invited to the wedding of a cousin of Zvi's husband.

No one who's looking for lost relatives should give up, she said. "There is still hope for other people that are looking for family. It still does happen."

The cousins found each other through the Shoah Victims' Names Recovery Project. Yad Vashem in Israel has more than four million names and asks people to submit testimonies of relatives for this global project.

Zvi's father and Evron's mother were brother and sister, although Zvi had thought her father was an only child. Evron's parents moved to Israel in 1939, and although they told her about Zvi, she didn't think they would be able to find each other. Their grandmother, who knew of them both, once stayed with Evron in Israel, but didn't mention that she knew where Zvi was.

From left are Ben and Anna Zvi and Hava and Shraga Evron. Anna and Hava are cousins who recently found each other through the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem.
[Photo courtesy of Canadian Society for Yad Vashem]

Even if people think they have little chance of finding each other, Zvi advises those in the same situation to never give up hope.

"I would tell them to really look, even if the chances are slim," she said. "There are so many coincidences in life, and it's always possible."

After her sister died, Evron was excited to find a relative other than her children and grandchildren. Zvi said that after not knowing each other for so many years, they both felt it was important to make the most of their time together.

Zvi said she was a little nervous before meeting her cousin for the first time, but after a few minutes she felt completely comfortable.

"It was strange at first, but then exhilarating," Zvi said. "It was like we had always known each other since we bonded right away."

To search for relatives or learn more about the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, go to www.yadvashem.ca.

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PRINCIPAL RETIRES: **Robbins Hebrew Academy Bathurst campus principal Ashley Waltman is retiring after five years of service. He was honoured at a ceremony recently at which the RHA community paid tribute to him and thanked him for his contributions and outstanding leadership. Pictured is Waltman with Cindy Gertin, RHA Parents' Association president.**

Sandy Rabinowitz

AHS principal retiring, but not leaving

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

After 45 years as an educator, Sandy Rabinowitz says he is still fascinated by how children learn and how educators can make it easier for them.

Last week, the 67-year-old native of Johannesburg retired as senior principal of Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto (AHS) and general studies principal of the school's Kamin Education Centre in Thornhill. He will continue to work at the school part time as a consultant and mentor.

Rabinowitz said he would have pursued a career in law if his high school Latin teacher hadn't questioned his ambitions. "You mean you're not going to teach?" he recalls her asking.

He began to consider her suggestion, influenced in part by his upcoming nine months of compulsory army service before university. One of the perks of enlisting as a teacher, he said, was free university education, provided he agreed to teach for three years after obtaining his degree.

He thought about applying to law school later, and working on a second degree part time while he was teaching.

"The truth of the matter is," he said, "that once I started teaching, I really enjoyed it."

Rabinowitz studied at Witwatersrand University and began his career teaching English and guidance at a boys' high school in Johannesburg. Before leaving South Africa, he served as vice-principal of Johannesburg's King David High School, and then as principal of the Hillel School about half an hour east of the city, in Benoni.

Rabinowitz, his wife, and their two young daughters came to Toronto in 1978 to join his brother-in-law and leave behind the turbulence of mid-1970s Johannesburg.

Within six months, he was teaching English to newcomers, none of whom had been here as long as he had.

His introduction to AHS came about after his mother died in 1980, and a friend brought him to Rabbi Eliezer Rokeach's nearby shtibl when he was saying *Kaddish*.

Rabbi Rokeach, then the school's Hebrew principal, told him that Associated was looking for an elementary school principal.

From the beginning, Rabinowitz has had a particular interest in special education. Working with students at the Toronto Learning Centre before he joined Associated, he was struck by the number of "highly intelligent" children who had difficulty in areas including math, reading, and expressing themselves in writing.

"Those were three very formative years for me."

He said one of the things that has impressed him most about Associated, a three-campus school with about 1,650 students, is "its real attempt to be the community school that it is," particularly in its absorption of new immigrants and its commitment to students with learning disabilities.

When the Dr. Abraham Shore She'arim Hebrew Day School – which served students with learning disabilities – closed in 2008, Associated was one of three schools to accommodate its former students.

As well, Rabinowitz said, "Some of my strongest memories are of the years when we were absorbing the Russian population. We had to learn a lot about ESL. I remember families coming with little pieces of paper with our school's name on it, that they got in displacement camps in Italy."

Outside of the school, Rabinowitz served for eight years, from about 1984, as chair of the (then) Board of Jewish Education's committee of day school principals.

By the early 1990s, "everybody" was part of the committee, he noted. It served as a forum for administrators to share expertise and common problems, regardless of denominational affiliation or school philosophy.

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U of T historian accepts Oxford job

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

A University of Toronto historian has been named Oxford University's first professor of Israeli studies.

Derek Penslar, the Samuel Zacks professor of Jewish history at U of T, will take up his new position in the fall of 2012.

Penslar, a 52-year-old dual American-Canadian citizen, will be the inaugural holder of a chair funded by the Stanley and Zea Lewis Foundation. The late Stanley Lewis, a supporter of Israel, was a British businessman who died two years ago.

"I accepted [the position] because of Oxford's strengths as a centre for graduate training in modern Middle Eastern studies, of which Israel studies can become an integral component, and because of the opportunity to develop Israel studies in Britain and in Europe and foster a wide-ranging and open-minded conversation about Israel within British academia," Penslar said.

Will become famed university's first professor of Israeli studies

Penslar, who headed U of T's Centre for Jewish Studies from 2002 to 2008, will be based in Oxford's School of International Area Studies and in its department of politics and international relations.

He'll deliver lectures and supervise graduate student research on Israeli history, politics, society and economy.

Born in Los Angeles and educated at Stanford University and the University of California at Berkeley, he taught at Indiana University from 1987 to 1998.

Penslar has lived and worked in Toronto for more than a decade.

"I have been extremely happy at U of T and cherish its intellectual vitality and collegiality," he said.

Penslar takes pride in having turned U of T's Jewish studies program into the Centre for Jewish Studies, increasing undergraduate enrolment and establishing a doctoral collaborative program in Jewish studies.

"Under the dynamic leadership of Hindy Najman, who succeeded me as CJS director, Jewish studies at U of T has gone from strength to strength."

In general, Jewish and Israeli studies have both expanded greatly in recent years, he noted.

"When I was a graduate student, the Association for Jewish Studies was in its infancy, and the Association for Israel Studies hadn't even yet been founded," he said. "Few doctoral students wrote dissertations in Jewish history, and fewer still worked on Zionism or Israel."

He added: "Today, most major universities offer courses on Israel, and the more students have an opportunity to learn about Israel in depth, the less likely they will fall into extreme positions fuelled by emotion rather than understanding."

Penslar believes that "a just solution" to the Arab-Israeli conflict should be based on the two-state paradigm. "I don't know if that makes me a dove or a realist, understanding that the current situation is unsustainable and deeply harmful to both sides."

A prolific author, Penslar is currently writing a book on Jews and the military. He plans to finish it by December.

Derek Penslar

In the fall, the University of Wisconsin Press will publish his documentary history of the making of modern Israel. He co-wrote it with Eran Kaplan, a former Ray D. Wolfe Fellow at U of T.

"My next project is a biography of Theodor Herzl – the founder of modern political Zionism – for Yale University Press' new series on the 100 most important figures in Jewish history."

Penslar's previous books include *Zionism and Technocracy: The Engineering of Jewish Settlement in Palestine, 1870-1918*, *Israel in History: The Jewish State in Comparative Perspective* and *Shylock's Children: Economics and Jewish Identity in Modern Europe.*

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Led campaign for Yiddish on Lodz ghetto plaques

He and his wife launched and ran Yiddishland Café

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

A Toronto Yiddishist who played a key role in successfully urging city officials in Lodz to include Yiddish on commemorative plaques for the 60th anniversary of the Lodz ghetto liquidation is being remembered as a man of few words whose impact belied his quiet nature.

Norbert (Nochem) Reinhartz died in his sleep June 26 at Humber River Regional Hospital, following a series of serious health challenges dating back to 2005. He was 86.

Together with his wife Henia (a retired Yiddish teacher), Reinhartz, a retired typesetter, led an e-mail campaign that resulted in Yiddish being added to the plaques in Lodz, following a 2003 family trip to Poland.

Their daughter Adele Reinhartz, a professor at the University of Ottawa, recalled in a eulogy that on the trip, her father "was genuinely interested in talking to the Polish people" about issues like the country's transition to democracy.

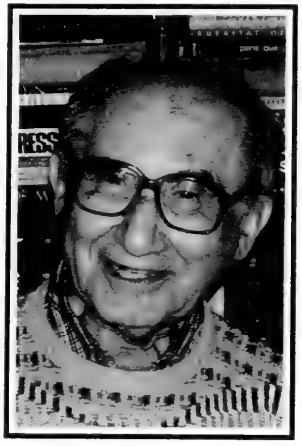
The couple placed a high value on education and intellectual endeavours, she said. After immigrating to Toronto, Reinhartz completed a BA in sociology part-time at York University and a second one in political science from the University of London as a correspondence student.

At the same time, recalled granddaughter Leah Reinhartz, he was "the type of grandfather who would get down on the floor and play with you."

The only child of two teachers, Reinhartz was born in 1924 in Lodz and grew up in Vilna. He spent the war years in Siberia with his father, working in a metal factory.

In postwar Paris, he worked as a typesetter for the Yiddish publication *Unser Stimme* (*Our Voice*). It was there that he met Henia at a lecture sponsored by the Bundist movement.

A mischievous impulse to pull on the redhead's long braid led to a vibrant and devoted marriage of 59 years.



Nochem Reinhartz

Nochem joined his parents in Toronto in 1949, and Henia reunited with her mother and sister (the Yiddish poet Chava Rosenfarb) in Montreal about a year later. The couple wed in 1952.

Their son Abe, a Toronto physician, described his parents' dynamic at the funeral: "My mother has always been the public persona of the Henia and Nochem show, but my father was always behind the scenes kind of choreographing things."

Among their other endeavours, the couple translated the memoirs of Arnold Mostowicz, a Lodz ghetto physician, from Polish to English.

As well, they launched and ran the Yiddishland Café, a five-times-yearly event based at the Jewish and Yiddish cultural organization Workmen's Circle from 1996 to 2005. At the time, Reinhartz served as secretary of the organization's executive board.

Reinhartz' grandson Mordechai Walfish remembered his grandfather in a eulogy as "a Bundist, a Yiddishist, a union man, an intellectual but not an academic" who infused everyday life with meaning and revealed his sharp sense of humour selectively.

Abe also noted his father's sense of integrity and social justice, reflected in the program of a Yiddishland Café evening that featured a combination of Jewish and black protest songs.

Reinhartz leaves his wife Henia, daughter Adele and son Abe, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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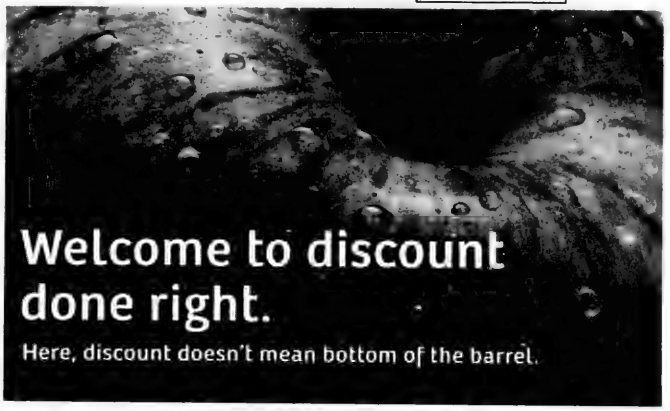

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Counting Jews

This is a census year in Canada – with a difference. There was no small amount of controversy when the Conservative government decided to replace the mandatory long-form census with a voluntary survey. Afterward, many leaders – including those in the Jewish community – have urged recipients of the voluntary survey to complete them so that we are properly counted for planning and funding purposes. **[http://bit.ly/censjew1]**

While leaders are counting on Jews to participate in the census, Jewish tradition has its own views on the counting of Jews – some of it positive, some of it not.

Right now, we (appropriately) are reading each Shabbat from the Book of Numbers, which begins with a census of the Israelites. According to a Midrash, the Jewish people were counted 10 times throughout history from starting with the 70 souls who went down to Egypt. Why all the counting? Chabad.org explains that "God's affection is extended toward the Jewish people at all times. And since counting is a direct result of this affection, Rashi writes, 'Because they are precious to him (which is all the time), He counts them all the time.'" **[http://bit.ly/censjew9]**

So what's the problem with counting Jews? Rabbi Meir Goldberg puts it succinctly: "If we isolate each Jew by counting them separately, we lose our merit as part of the Jewish collective. Once that happens, each of us is scrutinized as individuals and our flaws are exposed." **[http://bit.ly/censjew3]**

Even a personality as great as King David is known to have ordered a census – and was punished for doing so. Rabbi Meir Tamari suggests that David's sin was one of vanity. David's commander-in-chief, Yoav, "pointed out to him that there was neither a war nor a national emergency that would justify a census. Simply to know how many soldiers one has, so

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that one can feel the satisfaction of being a powerful king or to show off military might, is a not merely a misuse of the census but a sin against the role of kingship." **[http://bit.ly/censjew4]**

The prohibitions against counting are not always clear. Two excellent articles at YoungIsrael.org examine whether the source is biblical, prophetic or rabbinic – or perhaps a concern about attracting the Evil Eye. **[http://bit.ly/censjew5]** They then grapple with practical issues like how to count participants in a minyan. (Often a 10-word verse is recited, each word corresponding to an individual.) But what do you do when you need to give a head count to a caterer? Or if your government wants to count you? **[http://bit.ly/censjew6]**

Should Jews allow themselves to be counted in a national census such as the one being held in Canada? After much deliberation, Rabbi Eliezer Valdenberg wrote that it is permitted because:

- it is not a head count;
- the figures are given in writing;
- the people are not being counted in person by those doing the counting, and
- the counting is not for naught or curiosity, but for the needs of the state. **[http://bit.ly/censjew7]**

So if you haven't already, it's time to complete the mandatory short form census or, if you have been selected, the voluntary National Household Survey. **[http://bit.ly/censjew8]**

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Facebook engages Jews in conversation

I am a moderate user of social media. I check my Facebook feed a few times a day – not as regularly as peers who exhibit withdrawal symptoms after a few hours offline but more frequently than Luddites who only update their status once a week.

Facebook is largely a social platform, a place to catch up with friends, stay up to date on their changing jobs and relationships, and make social plans. I post on friends' walls for their birthdays, scroll through photos, and update my status on what I'm doing and where I'm going.

In December, I began posting a link to my column on cjnews.com on Facebook and Twitter. Within hours my understanding of social media changed.

First, the link was spread. My tweet was "retweeted," and my Facebook posting was "liked" and reposted on other users' walls. Each of these retweets and "likes" opened the article to new networks of friends and new audiences of readers. "Liking" a link not only makes it visible to others, but it is also a positive affirmation urging others to read – if my friend read it, perhaps I should, too.

In seeking to engage young Jews, we rely on the broad reach of Facebook. Any organization working with young people has a Facebook page, sends out invitations for events, and messages potential participants on Facebook. The platform allows us to quickly reach thousands with the click of a mouse.

We also use Facebook to promote issues. There are thou-

Class Act

Daniel Held

sands of Jewish groups on Facebook – groups that promote a love of Israel, commemorate Jewish holidays, or Jewish social justice. Last week, in marking the fifth year of Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit's captivity by Hamas, I posted a status in his name, an act that was likely seen by hundreds.

These uses of Facebook, however, are unidirectional. I post a link and people view it. What surprised me after posting *The CJN* link was the dialogue that ensued.

Shortly after the link was circulated, a conversation took form. On my and other's Facebook walls, comments and critiques of my article were posted. In contrast to a traditional letter to the editor, the posts were immediate and subject to their own comment. While some agreed and others disagreed with my column, the sense of empowerment to voice an opinion was a demonstration of the democratization of ideas that Facebook facilitates. Young adults are willing to engage in an online conversation in a way that they wouldn't in person. After posting links to subsequent columns, I have engaged in profound online conversations about day school funding, the death of Osama bin Laden, feminism in Judaism, and other topics.

In addition to sharing information by advertising events and promoting causes, Facebook can be a platform for engaging young Jews in deep conversation. It offers a space to ask questions and, more importantly, to listen to responses. While we use Facebook for talking and advertising events and causes, we need to do better at using Facebook as a forum for listening. With regular stories of hackers and predators, we are often wary of Facebook. As with all new media, the blessings and curses come with the manner in which it is used.

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"סיפור אהבה ארץ ישראלי"

אחת ההצגות המפתיעות ביותר בישראל כיום היא "סיפור אהבה ארץ ישראלי" שהתחילה בצנעה אך כבר מילאה מאתיים הצגות! זהו מחזה אוטוביוגראפי מאת פנינה גרי שנם ביימה, ומוצג על ידי עדי בילסקי שזכתה בפרס שחקנית השנה על הצגה זו. זהו סיפור אהבה אמיתי שהתרחש בשנות הארבעים של המאה שעברה בין נערה ישראלית וחבר קיבוץ וחייל בפלמ"ח, בנו של נשיא מדינת ישראל השני,יצחק בן צבי. אהבתם נקטעה יום לפני חתונתם בסיפור מאוד ישראלי ונוגע ללב סביב מלחמת השחרור. ההצגה תגיע לטורונטו ביום חמישי, ה 15 בספטמבר, לאולם בית הספר ביאליק ב 7:30 בערב ואני מציע שתסמנו לכם את התאריך. כרטיסים להצגה, בחסות תכנית המפגש והבית הישראלי- אצל תמי ב 7647817 905

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וודי אלן בפאריז

מזה ארבעים שנה, אחת לשנה-מוציא וודי אלן סרט חדש לאקרנים. מאז פרשת נישואיו לביתו המאומצת- אמריקה איננה סולחת לו והוא מוקצה אצל אמריקאים רבים. אבל אירופה מאוהבת בו ממש והוא מחזיר לה אהבה- רוב סרטיו האחרונים מתרחשים באירופה וזוכים שם להצלחה. סרטו האחרון-"חצות בפאריז" הוא סיפורו של זוג אמריקאי שמבקר בעיר האורות. כמו בסרטיו הקודמים- וודי אלן רומאנטי ללא תקנה , והפעם הוא מעביר אותנו בין עולם המציאות לעולם דמיוני שהקפיד ליצור עבורנו. אם אתם אוהבים את חוכמתו וחוש ההומור של וודי- זה הסרט עבורכם. אם אתם לא שייכים למחנה הזה- אולי כדאי שתישארו בבית.

שמונה בסולם קורן.

Kohn-gratulating the Ashkenaz Foundation

Yiddish has been considered a dying language for years, but it's not going out without a fight. In 1995, the Ashkenaz Foundation was founded with a simple mission, to foster increased awareness of Yiddish and Jewish culture.

The Ashkenaz Foundation is a non-profit organization, and because of this, it relies heavily on a combination of volunteers and interns for staff. The Kohn Summer Intern Program helps to provide the Ashkenaz Foundation with staff.

Stephanie Muskat is one of the Kohn interns. She will work with the Ashkenaz Foundation until September, when she goes back to school to finish her honours life-sciences degree at McMaster University.

For Muskat, this internship is more than just a job. It's a great learning experience that allows her to do something she is passionate about.

"Kohn has given me the opportunity to explore a completely new field within my community. I get hands-on experience working with fantastic and very skilled individuals," she said.

"I love my environment at the Ashkenaz Foundation, as it teaches me exactly how non-profit organizations work overall. I also get an inside view at what goes on behind the scenes in order to set up large-scale events, concerts, etc., in the arts industry. Music and the arts is a huge passion of mine, and I am so thankful to be given this fantastic opportunity."

The Ashkenaz Foundation organizes a lot of events to help promote Yiddish culture, but perhaps the biggest draw is the multi-disciplinary biennual Ashkenaz Festival. Unfortunately, this is an off year, so festival goers will have to wait until

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next year to enjoy this great event. Despite the absence of the festival, the foundation is presenting other events.

The Ashkenaz Foundation recently held a concert with the band Yiddish Princess. This group plays '80s-style rock, with lyrics from classical Yiddish poetry, "It felt like a perfect mixture of my ancestors' culture and my current culture," Muskat said.

She stressed that it's important to fuse Yiddish culture with our current environment in order to make Yiddish culture more relevant for a younger generation. "Yiddish and Jewish music and culture is our ancestral heritage and should not be forgotten. I think it is important to grow and expand off of what was started years ago so that we can keep our traditions alive by creating music and art that feels modern and relevant to the present day," Muskat said.

"There is a whole younger generation that could be learning about their artistic and cultural heritage in an easily accessible, non-religious and apolitical way."

Muskat has worked tirelessly to make sure all the Ashkenaz events she is involved with have been successful. Her work, along with that of many others, helps to preserve our past culture, and is also helping to create a new culture that draws from our past.

Ashkenaz's annual summer Yiddish concert features the Serendipity Quartet, made up of singer Theodore Bikel, pianist Tamara Brooks, accordionist Merima and singer Shura Lipovsky. The concert takes place on Aug. 21 at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in Toronto. For more information, visit www.ashkenazfestival.com.

Acts of kindness help heal the world

One of my most cherished memories from youth is my parents' love and compassion for every human being.

My father Z"l had unique people skills. He knew how to treat every individual with respect, no matter what his social or financial situation. In the synagogue where I grew up, it was customary to sell Torah honours every Shabbat. My father would frequently buy them for people who hadn't the means, claiming they, too, should have Torah honours if they so desired.

Sephardi Window

Rabbi Ilan Acoca

A vivid memory comes to mind of one Yom Kippur when the synagogue sexton fell ill and needed emergency attention in the middle of services. My father carried him out and took him to the hospital.

On another occasion, my father was walking in the street and saw someone collapse. My father stopped and took off his new jacket, which he had just bought that day, in order for that person to have a cushion until the ambulance came.

During the last few years of his life, my father underwent dialysis treatment three times a week in the hospital. Even though the treatment was unpleasant and painful at times, my father was able to keep his spirits up by offering encouraging words to other patients and words of appreciation to the nurses and other staff members.

Our home was always filled with people. Very often, these people were destitute with nowhere to go. On other occasions, distinguished rabbis might need a kosher home for a few days.

This was my mother's home where all soon learned of my mother's rare gift as a superb and skilled listener in whom people could – and did! – confide, knowing she would respect privacy and confidences. In short, our home was known to be a welcoming environment where people came for a good meal, a good word and a place of comfort.

I frequently think about my parents and their selflessness and kindness and devotion to other people and ask myself why they were so kind and giving, regularly going out of their way to help others.

I believe my parents understood that, in order for this world to exist with healthy, cohesive communities, we have to help one another. They took this very seriously and personally.

King David sang (Psalms 89:3), "A world of kindness will be built," using the future tense to imply that each of us has to build a world of kindness. Acts of kindness perfect this world, a world in which we may coexist peacefully and productively.

I think of my parents, especially in light of the recent violent events in my city, Vancouver. What my parents exemplified unceasingly in their own lives is what we need to do now to heal our city and, indeed, for a tikkun olam generally – a cascading increase in our acts of lovingkindness toward others. There is no other way.

Let us endeavour to incorporate acts of lovingkindness in our individual lives and communities, as well as in the world at large – even if it is just to facilitate a child's saying *Kaddish* at a parent's graveside.

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Is antisemitism rising in Canada's north?

By Ron Csillag
Special to The CJN

The 2001 federal census found all of 15 Jews living in Yellowknife. For the past two years, one of them has appealed for help to combat anti-Israel and antisemitic sentiments that seem to be taking root in the Northwest Territories capital.

Last month, one Jewish organization took action. The Toronto-based Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies wrote "with great unease and dismay" to Dennis Bevington, the NDP MP for the riding of Western Arctic, to discuss "the growing problem of rising antisemitism in Northern Canada."

The centre said it was alerted "by a member of the Yellowknife community who is concerned that antisemitism masked as hatred for Israel is being used to make the dwindling Jewish population of the North feel increasingly marginalized and unwelcome."

The letter cited Bevington's "endorsement" of George Galloway, the fiery pro-Hamas former British MP who spoke in Yellowknife last November as part of a 10-city Canadian tour.

"This strikes us as an outrageous position for a member of Parliament to hold," and one that is "inconsistent with official NDP policy," the centre charged.

Bevington, who introduced Galloway last Nov. 24 before a crowd of about 300, did not return *The CJN*'s calls for comment.

The letter, which said it looked forward to meeting with Bevington, was signed by Avi Benlolo, president and CEO of Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center, and Tony Comper, founder of FAST (Fighting Antisemitism Together).

It was copied to federal NDP leader Jack Layton.

Asked to elaborate on the letter and indicate whether it referred to a specific incident, as well as why the Friends were reacting now to Galloway's visit seven months ago, Benlolo told *The CJN* in an e-mail that "Friends of Simon Wiesenthal has received complaints about increasing anti-Israel, antisemitic activity from Yellowknife. We have been tracking the discourse and are becoming more concerned about this issue.

"We believe it is important that political leaders in Yellowknife know that the rest of Canada is aware of what is taking place in the North and that we are troubled by the rise in antisemitic sentiment. The letter... is an effort to convey our concern and to begin a dialogue which we hope will lead to greater understanding."

In a followup request for clarification, the centre said it "wants to ensure that community leaders in Yellowknife understand that antisemitic activity in the North has not gone unnoticed and we are monitoring the situation closely."

One resident of Yellowknife, who moved there eight years ago from southwestern Ontario and asked to remain anonymous after her views, printed in the local newspaper, were met with a "deluge" of opposition, told *The CJN* that antisemitic and anti-Zionist sentiment has become noticeable in the city, with little or no counteraction.

"Three years ago, everyone here got along," she said. "Now it's different."

She said problems began in late 2008 with the establishment of Focus on Palestine, a pro-Palestinian group that hosted Galloway's talk at Yellowknife United Church.

She blamed another local group, Alternatives North, which describes itself as a social justice coalition and helped organize Galloway's talk, for fanning anti-Israel sentiment.

The two groups co-hosted a local talk last November by Kevin Neish, a Canadian participant in both the 2010 and 2011 aid flotillas to Gaza, and have staged photo exhibits, films and events that were "horribly one-sided and incorrect," the resident said.

In an earlier appeal sent to *The CJN*, she said that since the birth of Focus on Palestine, "we no longer feel the sense of community. We are shocked at ignorance about Israel and Jewish history. We are dismayed at how easily and quickly northerners submitted to anti-Israel sentiments and old antisemitic references without examining both sides of the issue, without demanding facts.

Dennis Bevington

George Galloway

"Not a single soul or organization protested that Israel was conspicuously and consistently singled out for condemnation," she added.

She said she fears that later this summer, Focus on Palestine will host its fourth annual "hate-fest" against Israel.

The resident put her concerns in a letter to Yellowknife's mayor, Gordon Van Tighem, who responded to her on June 27.

"While sometimes uncomfortable, most of us enjoy the fact that being in Canada allows for freedom of religion," Van Tighem wrote. "Perhaps the best defence would encourage the use of a good offence, and the small Jewish community could sponsor a couple of informational events celebrating their view on the subject. If one person has created an imbalance, it should only take one person to re-set the balance with another perspective on the topic you have issue with.

"I have not seen much good achieved through confrontation, but friendly persuasion can accomplish miracles," the mayor added.

One Jewish organization advised the resident to find out whether Bevington made anti-Israel statements when he introduced Galloway.

(An online video of the event shows the MP made no anti-Israel or antisemitic remarks, though he did have warm words for Galloway, calling him a "statesperson" and "a person who spoke up... I appreciate someone like that.")

The resident also lamented that "for two years, I've sent out appeal letters to all Jewish organizations and no concrete help has arrived."

Canadian Jewish Congress referred her to the Canada-Israel Committee.

"I can't generalize and say there is a problem in Yellowknife," Judy Zelikovitz, the CIC's national manager of community services, told *The CJN*.

"I know that [the resident] perceives a problem in Yellowknife... To my knowledge, there has not been any overt attack on any local members of the Jewish community there," Zelikovitz said.

She said she "can't agree" that Focus on Palestine and Alternatives North are problematic "because I don't know enough about the circumstances and situation. I don't like what their raison d'être is but I can't say they're any more problematic because they're there as opposed to in Toronto or Hamilton or somewhere on the East Coast."

But "we certainly are listening to what [the resident] says."

With only a handful of Jews in Yellowknife, "most not identifying themselves and the rest not wanting to cause trouble," the resident wrote one Jewish group in May, "I'm a lone voice and target."

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Questions about CBC's impartiality

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

In *The Battle for History*, an essay in the *New York Times Book Review* of May 29, Adam Kirsch, a senior editor at *The New Republic*, reviewed a number of recent books on World War II. Kirsch said the writers in question are "less interested in rewriting the facts of the war than in reconsidering their moral implications."

While Kirsch maintained that the authors are not arguing "for a moral equivalence between the Axis and the Allies," it becomes rather evident that some are doing just that.

Kirsch drew attention to the British philosopher A.C. Grayling who, on one level, affirms that World War II was "a just war against morally criminal enemies," but on another, concludes that the bombing of German and Japanese cities were "terrorist attacks," little different "in principle" from the 9/11 atrocities.

While it's true that some of these arguments for moral equivalence (or something more extreme) are nothing new, there's clearly a growing atmosphere in which anti-western righteous indignation trumps moral clarity anchored in basic historical fact.

Given this climate, is it any wonder that, for many, Hamas violence is ignored while Israel's right to self-defence is condemned as a moral crime against Gazans? Again, while this attitude is not new, it is gaining uncritical acceptance in key media circles.

For example, CBC Radio's *The Current* on June 23 featured American writer Alice Walker explaining from Greece why she's joining the Gaza flotilla. Walker claims her desire is to express "solidarity with the children, especially of Palestine" and also, it would appear, to protest against what she termed Israel's "terrorist destruction" of Gaza in January 2009.

Walker struck a parallel between the U.S. civil rights struggle and Israel's "segregation" and "apartheid" policies toward the Palestinians. She charged that Israel's "apartheid wall" is nothing but a "land grab" and "ghettoization" of the Palestinians. This characterization might come as a revolting shock to Israelis (including many on the left) who demanded a security barrier to halt the wave of suicide bombings that then-Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat encouraged after he rejected Israel's offer of Palestinian statehood in 2002.

Walker ignored these basic facts, just as she overlooked the thousands of Israeli children terrorized for years in southern communities by Hamas rocket and mortar fire. But listeners might have expected *The Current*'s host, Anna Maria Tremonti, to raise some critical questions. Not only did Tremonti fail to do so, she actually appeared to encourage Walker to expand on her analogy involving the American civil rights struggle, at one point even noting how "seamless" this analogy is for the author. Tremonti's uncritical acceptance of every word from Walker, demonizing Israel and implying a deliberate policy of racism against the Palestinians, raises important questions for the CBC about what is supposed to be the host's impartiality.

But equally troubling is the fact that, almost a week after the Walker interview (as this column is being filed), *The Current* has not provided a different perspective on this highly controversial subject. CBC's own journalistic guidelines regarding fairness require as much.

The Current could easily have done this within days of the Walker interview by interviewing an expert or another well-known writer such as the Booker Prize-winning Howard Jacobson. After all, on cnn.com, (June 24), Jacobson wrote an insightful piece, "Why Alice Walker shouldn't sail to Gaza," in response to Walker's "Why I'm sailing to Gaza" (June 21). But, at this point, *The Current* has ignored the need for balance and fairness, though it must be aware of Jacobson's article just as it would have noted Walker's.

Jacobson challenged Walker's "language of outraged moral purity" and her avoidance of any inconvenient fact such as Hamas' firing of missiles that threaten "the lives of Israeli children." As a liberal, he faults Walker's "highly charged emotionalism [for] disguising an action that, by its very partiality, chooses the Palestinian child over the Israeli."

Unless the CBC provides a counter to Walker's diatribe, it will stand in violation of its own commitment not only to be impartial, but to be seen to be impartial.

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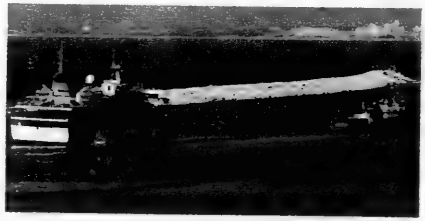

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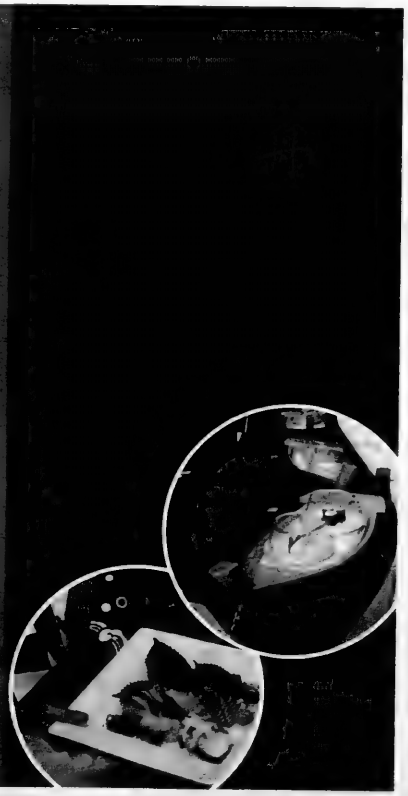

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LEARNING WITH NISHMAT

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Heartline Bereavement Group grief support program meets at Hospice Thornhill. Contact **Bonnie Strand** at 905-764-0656 ext. 227.

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Was second generation member of folk choir

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Ben Shek

A longtime central figure in the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir – and a scholar of Québecois literature as well as a Yiddishist – died June 26 at Toronto's Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre.

Ben-Zion (Ben) Shek, a former University of Toronto French professor who taught Yiddish at U of T following his retirement, was born in Palestine in 1927.

A second-generation member of the choir, which was founded by Jewish needle-trade workers in 1925, Shek immigrated to Toronto from Lukatch, Poland with his family in 1934. His parents had returned to Europe in 1929.

Shek's father Solomon served as secretary of the Toronto Labour League, a forerunner of the United Jewish People's Order (UJPO), and later became a bookkeeper. His mother, Bella, worked in a dress shop as an alterationist.

In addition to his activities in the choir, Shek served on the board of directors of UJPO Canada.

Choir member Linda Litwack told *The CJN* that Shek and his wife Jean, who died in 2006, "were essentially running the choir" when she joined it in 1985. He was president of the choir until a few days before his death.

She said that Shek remained active in the community despite a number of hospitalizations over the past year. "We wanted to keep him involved. He always had ideas and the choir was such a passion for him. He had such an active mind…and a great sense of humour."

The choir, French Canadian literature, and Yiddish were among Shek's many passions, Litwack said.

Ester Reiter – a choir member, former UJPO board member and York University academic who is writing a history of the Jewish left in Canada – said that Shek edited the *Champion*, a left-wing magazine for communists, and taught Yiddish at the Winchevsky Shule as a teenager.

He studied economics and political science at U of T, and worked for a few years as a high school teacher. However, his career path was derailed because his political involvement "did not go over too well in the middle of the Cold War."

He also edited the English section of the *Vokhnblat*, the *Canadian Jewish Weekly*, for two brief stints, and was a co-director of Camp Naivelt.

Reiter remembers Shek as "a guy with incredible principles who was completely dedicated to social justice issues, and to the perpetuation of Yiddish.

"What he wanted was a secular, progressive Yiddish, and for us to remember that we came from working class people… and to remember what it's like to be poor, to be discriminated against, and to extend that concern with other people."

Shek's death is "a huge loss to our community," said Maxine Hermolin, executive director of the Winchevsky Centre, of which UJPO is an institution.

Shek leaves his son Elliot and daughter Ghitta. He was predeceased by his wife Jean.

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Saboteurs blow up gas pipeline to Israel

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Saboteurs blew up a pipeline carrying gas from Egypt to Israel and Jordan early Monday morning, forcing a shutdown in the flow of gas, Egyptian security sources said.

The explosion took place at a station along the pipeline in the northern Sinai Peninsula at Bir Abd, 60 kilometres east of the Suez Canal, the sources said.

It was the third attack since early February on the pipeline, which supplies natural gas to Israel and Jordan, local cement plants and a power station.

A security source said men in a small truck had machine guns and forced guards at the station to leave. Then they planted explosive charges.

"We do not have sufficient information until now, but in principle, the explosion happened in the same way that the two previous explosions happened," another security source told Reuters.

The natural gas company that runs the pipeline closed it down after the explosion, the source said.

Witnesses said the sound of the explosion boomed out across the desert, frightening nearby residents, and tongues of fire could be seen above the station.

Previous explosions on April 27 and Feb. 5 closed the pipeline for weeks, and another attempt to shut down the line failed in March.

In April, masked gunmen blew up the al-Sabil natural gas terminal near Egypt's border with Israel, sending flames shooting into the air in the early hours of the morning and forcing the shutdown of the country's gas export pipeline to Israel and Jordan.

The month before, another attack hit the same terminal, which is just 50 kilometres from the border with Israel. Gunmen planted explosives at the terminal, but the explosives failed to detonate.

In February, Bedouin tribesmen in the area blew up a section of the pipeline, stopping exports to Israel and Jordan for a month. They also attempted to sabotage the pipeline in July 2010.

Egypt's gas deal with Israel has been the subject of controversy in Egypt and has sparked protests for years.

Strauss-Kahn free from house arrest

JTA

NEW YORK — Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the former director of the International Monetary Fund, was released from house arrest after prosecutors said the hotel maid who accused him of rape lied to a grand jury.

Released June 1 by a judge from his house arrest in New York, Strauss-Kahn may now travel anywhere in the United States. He has a home in Washington D.C., where the IMF is located. He resigned as head of the IMF after he was jailed on charges of sexually assaulting a housekeeper at New York's Sofitel hotel on May 14.

He still faces charges of raping the maid, who reportedly lied to the grand jury about the sequence of events after the alleged attack, and also lied on tax and immigration documents.

Strauss-Kahn's lawyers have called for all charges to be dropped against their client. They do not deny there was sexual encounter. Strauss-Kahn, 62, had been considered a front-runner for the French presidency, the first Jew to hold such a position since World War II.

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Hamas refuses German Schalit offer

Hamas rejected a German-mediated offer to free Gilad Schalit that had been accepted by the Israeli government. Hamas political bureau deputy chief Mousa Mohammed Abu Marzouk, in an interview with the *Al Hayat* newspaper, called the offer "unjust" and said the German mediator "endorsed the unfair and unjust positions of the Zionist government," according to reports. Hamas will no longer negotiate with the German mediator, he added. "There is no chance that the German mediator will return because he is not carrying out his duties and is failing in his mission," Marzouk said. A German government spokesperson confirmed Monday that Israel had accepted the mediator's proposal for the release of Schalit, the Associated Press reported. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Israel had accepted the deal and was awaiting Hamas' response. Netanyahu did not specify the terms of the proposal.

Iran tests new missiles

Iran reportedly tested medium- and long-range missiles that are capable of reaching Israel and U.S. bases. Last week's firing of the missiles came on the second day of the Revolutionary Guards' war games. The day before, Iran's military displayed on national television underground missile silos programmed to hit predetermined targets with medium and long-range missiles, including Israel and U.S. bases in the Middle East, in the event of an attack. Gen. Amir Ali Hajizadeh, commander of the Revolutionary Guards Air Force, told the English-language semi-official Iranian news service Fars that the United States and Israel are Iran's only enemies, "and other than that we are not threatened by any nation. Our missile range is designed according to the location of the American bases in the region and that of the Zionist regime."

Terror survivor visits Pollard

Tamar Fogel, whose family was murdered by terrorists in their West Bank home, met with Jonathan Pollard in prison. Fogel, 12, visited Pollard in the federal prison in Butner, N.C., shortly after his father's death earlier this month. According to Ynet, Pollard reached out to Fogel through his wife to express his condolences on the loss of her family in the March attack in the Itamar settlement. *–JTA*

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Jewish groups slam bill banning ritual slaughter

JTA

AMSTERDAM — European Jewish groups slammed a decision by the lower house of the Dutch parliament to ban the ritual slaughter of animals.

The Conference of European Rabbis president, Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt, called the ban an outrage that would prevent Jews from living a Jewish life in the Netherlands.

"We have passed the stage of arguing the nuances of intention of antisemitism. The practical effects of this bill mean that Jews are no longer welcome in the Netherlands. This has not happened for 70 years," Rabbi Goldschmidt said.

Under the bill passed last week, animals must be stunned before slaughter. But both Jewish and Muslim ritual slaughter must be performed while the animal is fully conscious.

"The Netherlands has thrown away centuries of liberalism, human rights, welcome and tolerance for Jews," Rabbi Goldschmidt said. "We will not rest until this discriminatory, intolerant and hateful bill is thrown out."

The upper house still must approve the measure, which is being protested by Holland's Jewish and Muslim communities as an attack on their religious freedom. Some 40,000 Jews and about one million Muslims live in the country.

European Jewish Congress president Moshe Kantor said in a statement last week that his organization could take legal action to prevent the ban, pointing out that it violates Article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights, the right to freedom of religion

"We cannot let such a blatantly discriminatory law stand without fighting it, especially as it stands contrary to European standards and freedoms," Kantor said,

"This is a dark day for the Jewish community," he added. "This could serve as a terrible precedent for other parts of Europe and tells the Jews that they and their customs are no longer welcome."

The bill was put forward by the Animal Rights Party, which claims that stunning before slaughter causes less pain to the animal.

The Jewish and Muslim communities have a year to prove otherwise or the law goes into effect.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) also condemned the Dutch vote.

"Dutch Jews must not be put to the choice of violating a central tenet of Judaism, foregoing fresh meat, or emigrating. We call upon the Dutch senate to prevent this action from leading to a clear violation of religious freedom that has a disproportionate impact on the Jewish community," said Abraham Foxman, ADL national director.

The European Union requires animals to be stunned before slaughter, but makes exceptions for religiously mandated ritual slaughter. Nevertheless, ritual slaughter is banned in Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

An Israeli soldier confronts a Palestinian man during a demonstration supporting the "Freedom Flotilla II", near the Palestinian village of Beit Omar, just north of the West Bank town of Hebron on July 2. ***[Flash 90 photo]***

Hamas condemns Greece's decision

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The flotilla ships anchored in Greek ports were to depart Monday. The decision was made on Saturday, and all passengers were instructed to board the boats with their belongings and prepare for the journey. The announcement did not indicate the destination.

Meanwhile, the Hamas terrorist group in Damascus condemned the Greek government's treatment of the flotilla saying that it is "an inhuman act" that "goes against international law." Hamas said the decision to keep the flotilla ships in port "was the result of pressure by the Zionist conquerors." Hamas called on the EU and human rights organizations "to exert pressure" on the Greek government to allow the ships to sail.

Israeli-born Swedish citizen Dror Feiler, a passenger on the American ship, said: "Last year, we got close to Gaza. This year, I hope we will get even closer. The journey has just started. The authorities are against us, but the people are with us."

On the island of Crete, the Greek coast guard prevented the Canadian ship Tahrir from sailing and confiscated all its documents.

Asper Foundation trains Arab women for work

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Canadian philanthropist and CanWest Global Communications director Gail Asper hopes that a new entrepreneurial program will empower Arab women in east Jerusalem to join the workforce and contribute to a "peaceful society" in Israel.

Gail Asper

Speaking to *The CJN* in Jerusalem during a weeklong meeting of the Hebrew University's board of governors – a position Asper joked she inherited from her late father, Izzy Asper, in 2002 – she said she was happy to facilitate a project that would bring Jews and Arabs together for a common goal.

In 2007, the Asper Center for Entrepreneurship at Hebrew University of Jerusalem joined forces with the Al-Quds Dialogue Center, a non-political organization in east Jerusalem created and chaired by an Arab entrepreneur named Fuad Abu Hamed.

The result was the east Jerusalem BizCamp – modelled after the Curry BizCamp of Entrepreneurship in Winnipeg – which was meant to provide young Arabs, including women from east Jerusalem, with the opportunity to gain experience and learn skills needed to start a business.

She said that while the BizCamp was a success that assisted young Arabs with their entrepreneurial goals, most of the male participants refused to work with women.

"So we decided, let's just work with the women," Asper said.

A three-year Empowerment Through Entrepreneurship program, set to launch in the near future with the help of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University, was established to provide Arab women with the opportunity to train for the workforce and become contributing members of Israeli society.

Asper said she was motivated to reach out to Arab women because while nearly 58 per cent of Jewish women in Israel are working, only 20 per cent of Arab women are in the workforce.

She said some of the factors that keep Arab women from entering the workforce are lack of support from their families, no daycare options for their young children and inaccessible public transportation in Arab villages.

"[Jerusalem] is a city that has major poverty issues... It is a challenged city. But all the stats show that if you get the women educated and out there working... that is the path towards a peaceful society," she said.

But Asper realized that training wouldn't be enough to foster change because the social and financial challenges that deter Arab women from participating would also have to be addressed.

"What good does it do to show them the sky and not give them the resources to fly?" Asper asked.

She wanted to ensure that the Empowerment Through Entrepreneurship program would provide the participants with scholarships, computer training, peer and networking support, as well as childcare.

There is no doubt that having an increase in employment will help boost Israel's economy – which has been growing by five per cent each year since 2008 – but this initiative could also have societal implications.

"Women who are more educated are going to be more global in their outlook... They're going to want to reach out. They're going to be inclined to want to be a part of Israeli society."

She said there is a lot of interest from women who want to get involved in the program.

"They're sharp, they've got a lot of ideas, their kids are a little older and all they need is someone investing in them and believing in them."

Israel extends daylight saving time

JTA

JERUSALEM — The Israeli cabinet has approved a move to extend daylight saving time.

The unanimous decision extends daylight time from the Friday of the last week in March to the first Sunday after Oct. 1.

The decision comes following a recommendation by an advisory committee commissioned by Interior Minister Eli Yishai of the Orthodox Shas party.

The issue came to a head last summer when the clocks were changed in mid-September and Yom Kippur fell early. Israel changed to standard time two months before the United States last year.

Religious groups have called for the change back to standard time to take place before Yom Kippur so that the fast ends earlier. It's also difficult to change the clocks later than early October because sunrise comes too late to allow observant Jews to participate in morning prayers before they have to go to work.

"Extending daylight saving time will promote better co-ordination with Europe's economic clock, extend daylight hours and save electricity and resources for the Israeli economy," a statement from the Prime Minister's Office said.

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Research at Hebrew U could lead to cancer cure

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

In the three years since the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University pledged to raise $50 million to support a new medical research institute at the Jerusalem university, the world-renowned scientists and researchers have never looked back.

In 2008, CFHU, a non-profit organization that promotes and raises funds for Hebrew University, took on its most ambitious project to back the Institute for Medical Research Israel-Canada (IMRIC).

The institute, housed on the Ein Kerem medical campus, is meant to encourage interdisciplinary partnerships to help scientists better understand how to prevent and combat diseases such as cancer, Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease.

As the name of the institute suggests, Israel's most brilliant scientific minds partner with some of Canada's best and brightest.

For example, Hebrew University professor and IMRIC researcher Chaim Cedar, who was recently presented with the Canada Gairdner International Award for his groundbreaking work on DNA methylation, partnered with McGill University's Moshe Szyf, a Hebrew U graduate.

Based on a basic chemical process that turns parts of each cell's genetic code on and off (methylation), Cedar developed a theory that healthy cells can "switch" into cancerous ones.

The idea is that if methylation can be stopped, or prevented, so, too, can cancer.

Another Hebrew University genetics and biochemistry professor, Abraham Fainsod, made a recent discovery that could help curb the devastating effects of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).

Fainsod, who has since partnered with the University of Manitoba's Geoff Hicks, discovered that introducing vitamin A to an embryo that has been exposed to alcohol in the womb could prevent some of the devastating effects to the development of the head and central nervous system.

During a visit to the IMRIC facilities late last month, a group of Canadian Hebrew University board of governors heard from another IMRIC scientist who has been making headlines for his cancer research.

Rotem Karni, a researcher at IMRIC's department of biochemistry and molecular biology, did his best to sum up years of research and experiments in 10 minutes, Karni explained that he and his research team discovered that preventing or inhibiting a certain protein called hnRNP A2/B1 from developing could be used as a treatment against cancer.

There are three areas of cancer research: detection, treatment, and a cure, Karni said. Clearly, he added, we are losing the war against cancer.

"We have a problem with detection, we don't have enough good, early markers to detect the cancer before we get big tumours that are already in the body," Karni said.

"We don't have very efficient treatments, as you know, and we can't cure most patients."

However, Karni said, his team was able to focus on specific genes that control the process of manufacturing proteins in cells.

"In my post-doc, I discovered a whole group of genes of proteins, which are involved in a very important process of making proteins that make cancer," he said.

"This wasn't known about before... Now we are the only group in the world that is working on this group of cells in cancer, in a certain type of brain tumour and in breast cancer metastases."

Karni said they discovered that a specific protein was highly expressed in a kind of brain tumour, and the protein could serve as a marker for this disease.

"But it's not just a marker for the disease. It can also predict what will happen to the patient," Karni said.

He added that as part of their research, they followed the progress of cancer patients. Those who showed high levels of that protein had a much lower survival rate than cancer patients who showed lower levels of the protein.

"If we can inhibit this gene, if we can silence it, we can prevent these glioblastoma [brain tumours] from developing," Karni said.

The same protein is also present in the late stages of breast cancer, which then commonly metastasizes into the lungs, he said.

"But if we block the expression of this gene we can block the breast cancer metastases," and prevent the spread of the cancer to the lungs.

Karni's years of research has yielded a technology that can inhibit the protein linked to brain and breast cancers.

Karni's team has developed a drug that can be injected directly into the tumour, to bypass the blood barrier in the brain.

His team is currently researching whether they can reverse a developed tumour, in addition to preventing one, said Karni, adding that he is collaborating with other research companies to develop a cure.

A painting called *Candy's Field of Dreams* was recently dedicated in the lobby of the main entrance at Sunnybrook Hospital, in memory of Candy Schaffel Black, who died of cancer in early January. The painting made by her friend, Joy Shepherd, a few months before Shaffel Black died was donated to the hospital as a final gift from Shepherd. Seen in the photo from left are Joy Shepherd and Candy's daughters, Arly, Shira and Estee.

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Roundtable brings together innovators in brain research

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Entrepreneurs from Ontario and Israel gathered last week to discuss possible collaborations for developing commercially viable products to diagnose and treat brain disorders.

Representatives of 26 Ontario corporations and 10 Israeli firms met at the Ontario-Israel Bilateral Roundtable on Brain Research at the St. Andrew's Club and Conference Centre in Toronto's Sun Life Financial Tower.

Hosted by the Canada-Israel Industrial Research & Development Foundation (CIIRDF) and the Ontario Brain Institute, the gathering marks the first time "both sides launched strategic initiatives and decided that strategic partners would be the other side," said CIIRDF president Henri Rothschild.

"Ontario is Plan A for Israel and Israel is Plan A for Ontario," he said.

The meeting brought together small and medium enterprises with expertise on the latest developments in brain research. The expectation is that partnerships may arise to build on each side's strengths, leading to advances in treating neurological disorders like depression, autism, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.

Some 70 one-on-one meetings were scheduled for the two-day conference. Viable collaborative proposals are eligible for grants, funded by the governments of Israel and Ontario, to a maximum of $600,000 each, Rothschild said.

Henri Rothschild

"Downstream, these jointly developed innovations could improve the quality of life for the hundreds of millions of people affected by [neurological] diseases and help innovators on both sides of the ocean to capitalize on the $23-billion global neuro device and diagnostics market," stated a CIIRDF news release.

Commenting on the gathering, Joseph Rotman, founding chair of the Ontario Brain Institute and chair of the conference, said, "The roundtable helps to position Ontario as an international hub for neuro devices and diagnostics R & D and commercialization – and as a partner for choice for global leaders in brain research."

"This roundtable represents another key milestone in Ontario's innovation agenda and reinforces our government's commitment to foster world-class brain research in the province," said Glen Murray, the Ontario minister of research and innovation, in a statement. "Working together, we will create new jobs, reduce health-care costs and improve the quality of life for those who suffer from brain diseases in Ontario, Israel and around the world."

Rafi Gidron, CEO of the Brain Research International Center in Israel, delivered one of the conference's keynote presentations. He credited Israeli President Shimon Peres for lending his prestige and influence to the focus on brain research.

"With strong leadership from President Shimon Peres, focused investment and commitment to replicate our achievements in fields such as nanotechnology, we have established a powerful vision for brain research in Israel," said Gidron, a founder of Chromatis, which was sold to Lucent for $4.8 billion (US) in 2000. "Our collaboration with Ontario will help us to achieve key R&D objectives, respond to the urgent need for new diagnostics and treatments and accelerate the developments and commercialization of promising neurological innovations."

Rothschild said, "Peres has always been at the next wave [of technological developments]. He's got this wonderful vision, and to him, Israel is so strong in medical research, clinical work and high-tech that it could be applied to brain research."

In a letter read to the roundtable, Peres stated: "I believe brain research today represents the new frontier in scientific and medical technology, bringing with it a vision of a world where brain degenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's will be a thing of the past and in which the blind will see light. Advances in the field will transcend borders and bring hope to humankind for a better tomorrow, deciphering so many brain-related secrets as yet undisclosed."

During a visit to Israel last year by Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty, Peres suggested the two sides collaborate in this field. The suggestion fit in nicely with the desire of Ontario to forge business relationships with Israel, and with the creation last November of the Ontario Brain Institute, the stage was set for last week's roundtable, Rothschild said.

"We're poised to make breakthroughs," he added.

Sleepy Israeli town to replicate Lugano

Noam Dvir
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — The story of Chinese developers who built an exact replica of the Austrian village of Hallstatt on the outskirts of Guandong has circulated widely in the international media.

Thousands of kilometres to the west, Israel launched its own project in architectural replication: the Bella Lugano quarter in Yehud. Inspired by the Italian-speaking section of this Swiss city, the project is the brainchild of Mayor Yossi Ben David, who became well acquainted with Italy while working in his previous job in textiles.

"European cities have a special magic," he said. "We are going to do something which has never been done anywhere in Israel – it'll be a tourist centre, a recreation centre, it'll have public plazas with cafes and nice shops, filled with life."

The Lugano project has attracted media attention in recent years, first as an object of curiosity and later as a serious endeavour aimed at generating urban renewal in central Yehud (meanwhile renamed Yehud-Monoson). It would not be far-fetched to call it the biggest and most ambitious project of its kind in Israel today.

The old centre of Yehud, built on the ruins of the Arab village of Yehudia, suffers from many of the syndromes that typically afflict downtown areas in Israel. It is outdated, neglected and hard-pressed to compete with the successful mall that opened a few years ago in nearby Kiryat Savionim. All attempts to resuscitate it, including establishing a pedestrian mall, have failed.

As part of the renewal project that will encompass 200 dunams (49.4 acres), the old downtown will be completely demolished except for the spire of a mosque from the old village of Yehudia and a tomb from the Mameluke period. Two apartment towers will be built and between them – the jewel in the crown – the Italian quarter with picturesque four- and five-storey residential buildings. The ground floors will contain shops and feature ornamented colonnades and neoclassical columns. The building fronts will be painted in shades of orange, peach and lavender, and combine European motifs with Israeli sun porches.

Residents and visitors will be able to relax in big and small squares replete with trees and fountains. "It's a combination of all kinds of things that I like," Ben David said. "There are elements borrowed from all sorts of places in Europe, not just Lugano. These are basic urban elements that have worked well for thousands of years. We are creating something new out of them."

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Urban planner/architect reignites a debate

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

"I think it's touched a raw nerve," said Ken Greenberg, the Toronto architect and urban designer.

Judging by the critics' reactions, Greenberg's newly published book, *Walking Home: The Life and Lessons of a City Builder* (Random House), has reinvigorated an already heated debate on the future of the city in North America.

The flight of city dwellers to suburbs after World War II, facilitated by the automobile and the cheap price of gas, was a historic development that unfolded at the expense of cities.

Suburbanization prompted observers to conclude that cities were in a state of decline.

But in recent years, the escalating price of gasoline – which could well reach $3 a litre within five years, in his estimation – and the spectre of global warming have forced a reappraisal of this complex issue.

In his thought provoking book, Greenberg – the founding director of the division of architecture and urban design in Toronto's planning and development department – puts his case in perspective.

"Cities at their best provide much of what we seek in a place to call home: community, places of culture and business that we can walk to, mass transit, and a wealth of amenities that couldn't be supported without a city's density.

"The post-war drive to suburbanization deprived us of these inherent advantages of urban living. The realization of this loss ... has made us see cities with fresh eyes. As a result of a new found respect for their inherent capacities, cities and city building have again become our urgent priorities. They are making a comeback."

Walking Home, Greenberg observes, is a two-pronged examination of how cities fell from grace and how they can resurrect themselves.

Greenberg, whose projects here and abroad have focused on rejuvenating downtowns, waterfronts and neighbourhoods, believes we're in the early stages of another great transformation. Having glorified suburbs for the past six decades, we are now in the midst of returning to our roots in the city.

"The primary driver is the cost of energy," he said in an interview at his home and office in a downtown three-storey condominium with a magnificent view of Toronto's skyscrapers.

"We're into a peak oil period," noted Greenberg, the principal of Greenberg Consultants Inc. "This is a profound game changer."

Beyond the pain consumers are feeling at the pump, the new appreciation for the city is propelled by mounting concerns about public health and the environment.

The radical increase in obesity, diabetes and heart disease can, in large part, be traced back to the sedentary lifestyle of the suburb, explained Greenberg. "In the suburbs, with their wide open spaces, you're not in a walkable milieu."

The millions of drivers who commute from suburb to city have wreaked havoc on our air quality, he said. "We're worse than Los Angeles in average commuting times. The congestion is costing billions of dollars. The ideal of the car-oriented suburb is becoming obsolete."

Due to these factors, we're at a tipping point in terms of whether Canadians want to live in cities rather than suburbs.

In his view, the trends seem unmistakable. Toronto has one of the fastest growing urban populations on the continent. "Toronto, in a way, is the poster child for all these changes," he said.

Ken Greenberg
[Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Citing the Toronto suburb of Mississauga as an example, he predicted that Canadian suburbs will become more like cities.

Asked whether cities can thrive as real estate prices sizzle and set new records, Greenberg said the problem can be resolved if Canada adopts a credible housing policy and if municipalities demand affordable housing in so-called "inclusionary zones."

Greenberg, who was born in New York City in 1944 and settled in Toronto in 1968 as a draft dodger from the Vietnam war, has seen dramatic changes in the urban landscape since coming to Canada.

His own neigbourhood, near Bathurst and King, has been transformed, having made the amazing passage from desolation to vibrancy in only 11 years.

To Greenberg, an avid cyclist, a liveable city offers untold advantages.

"You can do more things when commuting is not factored into the equation. Almost everything, from shops to schools, is at your fingertips. This is especially important for seniors. You're in closer proximity to other people, which gives you a sense of sharing the city and public places with neighbours."

He liked Toronto from the moment he got here 43 years ago.

"I found it welcoming and generous and was grateful to be here," said Greenberg, who has worked on some of Toronto's most interesting and high-profile public projects, from the construction of Harbourfront and the revitalization of the St. Lawrence Market historic district to the renewal of Ryerson University's campus. "Toronto is not flashy, but on a livability index, it comes up high."

When he looks back at what passed for progress in Toronto, he grows animated. "We abused and devalued our city," declared Greenberg, whose Israeli-born second wife, Eti, teaches tai chi at the Jewish Community Centre at Bloor and Spadina.

"We rammed big expressways through the heart of the city, creating gashes in the cityscape and destroying old neighbourhoods. Urban renewal projects degenerated into slums. Malls, such as the Eaton Centre, basically killed the street-related stores we value so much today."

Mistakes are still being made, he claimed. "Our standards for street design are still tilted far too much to make car movements a priority. And we're still struggling with antiquated zoning laws."

But if Greenberg has his way, the city as we know it today will undergo a renaissance, with all its positive and uplifting implications.

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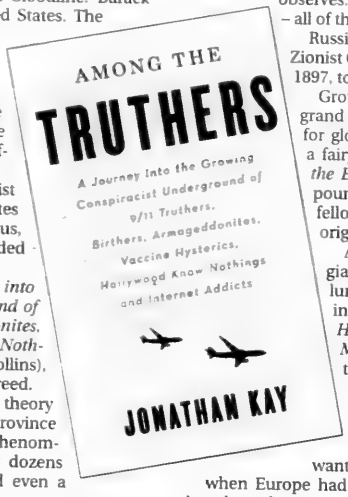
The paranoid world of conspiracy theorists

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Jews control the world. Israel harvests the internal organs of murdered Palestinians. German Jews were conspiring to pollute the Aryan bloodline. Barack Obama was born outside the United States. The Mossad warned Jews not to go to their offices at the World Trade Centre in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001. Vaccines are bad for you.

As crazy and far-fetched as these claims sound, they are treated as the gospel truth by the tenacious and self-assured band of conspiracy theorists.

Jonathan Kay, a Toronto journalist affiliated with the *National Post*, writes about this peculiar, even dangerous, subculture in a book with a long-winded title but concise message.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TRUTHERS
A Journey Into the Growing Conspiracist Underground of 9/11 Truthers, Birthers, Armageddonites, Vaccine Hysterics, Hollywood Know-Nothings and Internet Addicts
JONATHAN KAY

In *Among the Truthers: A Journey into the Growing Conspiracist Underground of 9/11 Truthers, Birthers, Armageddonites, Vaccine Hysterics, Hollywood Know-Nothings and Internet Addicts* (HarperCollins), Kay introduces readers to a strange breed.

According to Kay, the conspiracy theory movement, once almost entirely the province of antisemites, has become a mass phenomenon in the past decade, spawning dozens of websites, books, conferences and even a pseudo-academic journal.

A conservative writer, he ascribes its popularity to the mood of our times: "The institutions that we once counted on to discourage radicalism and guide our society toward common ground – organized religion, a vibrant academy, an influential mainstream media, and a respected central government – no longer command the public trust."

Given these circumstances, conspiracy theorists, have filled the void. As he puts it, "The result of all this is nothing less than a countercultural rift in the fabric of consensual American reality, a gaping cognitive hole into which has leaped a wide range of political paranoiacs previously consigned to the lunatic fringe – Larouchites, UFO nuts, libertarian survivalists, Holocaust deniers and a thousand other groups besides."

Being a rational and sensible person, Kay takes them seriously. Their notions bump up against the hard shoals of reality, but their "disturbing habits of mind" – nihilistic distrust in government, total alienation from mainstream politics, a need to reduce complexity to simplicity and a rejection of logical discourse – are threats to our civilization.

As Kay deftly demonstrates, conspiracy theories have a long pedigree, and thrive in chaotic conditions.

During the early 19th century, Jews and Freemasons, figured prominently in European conspiracies about the origins of the French Revolution. But in the United States, the Populist movement was in the forefront of disseminating such half-baked theories, capitalizing on the collapse of food, commodity and land prices in the 1890s.

In the 20th century, conspiracists on the extreme right, notably Adolf Hitler, built a philosophy on the foundations of antisemitism. His far left counterparts, whether in the Soviet Union or elsewhere, portrayed capitalists as parasites bent on fleecing the working class.

Today, conspiracists are divided into two irreconcilable camps, Kay notes.

"Radical leftists believe that the totalitarian and cryptocratic forces plotting to take over the world are oil magnates, uniformed Dr. Strangeloves, CIA spooks and the like, while radical rightists imagine a world run by the United Nations, the European Union, the International Criminal Court and the North America Free Trade Agreement."

Sadly, antisemitism has loomed large in this movement. "Not all conspiracy theorists are antisemitic," he observes. "But all conspiracy movements – all of them – attract antisemites."

Russian antisemites seized on the first Zionist Congress, in Basel, Switzerland, in 1897, to propagate their noxious views.

Grotesquely twisting Zionism into a grand theory about the Jewish quest for global domination, they concocted a fairy tale known as *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. This tract, eagerly pounced on by the Nazis and their fellow travellers, was anything but original.

As Kay points out, it was a plagiarized amalgam of *Biarritz*, a lurid antisemitic novel published in Germany, and *Dialogues in Hell between Machiavelli and Montesquieu*, a propaganda treatise written by a French lawyer.

Kay's assessment of the *Protocols* is succinct but telling: "Like all successful conspiracy theories, it was a lie that people wanted to hear. This was a moment when Europe had just endured not one, but two epic upheavals, neither of which had a simple, comprehensible cause."

Although Jews were rarely found in the conspiracy movement in its formative decades, they are just as likely to embrace its theories today as to be targeted by them, Kay says.

Right-wing Jews who subscribe to hardline Zionist positions and believe that U.S. President Obama is a Muslim and plotting to destroy Israel are members of the conspiracy school.

On the left, Kay singles out Jews like Naomi Klein, the anti-globalization author of *The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*, and Diana Ralph, the co-founder of Independent Jewish Voices.

He is scathing about both of them.

"Klein's increasingly radicalized hunt for corporate demons launched her into the realm of full-fledged conspiratorial fantasy," he writes.

Ralph, in a 2006 essay, claimed that 9/11, was carried out not by Al Qaeda but by U.S. and Israeli conservatives intent on implementing "a secret, strategic plan" to ensure Washington's unilateral superpower status.

Kay places Kevin Barrett, an American polemecist, in his crosshairs as well.

A PhD in African languages and literature and a convert to Islam, Barrett is viscerally anti-Israeli, having branded Israel as a "genocidal settler colonial state in Palestine."

Kay says Barrett is also a "Holocaust skeptic," a person who thinks that the Holocaust, as taught in the United States, is "a hideously destructive myth."

In closing, Kay admits that the experience of writing *Among the Truthers* fundamentally changed him, moderating his attitude toward politics and his judgment of others.

As he observes, "It has made me more self-aware when I bend the rules of logic in the service of ideology or partisanship."

If only his subjects in the conspiracy movement could draw the same conclusions.

The Yiddish bubbie with the rugelach

Shel Goldstein who plays Celia, and David Simor who plays Noam

Laura Fixman
Intern

The character of Celia, the Yiddish bubbie who bakes rugelach throughout the play *Through the Tulips*, is what writer and director Naomi Tessler thinks will bring the play to life for the audience.

"She's a riot," she said. "She beats her own drum and she's vibrant."

Tessler began writing the play by creating the character of Celia, who is based on her grandmother, and she said it grew from there. She said the play was easier for her to write than anything she's written before because she drew from her personal experiences.

"It seemed to just flow really easily," she said. "Each of the characters has a piece of myself in it, so it just came to life."

Three of the five characters in *Through the Tulips* are Jewish, and at one point they sit shivah. However, Tessler added, the play has "something anyone can relate to, regardless of whether or not they've tried rugelach before."

She said one of her favourite moments in the play is when Celia dances through tulips while singing *Tiptoe Through the Tulips*. Tessler also likes the part in which Celia tells a joke that her own late grandmother told.

Tessler, the founder and artistic director of Branch Out Theatre Company, has never been part of the Toronto Fringe Festival before other than as an audience member, and she realizes that having her play in the festival is a great opportunity.

"It's a festival that brings so much colour to any city that it comes to," she said. "I was very excited to have a vehicle to show my play."

She said she is particularly excited to have seven shows at the Factory Studio Theatre, adding that the theatre has beautiful sound and lighting.

Tessler has written a play about her experiences with different cultures in India and Japan, but she said that *Through the Tulips* is different because it's more personal. It began as an assignment for a playwriting class – to write a scene with the theme of magic realism – she took at New York University.

"I used the magic I've seen in Jewish culture as well as the magic I see in different healing practices, such as reiki, to inspire me," Tessler said.

The play is set in an urban garden filled with tulips and is about a mystic helping a widow contact her dead husband. She said the play is dedicated to her grandmother and all the other elderly people she's met who have enriched her life.

"Some amazing elderly people... have touched my life and inspired me to do this," Tessler said.

Through the Tulips runs from July 6 through 17 on Wednesdays, Friday and weekends. For more information, go to www.fringetoronto.com.

Some Fringe listings

Laura Fixman
Intern

The Toronto Fringe Festival is a 12-day annual theatre festival featuring up-and-coming artists. This year, more than 40 productions are presented. Following is a selection of the plays that may be of interest to the Jewish community.

Pitch Blond

This is Laura Harris' one-woman show about Jewish comedic actor Judy Holliday, who was famous for playing dumb blonds. The play focuses on Holliday's testimony before the U.S. House Committee on UnAmerican Activities in 1952.

Harris got the idea for the play from one of her professors, who said she had a Judy Holliday quality. She wasn't familiar with Holliday, but after doing some research, she fell in love with her.

"I underestimated how antisemitic this period of U.S. history was, with so many Jewish performers being suspected of Communist activities," Harris said. "I also think that this character is a Jewish icon."

Laura Harris as Judy Holliday *[Janet Shum photo]*

Total Verrükt

Joanna Caplan wrote this play after she became fascinated with art and theatre that was created in concentration camps during World War II. The play takes its name from the final performance of a play at the Westerbork camp, and it's based on that event.

Creating this play was a personal experience for her, Caplan said. "I'm Jewish, and this piece is my journey with what it means to be a Jewish woman today."

Her goal in submitting her play to the Fringe was to get a venue to share what she feels is an important and beautiful story. "It reminds us that in the face of utter destruction and horror, there can be beauty and creativity," she said.

Living with Henry

This musical drama explores what it means to live with HIV. It was created by Christopher Wilson and features Jewish actor Lizzie Kurtz, who said that everyone can relate to this play. "There isn't anyone who hasn't been affected by HIV even if indirectly. It's cross-generational and cross-cultural," she said.

Kurtz plays Jenny, the lead character's best friend. She said that it's a great experience to play Jenny and be part of the Fringe Festival.

"I've had the amazing opportunity to take part in the refinement [of the play] and be part of the creative collective," Kurtz said.

For more information about the Fringe Festival, visit www.fringetoronto.com.

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EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

EUGENE LEVY, MANDY PATINKIN, MARION ROSS, THEODORE BIKEL FEATURED IN NEW THEATRE SEASON

The Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company is bringing performer **Mandy Patinkin** to Toronto for two performances of his hit show *Mamaloshen* on Sept. 17 and 18, opening an ambitious fifth season that also includes appearances by **Eugene Levy**, **Marion Ross**, **Theodore Bikel** and other stars.

With its range of Yiddish music from well-known standards like *Raisins and Almonds* and *Oyfn Pripetshik*, to Patinkin's own interpretations of **Irving Berlin's** *God Bless America* and **Paul Simon's** *American Tune*, *Mamaloshen* "seeks to recapture and honour a tradition that many don't realize is a direct forerunner of Broadway musical comedy," according to *The New York Times*.

The Company's new season also includes *Circumcise Me*, **Yisrael Campbell's** hilarious and true tale about his transformation from a drug-drenched Catholic teenager in Philadelphia into an Orthodox Jew in Jerusalem.

The Children's Republic, a new play by Canadian playwright **Hannah Moscovitch**, tells the story of Dr. Janusz Korczak, educator and director of a Warsaw orphanage, who refused asylum and marched into the concentration camps with his children. The Tarragon co-production will star **Peter Hutt**.

Bikel appears in the Toronto premiere of *Visiting Mr. Green*, **Jeff Baron's** comedic drama about an elderly widower who is almost hit by a car driven by a young corporate executive who, on a judge's order, begins visiting him weekly. The season also includes the **Neil Simon** favourite, *Lost in Yonkers*, starring **Linda Kash** and **David Eisner**, the company's co-artistic director.

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Media Mondays: Film critic **Adam Nayman** examines the careers of film directors **Lars Von Trier** (*Breaking the Waves*), **Michael Haneke** (*The White Ribbon*), **Luis Buneul** (*Belle de jour*) and **Woody Allen** (*Crimes and Misdemeanors*) in Love 'Em or Hate 'Em, a series of lectures with film clips that begins with Von Trier at Miles Nadal JCC, Monday July 11, 7 p.m. $12, students $6. Bring a friend for free at the regular price. Continues weekly to Aug. 8. 416-924-6211, ext. 606, www.mnjcc.org

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Kolot Photo-Story Contest: Israelis in Toronto are invited to submit stories they have written about a photo from their personal albums. The story may be in Hebrew or English, fiction or non-fiction.

Mandy Patinkin

First prize is a Panasonic digital camera from Henry's. Contest guidelines: www.mnjcc.org/kolot. Deadline, July 29, 2011. sharonis@mnjcc.org.

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Bata Shoe Museum: Active Seniors of the Miles Nadal JCC offers a guided tour of the exhibition *The Roaring '20s: Heels, Hemlines and High Spirits* and other highlights of the Bata Shoe Museum. Pre-registration required. $14. Thursday July 7, 1:15 p.m. at the Bata Shoe Museum. 416-924-6211, ext. 155.

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At the Galleries: The Gallery at the J at the Miles Nadal JCC is seeking "flat media" submissions. Guidelines at mnjcc.org. Currently on view is the Guy Raivitz exhibit *State of Mind: Photos of Israeli authors*. 416-924-6211, ext. 262.

TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

INNOVATIVE NEW TOURS BRING HISTORY OF JERUSALEM'S CITY OF DAVID TO LIFE

A selection of innovative archeological tours in the City of David, the original settled neighbourhood of Jerusalem, is being offered this summer.

Visitors on the Emek Tzurim National Park tour may explore the Temple Mount's glorious past and sift through rubble that originated in ancient buildings atop the Temple Mount while learning about the artifacts from archeologists and guides.

A tour of the biblical City of David includes various spots where the most remarkable artifacts were unearthed. Sites include the impressive underground world in Warren's Shaft, the city's ancient water system, Hezekiah's Tunnel and the Gihon Spring.

A third tour highlights new discoveries and revelations from the Second Temple period, and takes travelers in the footsteps of the architects of the city, incorporating recent archeological discoveries and the Shiloah Pool and the Herodian Road.

Enchanted Jerusalem – the New Night-time Experience at the City of David is an evening tour that begins at the Hatzofeh lookout point, emphasizing the low position of the biblical City of David in comparison with Jerusalem's Old City walls. The tour concludes with a light show projected onto various antiquities, telling the story of the City of David through movement and sound.

Other tours include Twilight at the City of David, the Hasmonean Aqueduct Tour, and the Kidron Monuments Tour which focuses on the massive monuments around the original municipal border between the City of David and the Mount of Olives.

For more information on the tours, please visit www.cityofdavid.org.il. For more information on travel to Israel, visit www.goisrael.ca.

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JEWISH SINGLES CRUISES

The Jewish Community Centre of Greater Pittsburgh is hosting two cruises this summer for Jewish singles in their 30s, 40s and 50s. The British Isles Cruise, from Aug. 4 to 16, takes in the Scottish Highlands, coastal cities of England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and a stop in France; also, the Orkney and Channel Islands. The Bermuda Cruise goes Aug. 27 to Sept.1. For details, please contact Bill Cartiff, JCC travel director, 412-278-4184, ext. 242, or bcartiff@jccpgh.org

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ISRAEL TRAVEL NOTES

• Canadian pop idol Justin Bieber performed in Israel in May and American singer-poet Bob Dylan in June: numerous other musical stars are due to perform in Israel in coming months. They include American experimental musician Moby (at the Tel Aviv Fairground, July 12); Paul Simon (Ramat Gan Stadium, July 21); Jamaican reggae star Ziggy Marley (Jerusalem's Gan Sacher, July 20-21); Brazilian singer Roberto Carlos (Sultan's Pool, Jerusalem, Sept. 7-8); and Swedish band Roxette (Tel Aviv Exhibition Grounds, Oct. 22). Several cast members of the popular TV show *House*, along with its Canadian executive producer David Shore, also toured Israel in May.

• A 60-km Gospel Trail around the Sea of Galilee was officially opened in May. The trail offers pilgrims the opportunity to walk and cycle through specially designed footpaths along the Sea of Galilee. The trail features scripture readings hewn into basalt rocks, rest and picnic areas and information sites.

• Travel to Israel reached a new monthly peak in May 2011 as some 268,000 international tourists stayed more than one night, a 5-per cent increase over May 2010. About 1,168,000 tourists arrived in Israel in the first five months of 2011, a 4 -per cent increase over the same period last year. Also, cruise travel to Israel in May 2011 was double what it was in May 2010, with 16,000 of the 40,000 one-day visitors to Israel arriving on cruise ships in May.

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Volleyball star playing on the international circuit

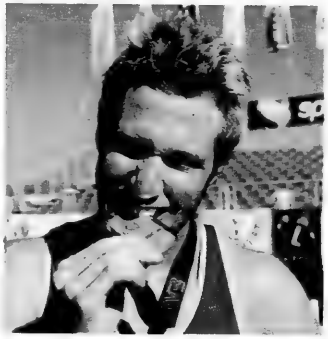
Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

It was about one year ago that Sam Schachter teamed up with Garrett May to stun the international beach volleyball community by winning the Under-21 world championship in Turkey.

Since then, Schachter has been living the life of a global jetsetter and international man of renown, travelling to Prague, Switzerland, Germany, Guatemala, Brazil and China for competitions.

Truth be told, his is not a five-star lifestyle. With the meager, subsistence sum he receives as a member of the national team, he's more likely to stay at a Motel 6 than the Ritz. But the vagabond lifestyle hasn't stopped him from racking up more success internationally.

Teaming this time with Maverick Hatch, the duo has finished fifth at an event in Germany, lost in the second round at a qualifier in Brazil and China and qualified for the playoff round in Prague, only to lose to the United States' top team.



Sam Schachter checks the gold in his Under-21 championship gold medal.

There was also a ninth place finish at a national event in Germany and a second in Switzerland.

"We've had a pretty successful year so far," Schachter said during a recent conversation from his home in Canada.

Pretty successful considering they're a young team playing in their first year "on the tour," competing against more established players, he explained.

Last year, before he and May took the beach volleyball world by storm, he had no world ranking. This year, he and Hatch are 53rd. "We're getting up there now," he said.

They're ranked fourth in Canada, "but in my mind, me and Maverick believe we're the best team in Canada right now.

"I feel we have the ability to beat any of the [other teams]."

Schachter, who was voted junior athlete of the year at the Canadian Sports Awards in 2010, said of the past season, "For sure we've progressed.

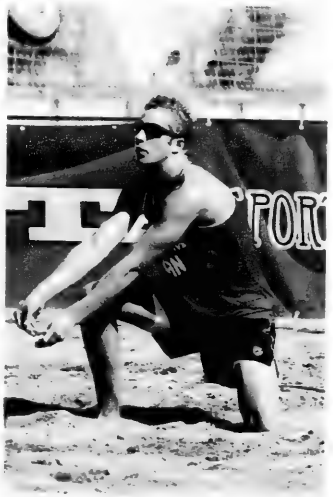
"We've improved much more mentally. We know what we need to do to improve."

What sets apart elite players from others is "they really excel in the mental game. Watching them perform has taught us a lot. It's a learning experience for us," he said.

Racking up points at events sanctioned by FIVB, the international volleyball federation, and NORCECA, a regional association, is his summertime goal. "We hope to break into the 40s," he said.

Schachter is penciling-in competitions in Quebec and British Columbia, and they'll have to choose to attend one event either in Poland, Austria or Finland.

Financial considerations will limit him and Hatch to one of the foreign events and so, of course, they're actively looking for sponsors to help defray the costs associated with international competitions. For more information, contact Schachter's manager, Kendra Squibb, at kendrasquibb@gmail.com.



Sam Schachter "digs" the ball.

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PLAYOFF BOUND

Students from the Toronto Heschel School's Grade 4 and 5 softball team gather for a group photo before beginning their playoff games at Heschel field. The school hosted the playoffs for the Jewish Day School Sports League. Pictured with the students are their coaches Edi Fisher, left, and Talya Metz.

Former Blue Jays player Shawn Green turns his talents to writing

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Shawn Green, the former Toronto Blue Jays' right fielder, was arguably the finest Jewish professional baseball player since Sandy Koufax and Hank Greenberg.

When he retired in 2008, after 15 years in the Major Leagues, Green had compiled an enviable record. He had a batting average of .282 and had batted in 328 home runs. He also had set or tied four records, including hitting four home runs in a single game.

Shawn Green

Three years on, he has turned his talents to another field, having written a guide to a well-balanced and fulfilled life, *The Way of Baseball: Finding Stillness at 95 MPH*, published by Simon & Schuster.

"I love to write," said Green, a tall, rangy, athletic-looking man who co-wrote the book with journalist Gordon McAlpine.

Part spiritual journey, part philosophical study and part sports memoir, his 208-page book is ultimately a primer about living in the moment and letting go of anxieties and regrets about the past.

The mindful and meditative approach Green has followed since being a teenager has helped him immeasurably, on and off the baseball diamond.

Twice an All-Star selection, Green, 39, played for the Blue Jays from 1993 to 1999 and then for the Los Angeles Dodgers (2000-2004), Arizona Diamondbacks (2005-2006) and New York Mets (2006-2007).

"Toronto is where I learned to play the game," he said in an interview here to promote his book. "The fans were really forgiving and my teammates were like brothers."

When he was drafted by the Blue Jays, Green was a student at Stanford University on a baseball scholarship majoring in psychology. After signing up with the Blue Jays, he spent almost two years in the minors perfecting his craft.

Though he showed flashes of greatness in his first few years in Toronto, it was not until 1998 that he won a spot on the team's lineup.

Until then, his record could probably be described as hit-and-miss. "There were definitely some down times," he recalled, saying he was hard-pressed to get out of bed on some days. "There were highs and lows as I tried to establish myself and get more playing time."

During his darkest periods, when he was struggling to prove himself, Green drew on his concept of mindfulness to confront challenges and live up to fans' expectations.

Once he hit his stride, becoming the first Blue Jay to hit 30 or more home runs and steal 30 or more bases in the same season, he was recognized as a star.

Aside from establishing himself as a stellar player in Toronto, Green connected with his Jewish identity here.

"In Toronto, I learned much more about what it means to be Jewish," said Green, who was born in Illinois and raised in a secular home in California. "The team doctor, Glenn Copeland, took me to shul at Beth Tzedec and introduced me to the rabbi."

Like Greenberg and Koufax before him, the day came when Green had to choose between baseball and his Jewish faith.

Though he is not very observant, he decided to sit out an important game on Yom Kippur. "I wanted to acknowledge my respect for my Jewish heritage," he writes in *The Way of Baseball*. In addition, he welcomed the opportunity to be a role model to Jewish kids, he said in an interview. "Koufax told me you got to do what you believe in."

He has no regrets of having fallen tantalizingly short of equalling Greenberg's 331 career home runs. "He was an unbelievable player, and to be only three home runs shy of him is unbelievable."

Alhough Green was exceedingly popular as a player, he had to learn to cope with isolated outbursts of anti-semitism.

"A fan in San Francisco gave me the heil Hitler salute. That was the most upsetting incident. Once in a while, I heard a player making a Jewish joke. I just bit my tongue. I didn't want to blow it up. Every Jewish player has experienced that in one way or another."

He realizes that players like Greenberg, who hit his prime in the 1930s, had to put up with much worse verbal abuse. "It's amazing how the world has changed since then. It's a good thing how different everything is now."

His grandfather knew a thing or two about antisemitism, too, having anglicized Greenberg to Green in the 1940s.

Green's father, Ira, a salesman who played college basketball in Chicago, encouraged him to pursue his love of baseball. As Green remembers, he was swinging a bat at the age of three and playing organized baseball by the age of seven.

He retired when he was reportedly earning $9.5 million a year.

"The constant travel was too much," explained Green, who lives in southern California's Orange county with his wife, Lindsay, and two daughters, Presley and Chandler. "I miss the game, but my kids would cry every time I left home."

These days, Green is "messing around" with several "entrepreneurial ventures" and planning to start a sports website this summer.

Although he has yet to visit Israel, he plans to do so in the not-too-distant future.

"It would be a trip I'd love to do. Israel, for all Jews, is a source of pride. It's home, even though Jews live all over the world. It's our country. It gives you a sense of ownership."

"Israel keeps hanging in there, despite all its challenges," he added, referring to its current political and military problems.

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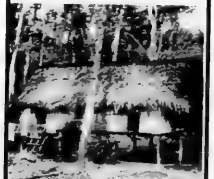

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Joshua Stern is a modern-day jack-of-all-trades. In addition to working as a writer, musician and restaurateur, he's also been an addict, a misfit and a thief.

The 35-year-old is eager to share his extraordinary journey from criminal to youth advocate in his yet-to-be published autobiography titled *A Mother's Love: The Visits That Saved My Life.*

Stern, who says he was raised in a strict Jewish family in Toronto, had ideas about what he wanted to do with his life that didn't jibe with his parents' wishes.

"As a kid, I had a lot of my own ideas and goals that were not in conjunction with what my family saw for me, and it caused a lot of tension," he recalls. "My family was very loving and supportive, as long as you were doing what they thought was right."

Much to his relatives' dismay, Stern hoped to become a professional athlete.

"I had some very lofty dreams that many people didn't support, and I felt like an outcast. So I started to get into trouble," he says.

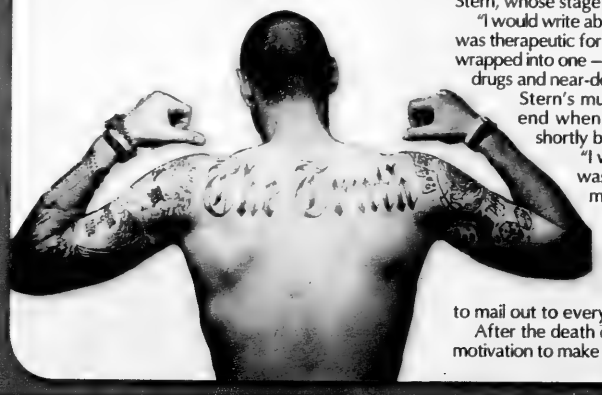
"On top of that, I had a strange connection with the supernatural from a very young age. I would tell my family about my premonitions at Shabbat dinner. My father was very much a realist, so that just put me in the 'crazy' category fast."

When Stern attended Highland Junior High in Toronto's northeast end, things took a turn for the worse.

"I felt a lot of abuse as a Jewish kid in a predominantly non-Jewish school. I got teased a lot. Every antisemitic thing you could ever think of, I would get non-stop for three years."

At the same time, Stern felt he was never fully accepted by the Jewish community, either.

"I was athletic, I had a tattoo, I didn't care about school, and I dressed differently. I didn't follow all the rules," he says. "So I felt very isolated. I would eat lunch alone in the school bathroom, and it made me a very aggressive and hateful person. I didn't have a group I could call my own. The only group that became my own was criminals."



At 15, Stern was sent to live in a youth services group home, which he describes as "prison for kids."

"I went in there for relatively minor things like skipping class, but when I got there, it was full of young, hardened criminals. There were drug dealers, prostitutes."

While he was at the home, one of the social workers attempted to sexually assault him and two other kids. "My parents never talked about it with me afterwards," Stern recalls. "I met with a prosecutor by myself."

Stern ran away from the group home shortly after that, and eventually moved back in with his parents. When he finished high school, Stern moved to Los Angeles, where he says he transitioned from a "petty criminal" to a "major gangster."

"We get this version of L.A., as some beautiful, luxurious place where the stars live. But in actuality, the underbelly of Los Angeles is far greater than any of the glitter and glam. There's a lot of broken dreams," Stern says.

"I met a lot of people while I was there. We were growing and trafficking [drugs], all kinds of stuff. I was in prison briefly. You leave L.A., and wonder if your time there was even real."

After nearly five years, Josh returned to Toronto fearing for his life. He started a family, and worked on a music career as a writer, producer and performer.

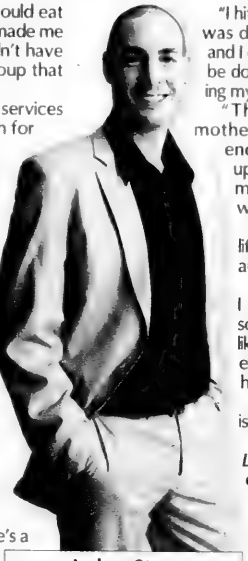
"I was trying to make conscious rap for at-risk kids. There were some gangster rap elements in my music, but there were warnings in all my songs," says Stern, whose stage name is The Truth.

"I would write about my experiences in L.A., and it was therapeutic for me. I was like four Oprah stories wrapped into one – I overcame sexual abuse, crime, drugs and near-death experiences."

Stern's music career came to an abrupt end when his mother died of leukemia shortly before his 30th birthday.

"I wrote my last song as my mom was dying. She was my biggest fan, my biggest supporter, and she was extremely giving. I remember her being bald, in the hospital, suffering from leukemia and stuffing envelopes with my media kit and my headshot to mail out to everyone."

After the death of his mother, Stern said he lost motivation to make music.



Joshua Stern

"I hit a really low-point in my life. I was drinking, on drugs, depressed, and I didn't like my job. I felt I should be doing so much more. I was fighting myself, every day," Stern recalls.

"Then I had a vision of my mother, and she said, 'Enough is enough. You need to smarten up, write your story, put your marriage back together, and work on positivity.'"

Stern says that changed his life and inspired him to write his autobiography.

"Immediately after that vision, I apologized to my wife, got sober, and started to write. I felt like I was a vessel, like someone else was using my body and my head," Stern said.

Within a month, he had finished the first draft.

Stern describes *A Mother's Love* as a personal account of his life as well as a warning for parents.

"Far too often young kids don't have an opportunity to share their thoughts with their family and be open and honest. By the time the signs are there, and a parent tries to start communicating, it's usually too late."

The book, which is scheduled for released in early 2012, has garnered encouraging responses, Stern says.

"When you find purpose, and you're positive and confident, it's really contagious. If I can come back from the depths of despair, have this dream, and get to where I am, anybody can do it. You just have to want it, and bad."

When he's not writing, Stern works as an advocate for at-risk youth. He hopes to open Marion's Place, a centre where kids can go for programs while they can't be watched by parents or teachers.

"Young people need a lot of attention and a lot of support," he says.

"Many families are struggling nowadays, and can't afford babysitters or extracurriculars for after school. But kids on their own will find mischief and trouble. They're falling through the cracks."

For more on Stern's story or to read excerpts from his book, visit www.amotherslove.ca.

More news for young Jews on heebonics.ca

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Intern at Israeli 'green' companies

I recently attended IdeaCity, the annual "meeting of the minds" hosted by Moses Znaimer. This year, the concept of "IdeaSex" – the combining of two or more ideas to make another better idea – was the focus.

In his book *The Rational Optimist*, Matt Ridley writes about the real world implications of IdeaSex, hypothesizing that the rate of cultural and economic progress depends on the rate at which ideas are procreating.

Speaking about Israel's economic progress at the IdeaCity conference, Saul Singer, co-author of the book *Start-up Nation: The Story of Israel's Economic Miracle*, made a valiant effort to connect IdeaSex with Israel's transformation from a semi-socialist backwater into a high-tech superpower.

Sustainable Jew

Fred Winegust

He talked about Shai Aggasi, the CEO of Better Place, a research and development company focused on electric cars and other means of sustainable transportation. Last year, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty visited Israel, where he met with Aggasi and saw the economic and sustainability value of electric car charging infrastructure deployment. The idea has manifested itself in Ontario, through the implementation of a Better Place pilot project with PowerStream, which is testing the infrastructure deployment for Ontario.

The story emphasized the need to create opportunities that facilitate IdeaSex and development of green technologies between Israel, a leader in sustainable technologies, and Canada.

It made me think. What if there was a program that could engage Canadian and American students and young professionals by placing them in Israeli startups and NGOs for first-hand experience and an exchange of ideas?

Imagine you are a student in a Canadian university or college. You are pursuing your dreams of tikkun olam by making it more sustainable. As part of fulfilling your degree requirements, you must gain experience in an environmental area – energy conservation, renewable energy or sustainable operations. You know about Israel entrepreneurship in the high-tech and renewable energy sectors. You want to gain experience, but are not ready to make aliyah. You want to be an Israel advocate, bringing positive experiences in Israel back to your campus in Canada.

The Israel Innovation Internship Program creates opportunities for young adults to work at Israeli companies and gain degree-relevant experience at Israeli startups and NGOs. In the environmental, or "green-teach" sector, alone, there are 25 positions available (www.careerisrael.com).

Developed by Canada Israel Experience, a department of UIA Federations Canada, in partnership with UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and Career Israel, the program creates opportunities for Canadian-Israeli IdeaSex that can benefit sustainable development strategies in Canada and strengthen the image of Israel abroad.

Experiencing Israel through the Israel Innovation Internship Program or a similar initiative creates economic and academic ambassadors for Canada and Israel. By strengthening ties between our homeland and the land-of-our-home, we can connect the next generation of Canadian Jewry to Israel, and their Jewish identity, all while striving to fulfil the fundamental Jewish value of tikkun olam.

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¼ c maple syrup

1 onion, diced

½ tsp cinnamon

salt to taste

Prepare Israeli couscous according to package instructions; use vegetable broth for more flavour. (If you use a rice cooker, you'll have perfect couscous).

Cover a baking sheet with parchment paper; place sweet potato cubes onto parchment and coat with oil, then brush with maple syrup. Bake at 375° for 20 min. or until softened. Saute diced onions until carmelized. When couscous is done, allow to cool, then break up so couscous is separated; add sweet potatoes and onion. Season with cinnamon and salt to taste.

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The CJN's French-language reporter in Montreal, Elias Levy, writes about:

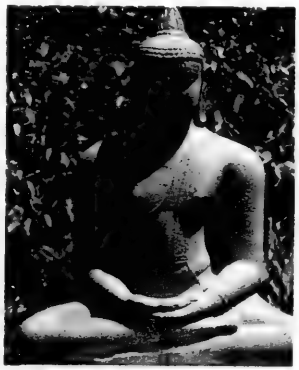
French author Marc Levy, who talked about his work and his view of his Judaism during his recent visit to Montreal to promote his latest book.

Also on the web

After months of discussion and controversy, the City of Montreal has decided to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Mordecai Richler's death by renaming the gazebo on Mount Royal after the author.

About 800 members of various segments and demographics of the community came to explore issues affecting the rainbow of Jewish life in Montreal at Le Mood: The Alternative Jewish Festival.

Pasadena, Calif. is a treasure. There are more wonderful, surprising things to do than you can count. Below: A sculpture of a Buddha at the world famous Norton Simon Museum.



If you enjoy reading cookbooks…

By Sue Epstein
Special to The CJN

As a self-described cookbookaholic, one thing I look forward to this time of the year is the semi-annual appearance of the new cookbooks. I'm an admitted cookbook addict and have hundreds.

Since I read cookbooks the way some people read novels, I can't wait to get my hands on the latest ones and curl up with a cup of tea and a new cookbook, reading and planning the recipes I'm going to try.

Here are two new books I think are must-haves for anyone who loves to cook.

Persian Food from the Non-Persian Bride, by Reyna Simnegar (Feldheim) is not only a cookbook but also a tale of a young Venezuelan girl whose family dates back to the Spanish Inquisition. Until the age of 12, she didn't know she was Jewish (her family were *Anusim* (*Marranos*, or Crypto Jews). Her stories of learning to cook authentic cuisine for her Persian husband in Los Angeles are funny and intriguing, the 110 full-colour photos are gorgeous, and of course, the recipes – you'll want to start at page 1 and try them all! Even the most inexperienced cooks will learn to prepare delicious Persian meals in no time from her step-by-step recipes – dishes like Persian Pomegranate Soup, Veal or Lamb Roast with Dates and Apricots, Chelo with Potato Tadig, and a selection of wonderful Persian stews, snacks and desserts.

The author includes Persian menus for holidays and simchahs, where ingredients can be purchased and substitutions for ingredients that might be difficult to find.

RED RICE WITH ONIONS *(Polo Germez)*

3 cups basmati rice, checked and rinsed
1 (28-ounce) can crushed tomatoes
3 cups water
½ cup canola oil
1 ½ tbsp. salt
¼ tsp. ground saffron (optional)
1 large onion, chopped into small dice

Fill a 6-quart non-stick saucepan with rice, tomatoes, water, canola oil, salt, saffron and onion. Mix together. Cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium/low. Simmer for 10 minutes.

Uncover and place 2 paper towels (one on top of the other) over the rice. The ends will extend outside the pot. Replace the lid tightly. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 30 minutes. Turn off the heat and tilt the lid to allow the steam to escape so that the crunchy bottom does not become soggy.

Serve on a shallow platter, mounding the rice into a pyramid, and garnishing with the tagid (the crunchy, golden crust created by cooking rice Persian-style). Makes 8 servings.

Kosher Elegance, The Art of Cooking with Style, by Efrat Libfroind (Feldheim, May 2011). Each of the 115 recipes (with gorgeous full-colour photos) from this professional chef and mother of six will impress you. This is a cookbook for when you want to "wow!" your family or guests for a special occasion with dishes such as Caramelized Vegetables on a Bed of Sweet Potato Puree, Chicken Breasts Stuffed with Hazelnuts and Cranberries or Pistachio-Coated Cranberry Cream Roulade.

The photo presentations may lead you to think the dishes are too complicated, but Libfroind's recipes are made from simple ingredients and she gives suggestions for serving the dish simply or tips for show-stopping exquisite presentations. The chapter on "Occasions" has recipes for Shabbat, holidays and special events; "Brunch" offers delicious dairy dishes; "Simplicity" contains two-minute recipes that everyone needs at times; and "Temptation" and "Chocolate" are reputation-making desserts.

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Up in the air

Israel Air Force cadets rejoiced at their graduation ceremony attended by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Chief of Staff Benny Ganz, Defence Minister Ehud Barak, President Shimon Peres and air force commander Maj.-Gen. Ido Nehushtan. *[IDF/Israel Sun photo]*

Shul introduces interfaith burial

Myron Love
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — A motion to redevelop a portion of Shaarey Zedek Synagogue's cemetery for interfaith burial was almost unanimously accepted at a recent meeting attended by about 80 congregants.

The congregation made the June 29 decision to accommodate the changing demographics of Jewish life in North America.

"We have to go where the people are," said Ian Staniloff, the Shaarey Zedek's executive director, adding that "up to 70 per cent of young Jewish Winnipeggers are in interfaith marriages."

Staniloff said that the synagogue has for some time been accepting non-Jews as members if they have Jewish spouses who are members. The proviso is that the non-Jewish spouse cannot serve on the board or ritual committee, nor be on the bimah during services.

"We have been considering the issue of joint burial for couples in an interfaith marriage for a couple of years," Staniloff said. "We are not quite at that stage yet where there is much demand, but the big wave is coming."

He added that the interfaith burial decision is intended to accommodate not only Shaarey Zedek members but also the wider Jewish community – as does the cemetery itself.

Shaarey Zedek is Winnipeg's largest congregation and the more than 100-year-old synagogue is the city's oldest. Four years ago, the Conservative shul opened its doors to gay, lesbian and transgendered members, and senior Rabbi Alan Green has expressed a willingness to perform same-sex marriages.

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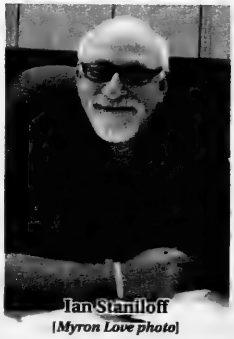

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Offer Rescinded

OTTAWA — Liberal MP Irwin Cotler has rescinded his personal invitation to Palestinian Authority (PA) leader Mahmoud Abbas to visit Canada and meet the Jewish community because of the reconciliation accord Fatah-controlled PA signed in May with Hamas – a terrorist group governing Gaza bent on destroying Israel. Cotler made the announcement at the recent President's Conference in Israel. Abbas was originally due to visit Canada by this summer, but the trip was put on hold indefinitely last February because of upheaval in the Arab world.

Negev Dinner

LONDON — Close to 300 people attended the annual Negev Dinner, honouring Anne Marie DeCicco-Best, the former mayor of London. The London Jewish National Fund (JNF) is supporting forest rehabilitation at the Birya Fortress Lookout, near the town of Safed, which was damaged by fires caused by Hezbollah rockets during the 2006 Lebanon war.

WORLD

Most Wanted

DETROIT — A Canadian citizen who once lived in Michigan is accused of planning to travel to Israel to detonate a bomb on behalf of Hezbollah. Faouzi Ayoub, 44, formerly of Dearborn, Mich., was added to the FBI's most wanted list of terrorists last week after a two-year-old indictment against him for passport fraud was unsealed. His whereabouts are unknown. Ayoub, a native of Lebanon, is accused of trying to enter Israel in 2000 on a false passport in order to carry out a bombing attack for Hezbollah. He reportedly was part of an exchange of 436 prisoners released by Israel for businessman Elhanan Tannenbaum and the bodies of three Israeli soldiers.

Petition Calls for Justice

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — A campaign has been launched to bring the masterminds of the AMIA Jewish centre bombing to justice.

The Latin American Jewish Congress launched the petition campaign in commemoration of the 17th anniversary of the July 18, 1994, terrorist attack. The petition is to be delivered to Argentina's president, Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, on the anniversary of the bombing, which killed 85 and injured more than 300.

"The masterminds of the attack have not been brought to justice yet, but only Iran is to blame since they refuse to co-operate with the Argentine justice," said Claudio Epleman, director of the Latin American Jewish Congress, a regional chapter of the World Jewish Congress.

Meanwhile, Bolivian President Evo Morales apologized for meeting with Iranian Defence Minister Ahmad Vahidi, calling it "a mistake." Morales made the apology in a meeting with Aldo Donzis, head of the DAIA Jewish political umbrella in Argentina.

Argentina has accused Vahidi of planning the attack on the AMIA Jewish centre. The Argentine Justice Department had called on Interpol to detain Vahidi, who has had an international arrest warrant issued against him since 2007.

Bomb plot

NEW YORK — A federal judge who sentenced three men to 25 years in prison for plotting to blow up synagogues in New York City said the government provoked the crime. The men could have faced life in prison following their convictions last October for planting bombs at the Riverdale Jewish Center and the Riverdale Temple and of planning to shoot down U.S. military aircraft using surface-to-air missiles. The men, all Muslim converts, were arrested in May 2009 after being caught in an FBI sting operation. The government "created acts of terrorism out of [the accused's] fantasies of bravado and bigotry, and then made those fantasies come true," said Manhattan U.S. District Court Judge Colleen McMahon.

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Changes underway at Toronto federation

Campaign total down about $1 million

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Concurrent with the recent restructuring of the Canadian Jewish community national advocacy structure, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto has been undergoing its own changes, partly because of the restructuring, and partly as a result of belt-tightening in the wake of a lower campaign total this past year.

The most recent UJA campaign brought in $63 million, compared to $64 million the previous year. Federation president and CEO Ted Sokolsky told *The CJN* last week that a decision was made, that, "in order to keep our allocations stable, we'd trim our overhead."

Sokolsky noted that the past few years have been challenging for all philanthropies. "We're very fortunate to hold our own."

The recent decrease is a departure from a growth trend that spanned 12 years when the UJA campaign virtually doubled, from $33.5 million in 1997 to $65 million in 2009, Sokolsky noted.

Over the course of the past year, four or five federation staff members were let go, three or four contract positions ended, and "a couple" of positions were left unfilled after federation employees retired, Sokolsky said.

At UJA Federation, budgetary cutbacks made up for the campaign shortfall, adding up to at least $1 million, Sokolsky said. Allocations to community agencies have been more or less "constant," although some have had cuts of up to five per cent. "There have been some small adjustments up and down."

Ted Sokolsky

In a different type of change, last week two UJA Federation staff members moved to the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy 2.0 (CIJA 2.0) – the working title for the new entity, Sokolsky said. Among them are Howard English, the federation's former vice-president of corporate communications, and Leigh Brown, who worked in public and media relations. English has taken on a senior position, but his title has not been finalized, confirmed Shimon Fogel, CEO of CIJA 2.0. English and others in his position will remain under the umbrella of their local federations.

The new national organization – which has taken over the advocacy roles of the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canada-Israel Committee, Quebec Israel Committee, the University Outreach Committee and National Jewish Campus Life – has staff in other Canadian federations as well.

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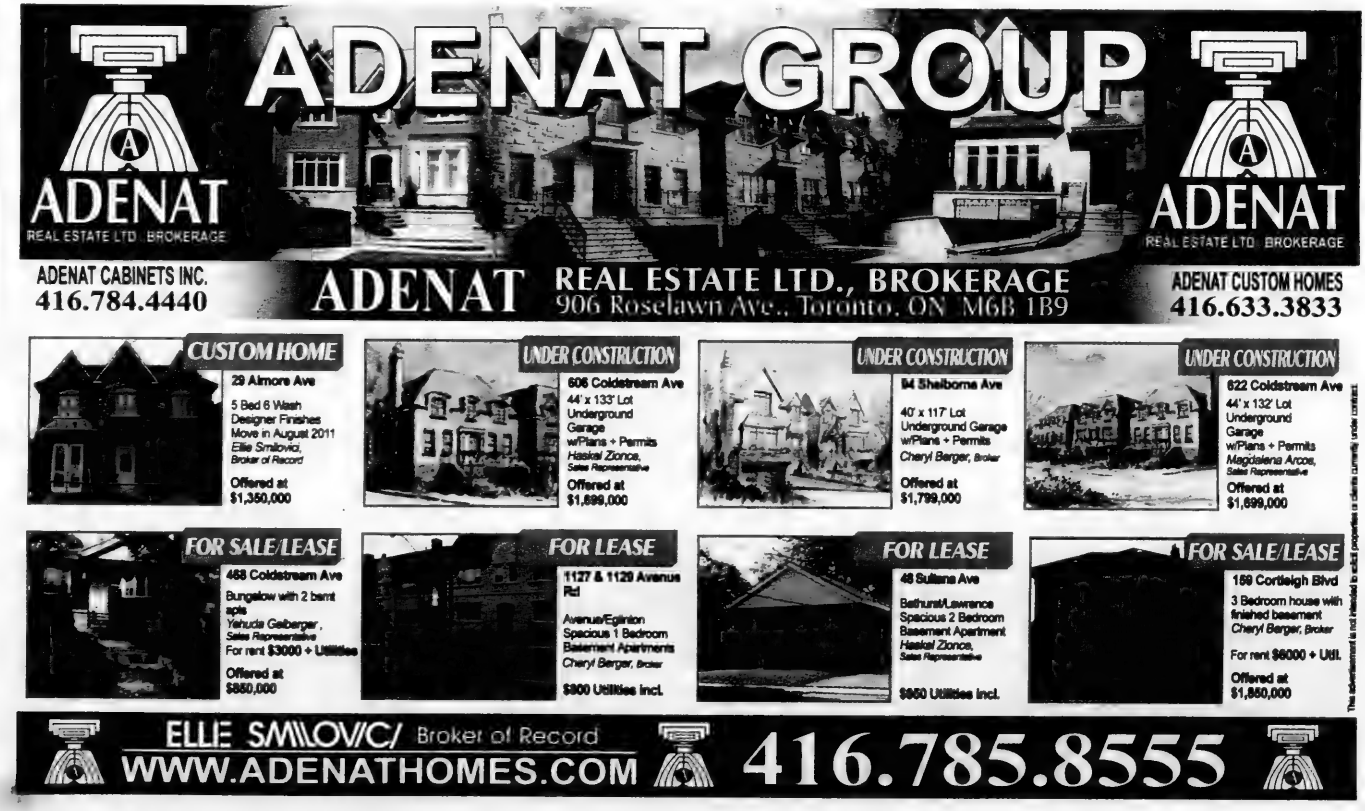

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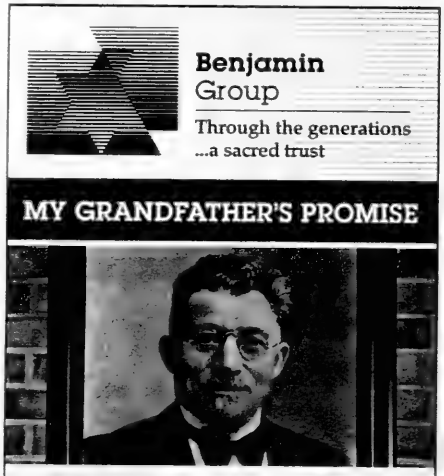
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'If I can help, I will'

From the editor's desk...

This is the last of three columns about the Rambam Health Care Campus in Haifa. I spent two eye-opening and exhausting days there this past May walking the halls, observing and interviewing.

Spending two intense days in the halls of any busy hospital (especially one such as Rambam, which leads the way in so many areas of clinical treatment and medical research) earnestly taking notes and engaging with countless expert and lay individuals, would, of course, always be exhausting and eye-opening.

But there is an added element combining pride, respect, wonderment and humility that emerges from a visit to Rambam. I also noted it some weeks ago in relation to my visit to the Meir Medical Centre in Kfar Saba, in central Israel.

And this is why.

The nature of the life-saving work at Rambam profoundly belies the calumnies and character assassination spread so zealously about Israel and its society by the boycotters. Moreover, the men and women work at Rambam ardently, without hesitation or reservation toward their moral and professional obligations even in the face of the loud and louder campaigns against them and their state.

Dr. Mark Eidelman came to Israel, with two small children, from the former Soviet Union. He is the director of the Pediatric Orthopedic Department of the children's hospital. Because of the daring and the success of his work, he is known as the "miracle worker." His main areas of interest in orthopedics are limb lengthening and deformity corrections, clubfoot, pelvic osteotomies and pediatric trauma. He is called upon to correct orthopedic messes.

Some 70 per cent of Eidelman's pediatric cases are Arab children, from the north of Israel, the West Bank, Gaza and even outside Israel.

"We do whatever we can to treat all patients properly. I do not differentiate between patients," Eidelman told *The CJN*. Then, with a sad sigh of resignation, he added "But I have no dreams about peace."

Dr. Shlomi Israelit is the director, emergency trauma department. He speaks with a low-key urgency in his voice, no doubt the result of working in conditions of unremitting, unending constant pressure at the hospital and as an airborne doctor in the Israel Defence Forces on missions of high-risk rescue.

He told *The CJN* that Rambam's emergency department treats about 300 patients a day. About half of them are moderately to severely injured. And they do about 15 resuscitations daily, that is, they "bring back to life" about 15 people each day. One-third of the physicians on his staff are Arabs; another third are former Russians; another third are, what Israelit calls "old-timers."

These days, Israelit stated with considerable relief, the trauma he and his staff treat is "civilian" trauma. In Israel, however, emergency medical trauma often arrives through terror and war. When it does, his department is the first line of the medical trenches in the north.

"We have also saved the lives of terrorists," Israelit said. "I don't regret that. My role is saving lives."

Helping save lives in a non-medical way, has essentially been the life's work of Hulda Gurevich. The remarkable 84-year-old is known at the hospital as "the angel in white." This past Yom Ha'atzmaut she received the Israel Prize. Ever since the difficult days of the Yom Kippur War in October 1973, the tall, stately woman, clad always in dazzling white, has been a daily fixture at the hospital tending to the morale of patients and even of weary professionals.

Gurevich speaks very emphatically, waving her large hands to underscore the gravity of her words even as she holds the listener in the grip of her emotion and with her piercing azure eyes. "If I can help, I will," she told *The CJN*, referring to the plight of anyone in need. "All my life, I have volunteered in whatever way I could. It was a tradition in our home, an example I saw from my grandparents," Gurevich elaborated.

Hulda Gurevich

As we spoke, a woman interrupted us to hug Gurevich and convey her congratulations to her for receiving the Israel Prize the week before.

"Rambam can be an example for the whole world," Gurevich said, finding just the right words to sum up my feelings about the hospital. "Jews, Muslims, Christians, Druze even Armenians who were mistreated by the Turks. Everyone receives support here," the angel in white said.

True again, I thought, to the teachings of the Rambam: "May I never see in the patient anything but a fellow creature in pain."

– MBD

Antisemitism rising in Canada, parliamentary inquiry says

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

The final report of the Canadian Parliamentary Coalition to Combat Antisemitism (CPCCA) states Canada is turning into a hotbed of antisemitic activity, especially on university campuses.

The coalition released the report on July 7 after nearly two years of hearings on the subject, and is calling on the government to do more to fight the spread of antisemitism in the country.

In February 2009, 125 parliamentarians from more than 40 countries gathered in London for the inaugural conference of the Inter-parliamentary Committee for Combating Antisemitism (ICCA).

The Canadian coalition is associated with this committee, and was formed in March 2009 in the aftermath of the London conference.

That conference produced *The London Declaration for Combating Antisemitism*, which required conference participants to return to their respective legislatures and establish inquiries into the "existing nature and state of antisemitism in their countries and developing recommendations for government and civil society action."

The CPCCA inquiry panel was led by former Liberal MP for Davenport, Mario Silva, and Conservative MP for Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington, Scott Reid. The coalition is also led by Citizenship and Immigration Minister Jason Kenney and its international steering committee chair, Irwin Cotler, Liberal MP for Mont Royal.

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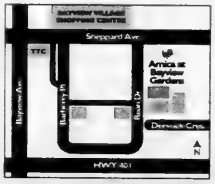

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JDL turns tables on anti-Israel crowd

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

An anti-Israel lecture at the University of Toronto was disrupted last week when Jewish Defense League national director Meir Weinstein got into a shouting match with a Palestinian speaker and members of the audience.

Weinstein said 10 minutes into a lecture by Omar Barghouti, one of the founders of the BDS (boycott, divestment and sanctions) movement and an advocate for the academic boycott of Israel, he rose to confront the speaker's "lies."

Barghouti, who studies at Tel Aviv University, was criticizing Israel for "apartheid" and calling for its isolation, Weinstein said.

"The bottom line of what he wants is, no Jewish state... He was going on how it's important to boycott Israel and how Israel has to be isolated as much as possible, that even though he was born in Qatar, it's his land."

After a few minutes of cross-shouting, captured on tape and posted on the Internet, Weinstein and several JDL members were ushered out of the lecture hall at the Sandford Fleming Building by campus security.

Weinstein said that while he attended the lecture hoping to pose questions to the speaker, he's pleased with the outcome.

"I've seen how these guys interrupt Israeli speakers and they're proud of that. I thought a taste of their own medicine would be OK."

Weinstein added, "We're looking to embolden the Jewish community here and other Jewish communities and cities to not take a back seat anymore."

Isn't he worried such tactics could escalate?

"It's already happening on campuses versus pro-Israeli speakers. It's been going on for years and it's about time they get a taste of their own medicine. Is it something we like to do or relish? No. We wish we didn't have to protest."

Barghouti's lecture was organized by the Coalition Against Israeli Apartheid; Ontario Public Interest Research Group (U of T); Students Against Israeli Apartheid (Toronto); Faculty4Palestine; Palestine House Educational and Cultural Centre; and the Canadian Arab Federation.

Muslim prayers in school spark controversy

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

An accommodation policy that permits Muslim prayers in a school cafeteria during class hours likely violates Canadian law that prohibits religious prayers in schools, said law professor Ed Morgan.

"Facts are everything" when it comes to determining whether the practice complies with case law, Morgan said.

But based on media reports it appears a Toronto District School Board (TDSB) school is helping organize the prayer session and lending its imprimatur to religious services.

"That sounds to me to run afoul of the Charter of Rights," he said.

Ed Morgan

Last week, Canadian Hindu Advocacy (CHA) raised concerns over prayer in Valley Park Middle School in Flemingdon Park.

"We've been hearing complaints for a few months from parents and students," said CHA director Ron Banerjee.

The parents and students approached the CHA because "they felt the TDSB and the school were so pro-Islamist that they'd suffer consequences if they brought it up," Banerjee said.

"They don't feel it's appropriate for the cafeteria to be taken over during class hours by any group."

Parents and students feel it disrupts classes as many students leave to attend the prayers and when they return, they have to be brought up to speed on the material they missed, he said, adding, "How do you know what's being taught?"

Morgan said that in cases dating back to the mid-1980s, Canadian courts have ruled that school prayers, even with an opt-out provision, violate charter guarantees of freedom of religion.

It was determined that such a policy could potentially create strong social pressure to participate and could stigmatize children who aren't interested.

In the current case, "the school is intimately involved in the organization of it. It looks like the school gives its imprimatur," Morgan said.

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) long opposed the practice of permitting prayers in public schools.

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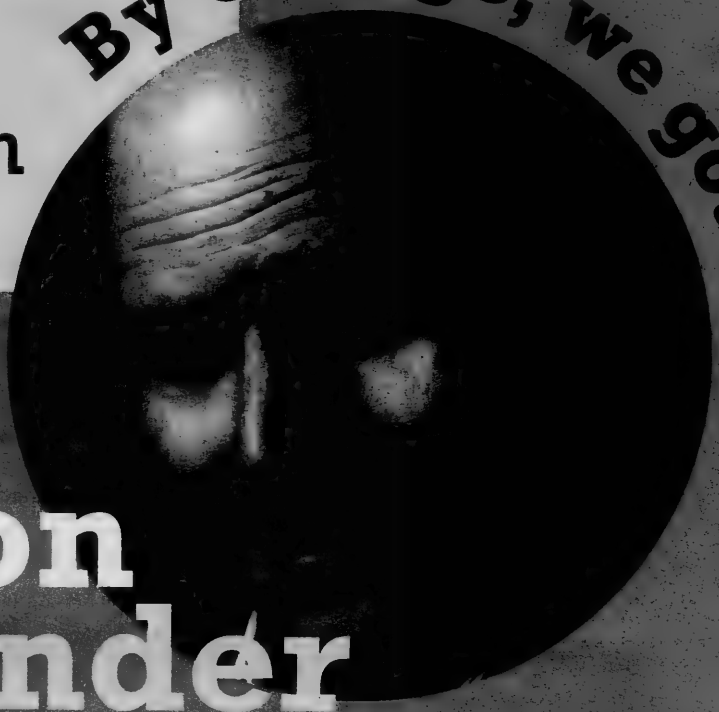

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Farewell Lebanon

So hysterical and widely saturating has been the media coverage of the second Gaza flotilla and the "alternative" Ben-Gurion Airport flotilla that the effective dissolution of a clerically balanced Lebanon has gone unnoticed and unmourned.

Last week, Prime Minister Najib Mikati won parliamentary support for his proposed government. Mikati has the full backing of Hezbollah. In light of the fact that Hezbollah, the radical Shia rulers, are merely glorified satraps of their funders, backers and armourers in Tehran and close allies of Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad, Mikati's parliamentary victory is, in truth, a legal ligature tying Lebanon for the present and foreseeable future to the outstretched tentacles of Iran.

The vote in the Lebanese parliament came less than a week after a UN tribunal issued its final report into the murder of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, in 2005.

The tribunal issued warrants for the arrest of four members of Hezbollah and made clear the link to the murder of the current Syrian regime. Hassan Nasrallah, the head of the radical Lebanese Shia group, immediately condemned the report. Indeed, he had condemned the work of the tribunal long before it arrived at any conclusions, calling it "a U.S.-Israeli plot which is targeting Hezbollah and Syria."

Nasrallah vowed he would never hand over the individuals named by the criminal investigation and will not hand over any of the suspects.

Hariri was a popular, western-oriented leader of Lebanon. His son, Saad, also a former prime minister of the country, left the legislative chamber before the voting began last week to protest the effective takeover of his country by extremist Shia Islamists. He saw the futility of the vote.

It was a theatrical trick staged by Hezbollah to lend the Mikati government the cloak of parliamentary legitimacy in which it will constantly and self-servingly wrap itself against the cold and howling winds from those who yet remember what Lebanon once was and who will lament what the western world and the Middle East have lost.

Mikati promised his government would co-operate with the United Nation's investigators trying to bring the Hariri murderers to justice. But, as Nasrallah himself said, that simply won't happen.

According to Middle East analyst Barry Rubin, Hezbollah controls 70 per cent of the government's ministries.

A moderate, western-oriented government is now impossible. Worse. A moderate, western-oriented Lebanon is now impossible. Farewell to the Lebanon that was the dream of the Lebanese who saw Beirut as the Paris of the Middle East.

Welcome, alas, to the new Lebanon that is the dream of the Iranians who see Beirut as a bridge on the march to Jerusalem.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

Ignoring pleas from the Jewish community, the Canadian government sent a congratulatory telegram and an official representative to the inauguration ceremony of Austrian President Kurt Waldheim. Waldheim had been accused of hiding his Nazi past.

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Flotilla lawsuit misconceived

In my view, Cherna Rosenberg's lawsuit to use Canadian law to enjoin Canadian groups from participating in the International Freedom Flotilla to Gaza is misconceived and may do more harm than good ("Lawsuit aimed at stopping Canadian boat in Gaza flotilla," June 16). I say this for the following reasons. First, it is safe to predict that the litigation will drag on for years (unless it is abandoned in the meantime), while the defendants question Rosenberg's eligibility to bring the action and the constitutional validity of the Canadian law in so far as it prevents Canadians from providing humanitarian aid to the civilian population in Gaza. A second reason is that it'll provide more ammunition for both pro-Israeli and pro-Arab groups to use Canada as a battleground for their ideological warfare, greatly, I suspect, to the distaste of many Canadians.

My third reason is that the lawsuit is more likely to alienate public opinion than to rally it in support of Israel's position. I have close and very well informed non-Jewish friends in Toronto who are critical of Israeli policies in the West Bank and who strongly believe that Israel is as much a sinner as being sinned against. They will see this litigation as another (albeit covert) attempt by the Israeli government to influence international opinion in its favour. I have little doubt many other Canadians will share their skepticism.

Finally and not least, I see the lawsuit as distracting attention from what should be every concerned Canadian's position: to help promote a fair and lasting settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict, a conflict that has poisoned international relations for the past 64 years and more. In my view, the Canadian government could play its most constructive role by encouraging ongoing dialogue between the Muslim and Jewish communities in our own backyard. Up to now, and most regrettably, they have largely seen each other as two solitudes perpetuating the biases and prejudices so common between Arabs and Israelis in the Middle East.

Jacob Ziegel
Toronto

Church's boycott call

In the article "United Church wing calls for boycott" (June 23), I do not understand why a Toronto presbytery of the United Church of Canada is calling on its members to boycott six Canadian and Israeli companies because of their activities in the West Bank, but does not involve itself with the atrocities of Libya, and Syria. Why not boycott Lebanon as well for not allowing Palestinians to become citizens of that country? Why not boycott Gaza for firing rockets into the State of Israel?

Mark Lazare
Notre Dame de L'Île Perrot, Que.

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'Israeli apartheid' not antisemitism

There are good reasons to be suspicious of the term "Israeli apartheid." That it is antisemitic is not among them. Antisemitism is hatred of or bias toward Jews as Jews – it's less about what we do, than it is about who we are. That's what makes it so terrible. The charge that Israel is an apartheid state is a charge about Israeli policy, about what the Israeli government does, not about the Jewish people as such (or even about what Jews as a group do). Misusing the charge of antisemitism isn't good for anybody: it mischaracterizes many critics of Israeli policy, which is bad for healthy debate, and it weakens the ability to combat true antisemitism.

Jacob Schiff
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The 'piece' Palestinians want

As a Jewish-British-Canadian who loves Israel dearly, I cannot agree with letter writer Avraham Zer-Aviv ("Endorse a Palestinian state," June 16). Jordan is a Palestinian state in the area designated by the League of Nations on Sept. 16, 1922. At the same time, the League of Nations designated as Jewish Palestine the area from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean. Israel has full legal rights to build in this area, and if anyone is exercising illegal occupation, it is the Palestinians, these same Palestinians who do not want to recognize Israel as a Jewish state. They say they want peace – the only "peace" they want is the "piece" that is Israel.

Allan Edwards
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Lessons of Gaza departure resonate six years later

Linda Gradstein
JTA

Yisrael Medad remembers when just eight families lived in the red-roofed homes in the Jewish settlement of Shiloh deep in the hills of the West Bank.

Now some 2,500 Israelis live here, and Shiloh has playgrounds, schools and a yeshiva. The red-roofed homes sprawl over several hills, and new homes continue to be built. At the bottom of the hill is the archeological excavation of the biblical Shiloh, where the Tabernacle is believed to have been built.

Shiloh is often cited as one of the settlements likely to be uprooted under any final peace deal with the Palestinians. It is relatively isolated, about 28 miles north of Jerusalem, halfway between the Palestinian cities of Ramallah and Nablus.

But with little movement in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, Shiloh is not likely to disappear anytime soon. And even in the long term, any discussion of dismantling Jewish settlements in the West Bank is haunted by Israel's experience six years ago this summer, when the removal of some 9,000 settlers from their homes in the Gaza Strip was followed by a Hamas takeover of Gaza and rocket attacks against Israel.

"The expulsion from Gaza should serve as a warning for any withdrawal from Judea and Samaria," said Hamutal Cohen of the Committee for the Residents of Gush Katif, which was the largest bloc of Jewish settlements in Gaza. "The government totally failed with 9,000 settlers. How can they manage with tens of thousands?"

Only 20 per cent of the 1,700 families forced to leave Gaza have moved into permanent homes, according to the committee. Many, especially farmers, have not been able to find work.

"You can't fix the trauma and crisis these people are still suffering six years later," Danny Danon, a Knesset member from the Likud party, told JTA. "Marriages have broken up and a lot of kids dropped out of school. People still live like refugees."

There is great debate in Israel over whether the withdrawal from Gaza, which then-prime minister Ariel Sharon carried out in August 2005, was a strategic failure or success.

On the one hand, Israel no longer had to deal with the daily security threats and headache of protecting 9,000 Jews in Gaza. And on the diplomatic front, Israel's withdrawal ended Israel's formal occupation of the coastal strip, which it had captured from Egypt in 1967 but never incorporated into Israel proper.

On the other hand, a year after the Israeli withdrawal, Hamas seized control of Gaza, and rocket fire from Gaza into southern Israel increased dramatically. At the end of 2008, Israel launched a three-week war to stem the rocket fire, drawing international condemnation for its military actions. Over the last few years, Palestinian advocates have also argued that Israel's blockade of Gaza, which has loosened recently, constituted a de facto continuation of the occupation.

Danon says the Gaza withdrawal was clearly a mistake and a West Bank pullback would be an even bigger mistake. Citing the rocket threat, he noted that an Israeli withdrawal even from part of the West Bank would leave central Israel – including Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Ben-Gurion Airport – well within Palestinian rocket range.

"People in Israel were willing to pay a heavy price in exchange for a real peace, but now they feel betrayed," Danon said. "They feel like it was all for nothing."

Then there's the military challenge inherent in any West Bank withdrawal. During the pullout from Gaza, many in Israel speculated that pro-settler soldiers and officers would disobey orders to evacuate the Gaza settlers. That did not happen and most soldiers did their jobs. The few who, in good conscience, felt they could not perform this duty were quietly excused.

But a withdrawal from the West Bank could be different. For one thing, the number of settlers whose communities would not be annexed to Israel could exceed 80,000 (an estimated 320,000 Jews are living in West Bank settlements, not including eastern Jerusalem, which Israel annexed).

Yossi Klein Halevi, a journalist and a fellow at Jerusalem's Shalom Hartman Institute, says support for Jewish settlers in the West Bank has gone mainstream in a way that support for settlements in Gaza never did.

"Two generations have grown up in Israel who see the settlements not only as part of Israel but as the heart of Israel," Halevi told JTA. "Any withdrawal from the West Bank would involve mass refusal of soldiers to follow orders, and I am deeply worried about the ability of the army to continue to be an effective fighting force."

Golani Brigade soldiers leaving the "Girit" (badger) outpost on the Philadelphi route, located on the Gaza-Egypt border. ***[Israel Sun photos]***

Halevi estimates that Jewish settlers and their supporters make up 40 per cent of some combat units; an Israeli army spokesperson said the Israel Defence Forces does not release figures "on such a sensitive subject." Orthodox men, who constitute a wellspring of support for the settlements, continue to volunteer for combat units in large numbers.

These Orthodox youths also are fiercely loyal to their rabbis. When Israeli police recently detained Rabbi Dov Lior of the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba to question him on charges of incitement and racism, hundreds of Orthodox youths in Jerusalem blocked streets and clashed with police. If Rabbi Lior issued a ruling that it is forbidden to force Jews to leave Jewish settlements in the West Bank, many Orthodox Jewish soldiers might find themselves torn.

Gershon Baskin of the Israel Palestine Center for Research and Information says such fears are overstated and that most religious soldiers would follow the orders of the army, not their rabbis.

"Israel is a state where the rule of law works," Baskin told JTA. "If there's a democratic decision which is seen as legitimate, supported by Knesset and perhaps backed by a referendum, the public will not be behind any settlers who will take the law into their own hands and use violence.

"It will be much more traumatic than the Gaza withdrawal. But if people are convinced that peace is going to be real and settlement withdrawal would be gradual and incremental over time," they would support it, he said.

It's not clear whether Jews who live in settlements like Shiloh would have the option of staying on under Palestinian sovereignty or whether they would want to remain. Some Palestinian officials, including Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Salam Fayyad, have welcomed the idea, but PA President Mahmoud Abbas has expressed reservations.

"If a Palestinian state is created and my security could be ensured, I would definitely choose to stay," said Medad, who has lived in Shiloh since 1981.

An Israeli family prepares to leave South Gush Katif-Morag in Gaza in 2005.

Rabbi Hartman offers a 'theology of response'

Although he moved from Montreal to Jerusalem in 1971, Rabbi David Hartman still inspires many Canadians with his warmth, his passion and his brilliance. Similarly, as his new book makes clear, his experiences as a Montreal rabbi continue to shape him, too. In *The God Who Hates Lies: Confronting & Rethinking Jewish Tradition*, Hartman continues struggling with some of the dilemmas congregants shared with him. His response has triggered his bold approach to Halachah, Jewish law, as he seeks to "embrace a tradition that embraces a God who embraces life."

Gil Troy

in Montreal

A courageous thinker, Rabbi Hartman runs toward the very conflicts others flee. Struggling with the agunah question, the purgatory a woman suffers when her husband does not give her a signed divorce decree, he recalls one "major modern Orthodox halachic authority" who told him: "This is my personal Akedah," comparing his frustration over this archaic rule with the test of faith God imposed on Abraham by binding Isaac for sacrifice. "Your Akedah," Rabbi Hartman snapped. "Is that supposed to bring comfort to the abandoned woman whose life is passing her by?" Rabbi Hartman recoils from "this theological posturing, with its distasteful rhetoric of rabbinic helplessness and suffering."

As a young rabbi, Rabbi Hartman was so busy encouraging his congregants to observe the commandments he overlooked what he calls "many of Halachah's darker moral trends." He tells the story of Peter, a 45-year-old single congregant who fell in love with Susan. Although both were serious Jews, Peter as a Kohen – a priest – was forbidden from marrying Susan, a convert. This reading of Jewish virtue when it comes to conversions, along with, as he puts it, "the systemic moral challenge of feminism," propelled Rabbi Hartman into a "meta-halachic" search, trying to understand the central principle underlying Jewish law.

Rabbi Hartman regretfully rejects the "theology of halachic permanence" articulated by his beloved teacher, Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik. In a powerful chapter asking *Where Did Modern Orthodoxy Go Wrong?*, Rabbi Hartman critiques Rabbi Soloveitchik's approach, which freezes Jewish law "permanently and uniformly in place," ignoring "the passing of time" and "the shifting of culture." Hartman finds the approach "deeply inhuman," saying, "I must part company with a view of Halachah that takes it out of history and out of human experience.... I do not think that loyalty to and love for this tradition requires exiting history or exiting life."

Instead, Rabbi Hartman offers what he calls a "theology of response" based on the talmudic teaching not to "ascribe false things to God." The "God who hates lies" wants us to respond to our experiences, to our moral sensibilities, as they develop, to "incorporate" them "into our spiritual and ritual lives." Accepting the premise that "reality speaks," Rabbi Hartman identifies an authentic, historically rooted, Jewish theology that allows Peter to marry Susan because "identity drawn from choice and behaviour" trumps "identify as a biological gift of the God of Israel."

This morally driven theology will honour as a Jew the Russian-born Israeli soldier who dies fighting for the Jewish people, even if he may have some non-Jewish blood. This person-centred approach is open to honouring women as equal human beings having been "created in the image of God." And this sensitivity to history reframes the discussion about religion in the sovereign State of Israel by welcoming new moral horizons, as well as a deeper understanding of peoplehood, loyalty, and identity with a Halachah conceived in Jewish powerlessness now applied and adapted to the new reality of Jews having power.

Critics will rush to caricature Rabbi Hartman's argument as yet another reformer's appeal. But serious readers of this book will realize that such a dismissal is too facile. This book is "God-intoxicated" – Rabbi Hartman's phrase – and text-intoxicated, steeped in a passionate, erudite, creative yet reverential engagement with Jewish tradition. Rabbi Hartman is simply too learned to be ignored so easily. He knows his Maimonides and his Talmud, his Tanach and his Tosefos, rooting his humanistic halachic vision in a lively, learned, traditional reading of the sources.

In the 40 years since he left Montreal, Rabbi Hartman has been a revolutionary, doing good in Jerusalem and throughout the Jewish world. This prophet of pluralism, this philosopher who rejects falsehood, this rabbi of reason and reach has now posed a serious challenge to his Orthodox colleagues. It is incumbent upon them to read, respond – and maybe even reformulate, if not reform.

Hug a tree!

Rebbe Nachman of Bratslav, one of the most famous chassidic thinkers of the 19th century, composed a beautiful prayer in which he lauds nature as the scene of true spirituality.

He writes, "Master of the Universe, grant me the ability to be alone. May it be my custom to go outdoors each day among the trees and grasses, among all growing things, there to be alone and enter into prayer. There, may I express all that is in my heart, talking with The One to whom I belong. And may all grasses, trees and plants awake at my coming. Send the power of their life into my prayer, making whole my heart and my speech through the life and spirit of growing things, made whole by their transcendent Source. Oh! That they would enter my prayer! Then would I fully open my heart in prayer, supplication and holy speech; then, O Holy One, would I pour out the words of my heart before Your Presence."

The idea of finding spirituality in nature is not a new one, but it is a very popular one today. Ask a typical Jew where he or she feels more spiritual, and the answer will somehow be outdoors: at a sunset, on a mountaintop, at the ocean. But I'm not sure if they find spirituality in how the outdoors makes them feel (thus the spirituality is inner-directed) or in the power and majesty of nature itself (thus the spirituality is outward-directed.)

Do we ever truly feel the "life and spirit of growing things"? Do we ever summon "the power of their life" into our prayers? Do we feel the grasses, trees and plants awake at our coming? Not if we are afraid to be called that derogatory and dismissive name of "tree hugger."

But to be perfectly honest, walking in a redwood forest with the sunlight streaming through the canopies, or hiking a rainforest with 1,000-year-old growth, or standing beside a gnarled and beautifully smooth old trunk of a tree growing out of a barren cliff, how could I *not* hug it? How cold on the inside would I have to be to walk past it and not see its life and spirit?

Last month, I visited Boston, the house where my now-oldest son lived until the age of two. We went to see the tree we had planted the week of his birth, in a then-barren front yard. Now, 21 years later, he stood tall next to a tall tree. I hugged him. I hugged the tree. I felt the tree awake at our coming.

Midrash Rabbah (Genesis 10:6) says that every blade of grass has its own angel that bends over it and whispers, "Grow, grow." I have been in places so beautiful that I can hear the angel whisper to the grass. But only if I open my ears, unstop the city noise, and pause my own fear-of-being-too-touchy-feely button.

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein

in Toronto

We in Canada often find it difficult to feel the power of nature as a spiritual source because the city is not the forest, the apartment building is not the log cabin. We have so many months of cold and snow that unless we ski, it's hard to imagine the angel of slush.

But once the weather gets nice, as summer approaches, we need look no further than the trees in our backyards, the lake in Muskoka, the sound of the loons, the flowers as we garden, the azure sky and the summer thunderstorm, to be awed by the magnificence of nature. We need to take it just one step further, and we will discover the hidden power of spirituality: the ability and the desire to express gratitude, our own smallness, and awe in the face of beauty and natural majesty. To say a simple and silent blessing of thanks, to acknowledge out loud the life and spirit of all growing things.

Jewish tradition regards nature as sacred, and we are humans and partners in maintaining its beauty. So, even the way we go to the beach, the food we eat at the CNE, the trips to the neighbourhood park can all be seen as Jewish experiences if we place them in the context of thoughtful spiritual awareness. If we stop to hear the angel whisper to the grass and if we spend a moment alone, as Rebbe Nachman did each day, to express all that is in our hearts to the elegant and graceful world around us.

A cornucopia of books...

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

The days are longer and the sun is warmer. Summer is finally here, ushering in a new reading season.

Nearly 120 years ago, a young Jewish officer in the French army, Alfred Dreyfus, was wrongfully convicted of spying for Germany and packed off to purgatory on Devil's Island. The Dreyfus affair polarized France and changed it forever.

In *Dreyfus: Politics, Emotion, and the Scandal of the Century* (Metropolitan Books), Ruth Harris, an Oxford University historian, skillfully analyzes the social forces that caused and shaped this seminal event. Harris, a keen observer and fluent writer, delves into primary documents - letters and diaries from both sides - and delivers a splendid account of an injustice that shook a nation to its foundations.

When the German army swept unopposed into Paris on June 14, 1940, France lay prostrate. Within a week, France officially surrendered, but life in the City of Light proceeded as normal, except, of course, for its Jewish residents. Theatres, movie houses, cabarets and art galleries reopened, and for the next four years of the Nazi occupation, the arts flourished. Alan Riding, a former *New York Times* correspondent in Paris, describes this strange period with flair in a bracing book, *And the Show Went On: Cultural Life in Nazi-Occupied Paris* (Alfred A. Knopf).

Russian-born novelist Irene Nemirovsky, the author of *David Golder* and *Suite Francaise*, was an acclaimed literary figure in France when the Germans rolled in. She and her family fled to the countryside, but were caught and deported to Auschwitz. Drawing on her diaries, interviews and untapped archival material, co-authors Olivier Philipponnat and Patrick Lienhardt piece together her brief but lustrous career in *The Life of Irene Nemirovsky* (Alfred A. Knopf).

What was it like growing up in Nazi Germany? Frederic Tubach, an American who spent his formative years in the country, supplies the answers in a fine volume, *German Voices: Memories of Life During Hitler's Third Reich* (University of California Press). Tubach, in part, draws on 80,000 unpublished letters written by German civilians and soldiers during the war.

Harvard University Press has published the paperback edition of Gordon Horowitz's excellent *Ghettostadt: Lodz and the Making of a Nazi City*. Horowitz juxtaposes the misery of the sealed ghetto with the cleanliness and orderliness of the rest of the town.

The dangers and perils Hungarian Jews faced in Budapest following the German occupation in 1944 are well-known. Zsuzsanna Ozsvath, a survivor, viscerally recreates this dark era in *When the Danube Ran Red* (Syracuse University Press).

With ignominious defeat in sight, the Nazis escalated their brutal treatment of inmates in concentration camps by forcing them on death marches. By all accounts, 250,000 inmates perished, murdered by SS guards, army and police units and armed gangs. Daniel Blatman's *The Death Marches: The Final Phase of Nazi Genocide* (Harvard University Press) is exceedingly thorough and heartbreaking.

Inspired by racism and traditional Christian antisemitism, pro-Nazi German Protestant theologians redefined Jesus as an Aryan and Christianity as a religion at odds with Judaism. They propagated their noxious view through the Institute for the Study and Eradication of Jewish Influence on German Religious Life. Susannah Heschel, in *The Aryan Jesus: Christian Theologians and the Bible in Nazi Germany* (Princeton University Press), deftly examines this Nazified form of Christianity and its effect on believers.

Nazis on the Run: Hitler's Henchmen Fled Justice (Oxford University Press), by Gerald Steinacher, retells a morally disturbing story. After the war, thousands of Nazi criminals evaded arrest and imprisonment by fleeing Europe, all too often with the connivance and assistance of the Red Cross and the Vatican and the indifference of the victorious Allies. Steinacher believes they succeeded in escaping their fate because the concepts of moral guilt and responsibility had yet to be refined to our contemporary standards.

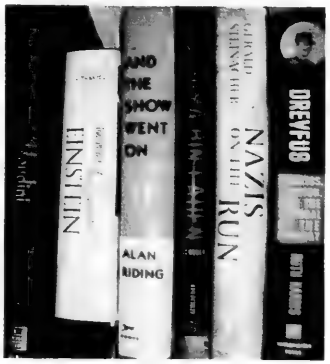
Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi officer charged with deporting the Jews of Hungary, was captured by the Mossad in Buenos Aires and flown to Israel to face the music. *The Eichmann Trial* (Schocken), by Deborah Lipstadt, is a comprehensive account of a show trial that transfixed the world and altered Israeli perceptions of the Holocaust.

Alvin Rosenfeld claims in his provocative work, *The End of the Holocaust* (Indiana University Press), that the proliferation of books, films, TV programs and public commemorations have perversely diluted and minimized the true meaning of the Holocaust. He cites examples, from the 1985 visit of Ronald Reagan to the Bitburg cemetery in Germany to the distortions revolving around Anne Frank's martyrdom.

Cathie Carmichael's *Genocide Before the Holocaust* (Yale University Press) should be required reading. Long before Hitler unleashed his evil fury on unsuspecting Jewish communities in Europe, a succession of minority groups that had lived in harmony with their neighbours suddenly found their lives upturned after the breakup of the Hapsburg, Ottoman and Romanov empires. As she puts it, "The modernization of Europe was accompanied by enormous suffering and dislocation."

Osama bin Laden is dead, having been killed in Pakistan by American commandos in a daring raid on his compound two months ago. Nonetheless, Michael Scheuer's *Osama bin Laden* (Oxford University Press) makes for interesting reading. A former U.S. spymaster who headed the CIA unit assigned to track him down, he has written a first-rate biography of a man he describes as a remarkable leader and a strategic genius.

Israel has had to shed blood to maintain its existence as a Jewish state. Daniel Byman's *A High Price: The Triumphs & Failures of Israeli Counterterrorism* (Oxford University Press) is a probing and exacting



examination of Israel's policies in combating terrorism since its declaration of statehood in 1948.

Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat, the prime minister of Israel and the president of Egypt, were locked into a relationship of mutual dependence after Sadat's historic visit to Israel in 1977. *Peace in the Making* (Gefen), edited by Harry Hurwitz and Yisrael Medad, gives readers a bird's eye view of the issues they had to contend with after Egypt's decision to forge a rapprochement with Israel. Through the letters they exchanged, we better understand what animated them in their search for peace.

Harry Houdini, born Erik Weisz in Hungary, was the consummate showman, a magician who wowed awed audiences. *Houdini: Art and Magic* (Yale University Press), with an introduction by Brooke Kamin Rapaport, unspools his amazing life through the medium of thoughtful essays.

Albert Einstein, though engrossed in the cosmic mysteries of science, had a way with words. *The Ultimate Quotable Einstein* (Princeton University Press), collected and edited by Alice Calaprice, reveals his verbal talents in 1,600 quotations on topics from family and aging to prejudice and Zionism. *Einstein Before Israel: Zionist Icon or Iconoclast* (Princeton University Press), by Ze'ev Rosenkranz, ably traces his involvement in the Zionist movement.

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New Na'amat director following her heart

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Lori Nusbaum, senior fundraising and development officer of Na'amat Canada Toronto, is following her heart.

In her position for about three months, Nusbaum, 53, the mother of three grown children, said that until now she has worked in the corporate world, "but my heart has always been in the not-for-profit sector."

She has particularly been interested in the Jewish community, she said, since her visit to Israel on her 50th birthday.

"I wasn't thinking of Na'amat then, but Israel [captured] my heart."

When this opportunity arose, she said, she knew the timing was perfect.

"A lot of what we do is [is involved with] raising money to help women and children, and I have always been an advocate for children. I advocated for my daughter who has a learning disability, and as I got her the help she needed, friends of friends called because they needed help

"A passion of mine is speaking for those who can't speak for themselves, and I've been gifted with a mouth."

Since Na'amat, formerly Pioneer Women, was formed in Canada 86 years ago, she said, it has been dedicated to helping women and children in crisis. "Na'amat supports 260 daycares in Israel, as well as women's shelters."

Na'amat Canada's major project is raising money for the Na'amat Canada Glickman Centre for Family Violence Prevention, in Tel Aviv, a safe haven for victims of domestic abuse, said Nusbaum. "We're raising money to redo the bedrooms, and improve the playground."

When she speaks to people from Israel, she said, everyone has a connection to Na'amat. "Either they were in one of our daycares or are close to someone who was."

Her organization has been fortunate that younger members are still forming chapters, she said. "We have about 400 members ranging in age from 20 to 90. There are several groups of women in their 20s and 30s, and they're more than willing to help out.

Lori Nusbaum

"Mostly they're involved in fundraising, because that is what we do best. They provided about 1,500 backpacks for the kids in the shelters and toiletries for the women."

Many members have mothers and grandmothers in Na'amat, she said, "and they want to continue on the tradition. We're more than happy to have them."

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Yefet's Canadian and 100 per cent Israeli

Yosef Tastassa
Special to The CJN

Gila Yefet is one of the most well-known and appreciated people in the Israeli community in Canada.

Most Israelis will recognize her name from the TV program *Together with Gila Yefet*, which is aired Sundays on the Ethnic Channels Group's Israeli channel on Rogers Cable. The show is conducted in both Hebrew and English.

Yefet came to Canada at age 12, then proceeded to build her life and establish a family. Yet she defines herself as 100 per cent Israeli.

When I met Yefet for our interview, I was received with a wide smile and a desire to talk and send a message to the Israeli and Jewish communities of Canada.

"Let's begin with my identity," Yefet said. "Indeed, I arrived in Canada at a young age and I've lived here ever since. The atmosphere at home preserved my Israeli identity. My parents put emphasis on the Hebrew language, Israeli culture and important dates in our history. Despite our distance from Israel, we were exposed to all that Israel represents. My parents' home was filled with Israeli presence, and so is my home and the atmosphere I raise my children in."

Regarding how Israel finds expression in her life and home, Yefet said: "We preserve the Jewish tradition, we travel to Israel... and expose Israel to our children. We speak Hebrew at home. We follow the news, pay attention to the important events happening in Israel and experience Israel in our way.

"In addition, we eat Israeli food. The paintings on the wall are landscapes of Jerusalem, Tiberias and Haifa. In some way, we built within our walls our private Israel, like in greenhouse conditions."

"What about Canada?" I asked.

"Canada is my second home. I love it, [have lived] in it most of my life, and my children were born here," she replied. "It is an amazing country, but as a Jew I say that Israel is the home of the Jewish People. We do not have another land. History teaches us that we must keep Israel strong and flourishing [so] that [it] will always be there for us."

Yefet is deeply involved with the Israeli and Jewish communities and is active in the One Family Fund, a non-profit association that supports terror victims.

"Every summer we host a few children at our home that are sent by One Family Fund to a summer camp in Canada. We open our doors. It makes them feel good, and we are satisfied with the ability and the right to give of ourselves," she said.

Gila Yefet

About her TV program, Yefet said that its purpose is to "provide the Israeli community with practical information, talk about the Israeli life, build solidarity and become a part of a community that lives and breathes here for years."

But Yefet is not just a media person, she's also an artist. Recently, she started painting and joined the Israeli Artists Group of Greater Toronto.

Some of her works were presented in an exhibition in Toronto. "For years, I have given of myself to others, and now it is time to give a bit to myself," Yefet said. "The will to paint was always in there, and now it is time to turn that will into reality. Through painting I feel connected to myself. It's a pleasure, calming, and I am happy when I paint."

Yefet said the Israeli community here needs to be "strong, organized" and "united."

"It all depends on each one of us, and things must start at home..." she said. "Only education and values will make our children keep our ways. I believe that my children have the tools to keep their identity and pass it forward."

And to the Canadian Jewish community, Yefet said: "We are one nation, and we don't have the luxury to be divided. We must find a wider common basis which is beyond the basic identity, in order to create mutual communal life."

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Funding for Pride in question

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Toronto Pride Week 2011 went off with nary an anti-Israel problem – almost, Jewish community representatives say.

For the many pro-Israel Jewish gay and lesbian community members and their supporters, this year's parade was more festive than those of the last few years, mainly because it was not attended by controversial group Queers Against Israeli Apartheid (QuAIA).

QuAIA made good on its promise to city hall and Pride Toronto's executive not to march in or crash this year's parade, to guarantee that Pride would receive city funding of a nearly $130,000 grant plus close to $250,000 of in-kind funds for security and cleanup services.

Pride organizers had also agreed to remove any QuAIA interlopers from the parade this year.

City council had warned Pride Toronto that this year it would provide funding only after it was determined that QuAIA had not marched in the parade.

While the group did not march, its anti-Israel message was on prominent display on Sunday, July 4, the day of the parade, when members of QuAIA unfurled a 40-foot banner off the Wellesley subway station that read: "Support Palestinian queers – boycott Israeli tourism."

In a separate incident the day before, at Pride's Dyke March, a group calling itself Dykes and Trans People for Palestine was spotted carrying signs reading "Israeli apartheid."

Toronto Coun. Giorgio Mammoliti caught the signs on film and has since stated he believes city funding should be withheld from Pride organizers because of the group's activities and he will ask Mayor Rob Ford his opinion.

Calls by the paper to the mayor's office were not returned by deadline.

Despite these actions, Jewish community leaders and a prominent Jewish city councillor felt the parade was much better this year.

"Our only concern was ensuring that the event not serve as a platform for Israel-bashing and delegitimization efforts directed against the Jewish state. Indeed, QuAIA was not part of the Pride parade, so we are satisfied and appreciative that the organizers appear to have lived up to their undertaking," said Shimon Fogel, CEO of the Canadian Council for Jewish and Israel Advocacy.

Justine Apple, executive director of Kulanu Toronto, the city's main Jewish gay and lesbian organization, said she and her members were also satisfied with this year's parade.

She said the events at the Dyke March and the QuAIA banner made some of her members feel "unwelcome."

"That was just another way for them to spew anti-Israel sentiment and it should never have been at the parade," she said. But that sentiment was overshadowed by the celebratory mood at Pride this year. "We feel it's important that Pride remain about celebration, tolerance and inclusivity."

Asked whether Kulanu feels the city should withhold this year's funding as a result of the QuAIA banner and the presence of other fringe anti-Israel groups at the parade this year, Apple said she "respectfully disagrees" with Mammoliti's position. Her organization wants Pride to get its money.

"Because QuAIA did stay out of the parade, their stain was removed this year and people were able to celebrate. By all counts, it was a successful day," she said.

James Pasternak, the city councillor for Ward 10 York Centre, told *The CJN* he also disagrees with Mammoliti's call to withhold funding.

He said there's still "a lot of work to do" to educate the public about QuAIA's messaging and encourage Pride Toronto's executive to continue training its staff and event marshals "so that they fully understand what's acceptable and what's not.

"That said, we've made a lot of progress since last year. I would think it's unwise for the [city] to yank the funding and potentially reverse some of the progress we've made," he said. "Remember, our goal is to make sure the demonizing and discriminatory phrase 'Israeli apartheid' is taken out of the public sphere in publicly funded events."

He said most of his fellow councillors also feel progress was made since last year and that Pride Toronto followed the parameters set out by city council this year.

Pasternak said he will seek to convene a debriefing session between the city and Pride organizers to determine what went "right and what didn't" at Pride this year.

New supermarket to have large kosher selection

Laura Fixman
Intern

Six aisles will be dedicated to kosher foods at the new FreshCo store at 800 Steeles Ave. W. near Bathurst Street, including a full-service meat counter, a deli and a frozen food section.

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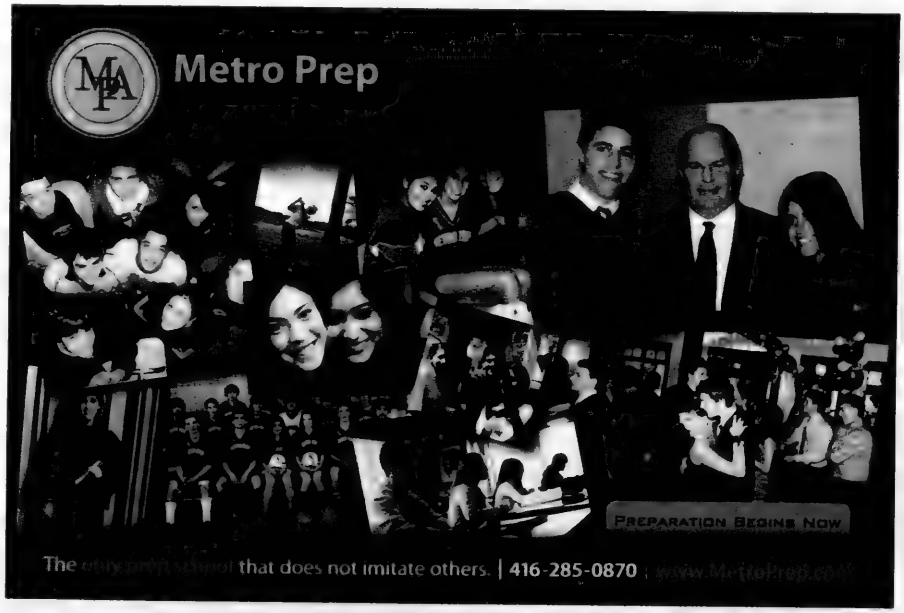
Although FreshCo is owned by Sobeys, Adams said, the new store, which opened last Friday, is not competing directly with the nearby Sobeys store.

"The Sobeys at Clark and Hilda has a more traditional supermarket offering," Adams said. "FreshCo is a discount store where we focus on low prices and having fresh, high quality product."

It also carries a variety of seasonal Ontario produce, meat and dairy products and fresh baked products delivered daily by local bakeries, in order to support Ontario growers and producers.

Adams added that they provide many international items that will be different at any given FreshCo store.

In addition to opening the new FreshCo store, Sobeys made another change in the area when Price Chopper at Bathurst Street and Cedarcroft Avenue closed last week. A Sobeys representative confirmed that the Price Chopper now at 6201 Bathurst St. on the south side of Steeles Avenue remains open.



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Qualities of a leader

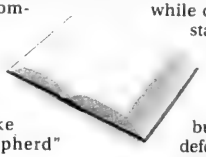
Rabbi Jordan D. Cohen

In this week's parshah, Moses receives notice from God that his death is imminent. Although previously told that he would not enter the Promised Land, Moses is permitted to view the land from the top of Mount Abarim. Before he ascends the mountain, Moses expresses one concern: who will lead the people after I am gone? Since he had to ask, it seems the answer was not self-evident.

Who could be a worthy successor to Moses? The Kotzker Rebbe taught that the answer was obvious: Pinchas, the zealot whose name titles this week's sidrah. Having demonstrated his unflinching fidelity to God and qualities of leadership through his single-handed efforts to purge the idolaters from Israel's midst, he seemed to be the natural choice. He was the man of the hour, rewarded by God and adored by the people. What other choice could there be?

Moses realized, however, that the exact characteristics that made Pinchas popular were not the right traits for a good leader. Pinchas, in a moment of crisis, took the law into his own hands. He was decisive, but acted in a rash and extreme manner. Even though his deed may have served to assuage God's wrath, it was not enough to sustain the people on a daily basis. Moses' own success as a leader came through consistency of vision. Moses never pushed people. He led them along. And so Moses' appeal to God was for a leader "who shall go out before them and come in before them, and who shall take them out and bring them in, so that God's community may not be like sheep that have no shepherd" (Numbers 27:17).

Rabbinic Reflections



In response to Moses' appeal, God identified Joshua Bin Nun as the new leader of Israel. Joshua was "one who has the spirit (*ruach*) in him."

Rashi explains *ruach* as "one who knows how to approach each person according to his own spirit." According to the midrash, Moses urged God to appoint a leader who could relate to every Israelite – even those with whom he disagreed. Joshua had been active throughout the arduous journey. He knew the people well, where they had come from and, more importantly, where they were going. Joshua worked for, and with, the community.

A leader, to be great, must be able to relate to the community in all of its diversity. Golda Meir, one of Israel's most famous and revered prime ministers, often held her late-night cabinet meetings in her home, around her kitchen table. There, while discussing matters of state and national policy, she served coffee and food, making sure everyone was well cared for. She, like Joshua, a builder of a nation and a defender of Israel's right to the land, concerned herself with her people on all levels.

The Torah instructs us that a great leader must be with the people, leading them daily, as well as during the difficult and perplexing times. A leader, like a shepherd, must not be remote but must take an active role in guiding the community.

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Leading in the wilderness

We will soon conclude reading the Book of Numbers and begin Deuteronomy. There is an intrinsic difference between these two books. Although they are both equally part of the Torah, they do not reflect the same perspective. Tradition teaches us that the first four books of the Torah come directly from God, while the last book, Deuteronomy, is the words of Moses.

Midrashic Moments

Rachel Turkienicz

Moses was the leader of Israel through the wilderness. In fact, that is almost solely the realm of his leadership. For a brief period, Moses leads Israel out of Egypt, and the text shows us most of Moses' encounters are with God or with Pharaoh. There is little interaction between Moses and the people. Once free of Egypt, Moses leads the people directly to Sinai.

Once the Torah is delivered to Israel at Sinai, the time spent there turns into years as Moses teaches the people about the vision of a new society and how they are to fulfil that vision through commandments. He is their intellectual leader, their spiritual leader, their moral leader, but as for a physical leader moving from place to place, Moses does not undertake that since they are camped at Sinai.

It seems that Moses' leadership has been defined from the start. Moses facilitates redemption, revelation, education and vision. Israel doesn't need a tour guide since they weren't going anywhere complicated. The route was clear: out of Egypt, straight to Sinai, onward to Canaan. And then the Torah shows us that just as you think you've planned well enough for a trip and ask what could possibly go wrong, that is when life happens and everything you planned becomes meaningless.

As Israel is about to enter Canaan and complete Moses' mission, spies are sent into the land and 40 years are added to the journey. These 40 years are not simple years of idling but are years spent in the wilderness. A wilderness is both the most challenging environment as well as the most rewarding one. Both elements result from the same reason: the wilderness strips us of all reference points. Nothing we learned from society will be of assistance there, and we are broken down to our human essence as we try to survive the environment. Without steadfast leadership, all could be lost. Moses spent 40 years in the wilderness teaching us how to trust God and follow God's leadership.

Moses could have argued with God about how leading Israel for 40 years was not part of the original agreement at the Burning Bush. Israel may likewise have taught their children, the generation to enter Israel, that God could not be trusted – one little mistake with spies and your life journey is thwarted. Instead, both Moses and that generation rose to the unexpected and taught us the potential of what lies within.

The Midrash speaks of the covenantal promise to Abraham: "The children of Abraham are likened to the dust of the earth and to the stars of the sky. For when they fall, they fall as low as dust and when they rise, they rose as high as the stars.

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Jewish-Italian friendship

In a recent article I wrote about the University of Toronto's upcoming participation in an excavation at the site of Tel Huqoq in the Galilee. The excavation is part of a project I am involved in that celebrates Jewish-Italian friendship. It was initiated by the consul general of Italy, Gianni Bardini, who was impressed by the co-operation between Jews and Italians in Toronto. He was also moved when he heard the testimony of Miriam Frankel, who as a young girl was deported to Auschwitz from her home in Italy.

Bardini wished to commemorate the close relationship between Jews and Italians. Initially, Edward Goldberg, founder of the Medici Archive Project in Florence, was brought over for a lecture. The project is studying the three million documents in the archives of the Medicis, the pre-eminent family of the Italian Renaissance. (One could say that the archives are the equivalent of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Cairo Genizah combined). Amazingly, more than 60,000 documents of the archives deal with the Jews of Tuscany. (Interestingly, it was they who first imported coffee to Italy).

Also, in November, as part of Holocaust Education Week, the Jewish-Italian Project, under Bardini's auspices, will be hosting an evening of lectures on the Holocaust in Italy. The event will be held at St. Michael's College at U of T, which also happens to be the home of one of the event's co-sponsors, the Canadian Institute for Mediterranean Studies.

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Alex Gropper

As its ongoing project, the Italian-Jewish venture has adopted something that embodies the essence of the initiative. It is a new archeological excavation in Israel located in the Galilee at Tel Huqoq. The Archaeology Centre at U of T, under the directorship of Prof. Michael Chazan, is a co-sponsor of the excavation, as is the Canadian Institute for Mediterranean Studies of which I am the president. The project will be an ecumenical venture for U of T involving the Centre for Jewish Studies, as well as the departments of classics and Near and Middle Eastern civilizations.

Huqoq is a site that flourished in the late Roman and Byzantine Periods, from 330 CE until the Arab Conquest in 638 CE. Although the site was abandoned in the Middle Ages, it shows that there was a strong Jewish presence in Israel, especially in the Galilee, even after the disaster of the two revolts against Rome. Huqoq even possessed a synagogue, whose excavation will be an important part of the project.

It was here that Jesus conducted his ministry. His home in Capernaum (Kafer Nahum in Hebrew) was only 3.2 miles to the east of Huqoq, and the town of Migdal, the home of Miriam of Migdal (Mary Magdalene), was 2.8 miles to the south.

It is hoped that the excavations of Huqoq will cast more light on a crucial part of Jewish history. It was this period, and this region, that saw the emergence of an important pillar of Judaism, the Palestinian Talmud.

Apps, Apple and the Mideast

Apple has entered the Mideast conflict.

I am not suggesting the computer giant has taken a position on the turmoil thousands of kilometres from its California headquarters. Nevertheless, Apple has been drawn into the debate.

Thanks to the ubiquity of the iPhone and the iPad, developers have been creating applications that aim to convince users their cause is just. For example, the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs app provides government press releases, policy statements, security updates and editorials. **[http://bit.ly/midapp1]**

On the other hand, the iGaza app delivers news from a very different point of view and includes sections with titles like Boycott, Prisoners, Casualties, Flotilla and Demolitions. It can generate a protest e-mail to the Israeli prime minister with the text, "I am appalled by the actions of your government in relation to the xxxxxxxx at xxxxxxx in which xxx died. I call on your government to immediately lift the illegal siege of Gaza." **[http://bit.ly/midapp2]**

But it was another app that made headlines. The Arabic language app ThirdIntifada, an offshoot of the website 3rdintifada.com, was released for the iPhone. According to AlJazeera.net, "Typical stories on 3rdIntifada.com describe demolitions of Palestinian homes by Israeli forces, the reported unearthing of a Muslim cemetery, and exhortations for Arabs in the Middle East to liberate Palestinians from 'Zionist occupation.'" **[http://bit.ly/midapp3]**

Yuli Edelstein, Israel's minister of public diplomacy, sent an e-mail to Apple CEO Steve Jobs asking him to have the ThirdIntifada app removed. Edelstein complained that from the "articles and photos published by means of the application, one can easily see that this is in fact anti-Israel and anti-Zionist. Furthermore, as is implied by its name, the application calls for an uprising against the State of Israel." **[http://bit.ly/midapp4]**

Unlike the web, where almost anything goes – especially if you set up a website in a country that has lax libel and hate laws – things are different at Apple. You can't create an app and distribute it to iPhones or iPads. Once a developer has produced an app, it must be submitted to Apple to make sure it conforms to its "acceptable use policy."

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For example, Apple's policy on "religion, culture and ethnicity" states that "apps containing references or commentary about a religious, cultural or ethnic group that are defamatory, offensive, mean-spirited or likely to expose the targeted group to harm or violence will be rejected."

After the complaint by Edelstein, Apple had the app removed from its software store.

Edelstein praised Apple, but the approval wasn't universal. Writing in the *New Statesman*, Emanuelle Degli Esposti said publishing the app was "not the smartest move the company has ever made" but removing it raises "questions about Apple's political entanglements, and the extent of Israeli influence." **[http://bit.ly/midapp5]**

This certainly won't be the last time Apple will be called in to play peacemaker – or at least to ensure that all apps are being treated fairly. Despite increased competition from Android and BlackBerry, Apple still commands an impressive 59 per cent share of all apps downloaded onto mobile devices. **[http://bit.ly/midapp6]**

Apple should get used to its role as a new – and probably unwitting – participant in the Middle East debate.

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HU turns scientific theory into practice

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Over the years, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem has developed a reputation for producing some of the world's best researchers, scientists and technologies.

And Hebrew U's research development company called Yissum, which is the university's technology transfer arm, has been working for nearly five decades to turn scientific theory into practice, allowing the rest of the world to benefit from the science.

Since Yissum was founded in 1964, 7,000 patents have been registered covering 2,023 inventions; 530 technologies have been licensed; 72 spinoff companies have been founded, and more than $2 billion in sales worldwide have been generated.

Last month, Hebrew U co-sponsored the Israeli presidential conference in Jerusalem and produced an exhibition called "Research Today for a Better Tomorrow."

The exhibit presented some of the university's most exciting projects, including Amir Amedi's "virtual cane," a technology that will change the way vision-impaired people navigate.

Amedi, a medical neurobiologist at Hebrew U and a researcher with the Institute for Medical Research Israel-Canada (IMRIC) – a centre meant to encourage interdisciplinary partnerships between the best scientists Israel and Canada have to offer – developed a new technology that can help blind people navigate through certain obstacles by substituting the traditional white walking cane with a virtual one.

The technology, which was patented by Yissum, functions as a virtual flashlight.

The device, no bigger than a cell phone, emits a beam. When the beam comes into contact with an object ahead, it transmits the information – its height, its distance from the person – through a gentle vibration.

Amedi presented his invention to Israeli President Shimon Peres when he visited the Hebrew U exhibit at the conference.

Placing the device in Peres' hand, Amedi demonstrated how the virtual cane works.

"The device will detect if I come closer to you or move further away," he explained to Peres in Hebrew. "And if you move it from side to side, you'll see where I begin and where I end."

Another scientific breakthrough featured at the exhibit may be used for medical, as well as security purposes.

Hebrew U scientists developed a sensor that can detect a person's mental and emotional state through their sweat ducts.

This invention was based on a discovery that the capillaries, which lead to the sweat ducts on our skin, has a spiral structure similar to that of an antenna used for wireless communications systems.

They learned that electromagnetic waves reflect off the skin surface through the sweat ducts, and through this phenomenon, the scientists have been able to sense changes in a person's stress level.

This technology, which has also been patented by Yissum, could be applied at doctors' offices, as well as airport security. This invention could potentially sense malice, which could single out terrorists even if they aren't carrying weapons.

These are just two of the hundreds of applied technologies that have piqued the interests of scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs all over the world.

HydroElectron Ventures president and CEO Matthew Price Gallagher, is one example of a Canadian who wants to connect with Yissum, a transfer arm that specializes in applying scientific theory.

According to its website, the Montreal-based company "strives to tap into the full potential of the hidden nano-properties of water in order to find solutions to some of the world's most pressing issues," including energy, biomedicine and the environment.

Price Gallagher, who was in Jerusalem last month, said that his company was working with scientists at McGill University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to further its water technology research.

"In the first five years or so we developed a fuel that brought fuel and water together. Normally fuel and water don't mix," Price Gallagher said, adding that they succeeded in commercializing it.

Amir Amedi

But within the last three years, since they began developing new water technologies that can have implications for the environment and clean energy, he said he began to grow frustrated with the research progression coming out of the universities because the scientists were focusing more on the theory rather than application.

"I started to learn about what was going on in Israel, especially in the area of science and technology, and of course, about water science being historically a strong suit, since water is a major issue there," he said.

He learned about the developments at Hebrew U when he met Ari Brojde, who is involved with the Montreal chapter of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University.

Brojde, whose family established the Peter Brojde Centre for Innovative Engineering and Computer Science at Hebrew U in 2008, in memory of his later father, told Price Gallagher that his company could benefit from the work they do in Jerusalem.

Price Gallagher, who had never travelled to Israel, and is not Jewish, was invited by Brojde to learn about the centre, as well as Yissum.

Impressed by what the centre and Yissum had to offer, Price Gallagher shared his research with the scientists at the centre, and began to pursue a deal with the university's transfer arm.

"There is a sense of a greater creative energy here and being an entrepreneur, I resonated with that," he said.

What makes this partnership unusual, Price Gallagher said, is that Yissum normally deals with licensing technologies that originate at Hebrew U.

"What is unique is that we've developed all the science and technology and we're bringing it all here... This deal with Yissum is not what they are used to," he said.

"But I hope our technologies can solve some of the problems that we have when it comes to clean energy."

Dealing with husband who fails to pay child support and hides income

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Question. My ex, who is registered with the Family Responsibility Office (FRO, the Government Collection Agency for child support), owes me almost $10,000 in child support. Due to the fact that he is a contractor with no real employment contract, I have been unable to collect funds. He helps out with support when my daughter visits him but as far as myself receiving funds, $0.

What can I do? I have contacted and written to the Family Responsibility Office numerous times. They have tried to enforce the Court's Order re: assets, but he has none. They have tried to revoke his Driver's license but he lost that anyway.

Answer: Ask the FRO if they have had his income tax refund or any other government monies owing to him seized. Also ask them if they have seized his Canadian passport. They can do that. Most importantly, ask them why they haven't bothered to commence "committal proceedings", meaning Court action that could lead to him being thrown in jail for several weeks at a time, until he finally pays.

If the FRO continues to stall or gives excuses, call your local Provincial MPP and complain that the FRO is not moving fast enough. Then keep bugging your MPP to have the FRO press the Courts to escort him to jail.

However, even if they threaten Court action, your ex may make an application to the Courts to vary the amount of child support owing. If that happens then the FRO often accepts some small nominal monthly payment with respect to the arrears so long as he maintains the ongoing monthly support payments pending a decision by the Courts. Nonetheless, in the absence of such deal-making, you should press the FRO to have him incarcerated — this and the passport route are your best way to go. If jail ever becomes a serious threat it's amazing how quickly these arrears get paid.

You can also go back to Court and ask for an increase in child support. When he tries to defend he will usually be unable to do so because of his arrears of support. In addition, it gives you the opportunity to investigate his sources of his revenue in the course of these proceedings. Your lawyer then has the right to review all of his revenue sources going back three years. Forensic accountants can also uncover undisclosed sources of revenue.

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Couple donates $40M to multifaith school in U.S.

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PHOENIX — A Paradise Valley couple donated $40 million last month – on top of a $10-million gift several years ago – to Claremont School of Theology (CST) in Claremont, Calif., to enable the 126-year-old school to co-found a multifaith institution of higher learning.

The new Claremont Lincoln University (CLU) is named after philanthropists Joan and David Lincoln. In addition to offering master's degrees and doctorates in areas of religious studies, CLU will serve as an umbrella organization that creates ties between Claremont School of Theology, a theological school of the United Methodist Church that ordains ministers; Academy for Jewish Religion, California (AJRCA), a nondenominational, pluralistic school that ordains rabbis and cantors, and the Islamic Center of Southern California (ICSC), which will open for the 2011-12 school year to educate Islamic leaders. AJRCA and ICSC are the other two founding members.

ICSC will not certify imams at this time, according to Claudia Pearce, director of CST public relations, because the title of imam can only be officially granted abroad. However, she said that ICSC hopes to become "the first certified Muslim imam program in the United States."

Pearce said that down the road, Claremont Lincoln would like to add schools for other religions, such as Buddhism and Hinduism.

CST president Jerry Campbell said the university is aiming for "a new interreligious environment where we teach our students to understand and respect one another. They'll know enough about one another that there's no longer fear or suspicion about the other's religion.

"We felt that clergy graduates in the 21st century should be well versed in other religions, because they have to be leaders in communities in which we're all interconnected," said Rabbi Mel Gottlieb, AJRCA president.

David Lincoln said that interreligious co-operation and collaboration has the potential to solve some of the world's conflicts.

"The most obvious one is the Israeli-Palestinian problem, but there are lots of others," he said. "There's the Northern Ireland problem between the Protestants and the Catholics, there's the Muslim problem between the Shiites and the Sunnis, there's the potential major problem between the Muslims and the Hindus between India and Pakistan.

Rabbi Mel Gottlieb

"No one religion or one sect of a religion can solve [these problems] by itself. The religions have to work together," Lincoln said.

A Cleveland-area native and California Institute of Technology graduate, Lincoln first moved to Arizona in 1931 at age 6. He has been a member of the Claremont board for several years, and is also active in Thunderbird Charities, John C. Lincoln Health Network and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. His wife, Joan, is a former mayor of Paradise Valley.

Lincoln identifies as Methodist but said that all religions are based on one tenet, which he calls "the golden rule: Treat others like you'd like to be treated."

He said it's the "only tenet that's common to all the religions of the world. And it's also a [rule of] ethics. The golden rule and ethics are pretty much the same thing."

Rabbi Gottlieb said that grassroots efforts in religious communities to promote understanding of other religions and cultures are a key ingredient in solving world conflicts, and interreligious education helps provide a platform for those efforts.

"We have a long way to go," he said. "But the Talmud says, 'It's not for us to complete the work, but neither are we free to desist from beginning it.'"

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פֿרן מיראַנסקיס לידער און משלים

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פֿרן מיראַנסקי איז געווען איינער פֿון די יונגסטע מיטגלידער פֿון "יונג וילנע" – א ליטעראַריש גרופּע, וואָס האָט אַרײַנגעשריבן אַ הערלעך קאַפּיטל אין דער יידישער ליטעראַטור. פֿאַרן אריסברוך פֿון דער צווייטער מלחמה, האָט ער קרום באַהיים צו פֿאַרפֿנעלעכן אַ צאָל לידער און משלים. דער דײַטשישער איבערפֿאַל אויפֿן סאָוועטן־פֿאַרבאַנד האָט איבערגעריסן זײַן צוזאַגידיקע דיכטערשע קאַריערע און אים פֿאַרוואַנדלט אין וויַטן סאַכאַרקאַנד, וווּ ער האָט איבערגעלעבט די מלחמה יאָרן. ערשט נאָך זײַן אָנקום קײַן קאַנאַדע אין 1949 האָט זיך מיראַנסקיס טאַלאַנט באַגיט און געקרעפֿטיקט. אין 1951 איז אַרויס אין מאָנטגריאַל זײַן ערשטע לידער זאַמלונג " אַ ליכט פֿאַר אַ גראָשן". פֿון דעמאָלט אָן זײַנען דערשינען מיראַנסקיס לידער און משלים אין "פֿאָרווערטס", "די גאָלדענע קייט" און אַנדערע יידישע צײַטשריפֿטן.

זײַנע וויצטערדיקע פֿאָעטישע שאַפֿונגען זײַנען אײַנגעזאַמלט געהאָרן אין פֿיר וואָגיקע ביכער: "שירית שירה", (תל־אָביב 1974), "צוויטיש שמיכל און טרערן" (מאָנטרעאַל 1979), "ניט דערוואַגט" (תל־אָביב 1983), "אַ זמר פֿון דעמער" (טאָראָנטאָ 1991).

אין די אַלע וווּרק האָט פֿרן מיראַנסקי זיך אַנטפּלעקט וויִ אַן אָריגינעלער פֿאָעט און משלים־ שרײַבער, און וויִ אַ וויִרדיקער רעפּרעזענטאַנט פֿון די זיבן פֿאָעטן פֿון זײַן געפּל, די יינגע וויִלנער זײַנע.

וויִ די מערסטע יידישע פֿאָעטן פֿון נאָך חורבן איז מיראַנסקי פֿאַרמשפּט צו זײַן אַ באַקלאָגער פֿון יענער ערשיטקער וועלט זײַנער – דאָס יידישע וויִלנע – וואָס איז אַזוי אומגעריכט פֿאַרגאַנגען, צוזאַמען מיטן גאַנצן יידישן פֿאָלק אין מזרח־אירופּע, אין אַ מבול פֿון בלוט און פֿײַער. אין ליד, "וויַסע טויבן" שרײַבט ער:

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אויך מײַן קאָפּ איז זילבערדיק נעוואָרן,
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נאָר מײַן נוף איז אַלץ אַ שוואַרצער אַרון,
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אָט די טיטע טרבן, וואָס ליגן אין אים וויִ אין אַן אַרון, זײַנער דער זכר פֿון זײַנע פֿיר אומגעקומענע שוועסטער, פֿון די מיליאָנען קדושים און טהורים פֿון זײַן פֿאָלק.

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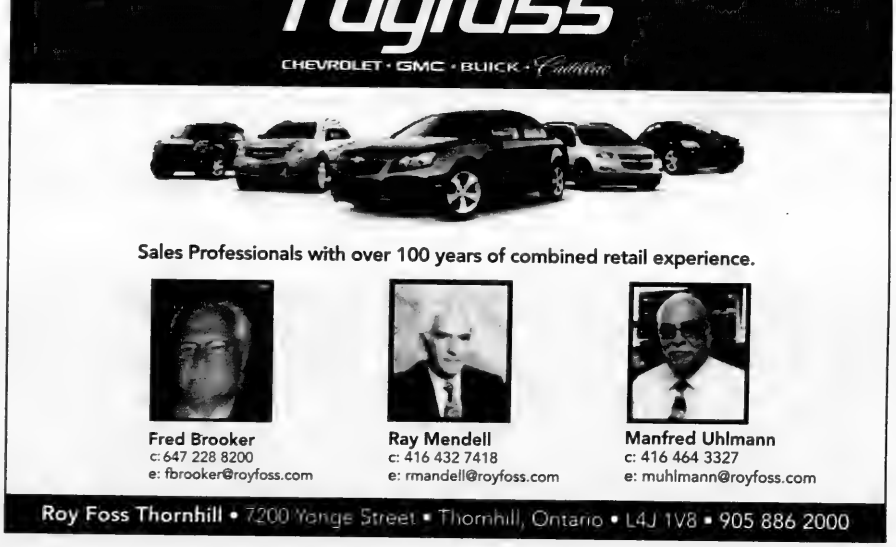
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Ottawa student named in 'Top 20 Under 20' list

Vicky Tobianah
Special to The CJN

Adam Moscoe's friends have been saying, for the past few years, that he's the perfect candidate for the Top 20 Under Twenty awards program.

The awards, presented by Youth in Motion, honour students who have demonstrated leadership and innovation in and dedication to community service.

In his last year of eligibility, at age 19, the Ottawa University student received the award. He was in Toronto recently to meet the other award recipients for a leadership summit and a reception.

In an interview, Moscoe recalled that he wasn't an outgoing or self-confident child, but that changed when he got involved in musical theatre.

"It helped me become more self-confident, and I really enjoyed working towards a goal with a group of people," he said.

He now uses drama and theatre to help people with developmental disabilities.

"Throughout high school, I taught drama in summer camps, and I saw kids with autism and ADHD [attention deficit hyperactivity disorder] develop a focus that they didn't previously have before."

Moscoe grew up in Ottawa, where he attended Nepean High School. He credits a teacher, Jon (Mr. T) Tenthorey, with introducing him to a world of "giving back."

Tenthorey ran a leadership development program called CORE, to equip students with the tools they need to succeed in community service work. After getting involved, Moscoe soon realized that he loved giving back to his community.

Encouraged by his mentor to help others, Moscoe and his friends, along with Tenthorey, developed a high school program called Branching Out To Help Out, to help students complete their mandatory community service hours in a meaningful way.

Adam Moscoe

Moscoe's passion for communityinvolvementwas only just beginning. After his high school made national headlines for the hazing of Grade 9 students, Moscoe and his peers founded a program called FUSE, to combat bullying and hazing by establishing mentoring relationships between seniors and freshmen. Through leadership camps, exam-preparation workshops, community service days and spring cleanup events, more than 300 students have been mentored by more than 80 graduating students.

In 2007, Moscoe received Ottawa's Spirit of the Capital Youth Award. "The Spirit Awards became central to my life, as I became co-chair of the gala, overseeing Canada's only youth-run program celebrating the achievements and talents of young people who overcame incredible barriers and emerged as brilliant leaders," said Moscoe.

After running this program for two years, Moscoe and two friends created TEDxYouthOttawa, a technology, entertainment and design (TED) event organized by youths, with speakers who were all under 25.

The TED programs, based on the philosophy that ideas are worth sharing, give local communities the tools to express their opinions on innovation and technology. As a result of the youth event's success, TED now has a separate department for events organized by young people.

Although he grew up with a strong Jewish identity, Moscoe never considered himself a leader in the Jewish community. This changed after he went to Israel and "got bit by the Zionist bug," he said.

"I discovered that my value of social justice was in line with the Jewish values of tzedakah and tikkun olam, and I developed a drive for Israel advocacy as well."

This year, he served as Hillel Ottawa's vice-president and the Canadian Federation of Jewish Students' social justice and Jewish identity co-chair, as well as a Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee fellow.

Since 2009, he has co-ordinated Holocaust Education Week on Ottawa campuses and is working to collaborate with multi-faith groups on campus.

He co-organized two conferences this year, bringing together Jewish, Muslim and Christian student groups on campus and brought the Tzedakah-Sadaqah project to Ottawa.

"This program gives Jews and Muslims a chance to get together and to put their common values like social justice to action," said Moscoe.

"I never thought I would become friends with Muslim leaders on campus, but now I want to keep building these relationships."

Moscoe urges others to get involved in issues they care about.

"You don't have to get involved as a result of a difficult event or personal struggle – just do what you love. I have gotten so much gratification from the relationships that I've made as a result of my endeavours," he said.

This summer, Moscoe is working with Tamir, a Jewish organization that assists people with developmental disabilities. As well, he will study Jewish-German relations since the Holocaust at Humboldt University in Berlin.

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You can't beat beets

By Sue Epstein
Special to The CJN

Like many old favourites, beets are being given a contemporary and gourmet spin today. Note the recipe for Chilled Beet Soup with Dill Cream. Beets are becoming more and more popular, and you're also likely to see numerous versions of borscht claiming to the traditional version.

Buy beets with the greens still on them if possible. It means that they're much fresher, and the greens can be cut off and cooked like spinach. Pick beets of the same size so they'll cook uniformly. The skin should be smooth and unbroken. Ten two-inch beets will be enough for four servings.

Beets are high in vitamins A and C, complex carbohydrates, iron, fibre and potassium. They may be steamed or boiled, but I prefer to roast them so that they retain all of their nutrients and flavour. They are particularly delicious when roasted.

Raw beets can be stored in the refrigerator in an open plastic bag for up to one week before cooking. If you buy them in a sealed bag, punch several holes in the bag.

If you've never cooked fresh beets before, you need to know that they can stain your clothes – so use caution. They can also stain your hands. If they do, rub lemon juice or vinegar on your hands to remove the stains.

If your recipe calls for shredded or diced beets, you'll find it easier if you cook them first. Simply drop washed, unpeeled beets (with 2 inches of the greens and the roots still on) into a pot of boiling water and simmer until tender. Then, under cold running water, slip off the skins, slice off the top and the beets are ready for shredding or chopping.

Note that in any of these recipes, canned beets may be substituted, but there is nothing like the taste of fresh cooked beets.

CHILLED BEET SOUP WITH DILL CREAM

4 cups (or more) pareve chicken broth
16 oz. beets, peeled and chopped
1 cup chopped onions
3/4 cup peeled, chopped carrots
2 tsp. chopped garlic
1 tsp. sugar
2 tbsp. chopped fresh dill or 2 teaspoons dried dill
2 tbsp. chopped fresh chives or green onions
sour cream

Combine broth, beets, onions, carrots and garlic in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until the vegetables are very tender, about half hour. Cool slightly and puree in a blender or food processor until smooth. Transfer to a bowl. Thin with additional broth if soup is too thick. Mix in sugar and season with salt and pepper. Cover and chill until cold, at least 4 hours or overnight. Can be prepared two days ahead and kept refrigerated. Ladle soup into bowls and sprinkle with dill and chives. Top with sour cream. Serves 4.

BEET BORSCHT

4 medium size beets and tops
1 onion, peeled and shredded
4 cups boiling water
1 tbsp. salt
1/2 cup vinegar or 1/4 cup lemon juice
3 tbsp. brown sugar, or to taste

Wash beets and cut tops off two inches from the root. Boil for 15 minutes or until tender enough to pierce with a fork. Remove from pot and save water that beets have been cooked in. When cool enough to handle, slip skins from beets and shred them. Add grated onion to the beets and return to pot that beets were cooked in. Add boiling water to the water in the pot. (You can add chopped beet tops if desired.) Add salt and bring to a quick boil. Reduce heat and cook 5 minutes. Add vinegar and brown sugar. Serves 6.

Variation: meat borscht

Prepare beets as directed above, but after beets have been shredded, cook together with 1-1/2 to 2 pounds brisket. Cook 1-1/2 hours or until the meat is tender. Continue cooking as above. Thicken hot borsht by stirring in one egg yolk per serving.

FAMILY MOMENTS

Mazel Tov

The Canadian Jewish news

Mazel tov to Rebecca Elgrichi on graduating from high school. Your family and friends wish you all the very best as you start university.

Mazel tov to Simone Elgrichi on graduating from junior high. Now it's on to high school with the very best wishes from your family and friends

Sierra and Alex Bisgould graduated from Grade 8 at Associated Hebrew Schools. Mazel tov from your family and friends. Now on to high school!

Mazel tov on your bat mitzvah Cailey Bisgould. You did a wonderful job. Your family and friends are very proud of you.

Mazel tov to Moe Mandle on your 100th birthday July 29. We are so proud of you! Love, your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mazel tov to Eric and Jen on the birth of their son Tyler Cohen-Wallace. Grandma Carol and all his aunts, uncles and cousins are ecstatic.

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By LILA SARICK

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Tuesday July 19

LEARNING WITH NISHMAT

The annual Nishmat Yarchei Kallah with **Rabbanit Chana Henkin** will take place July 19-21, 9:30-12:30, at Yeshivat Or Chaim on the topic "The Meaning of Fasting, the Meaning of Celebrating." Free babysitting available (pre-registration required). To register, call **Denise Levin**, 416-880-7417, or www.nishmat.net/YKregistration.php.

Wednesday July 20

FAMOUS JEWISH TRIALS

Shaarei Shomayim presents a 6-part lecture series on famous Jewish trials starting tonight with historian **Gerald Ziedenberg** on the Dreyfus trial. 8 p.m.

Other News

ISRAELI MOVIES

Monday night is Israeli movie night at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Movies shown at 7:30 p.m. followed by a discussion with director/producer **Moshe Alafi**. July 25, *NAF-A Street Kid*. 416-781-3511.

MELTON MINI SCHOOL

Melton Mini School is holding a summer class Tuesday mornings in August on "Jews and their Cities: Alexandria, Rome, Baghdad and Vilna" at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Phone 416-789-7400 to register.

KAVANAH GARDEN

Kavanah Garden Guardians is a half-day program for kids ages 6-10 featuring garden and nature-based activities, crafts, ecology, food preparation and more. Aug. 15-19 at 18 Lebovic Campus Dr. $150 Contact: risa@shoresh.ca for more information.

BAR MITZVAH CLUB

Beth Joseph Lubavitch Synagogue, 44 Edinburgh Dr., is starting a bar mitzvah club for all boys. The club meets Wednesdays. Contact **Rabbi Boruch Landau** at 647-201-0261 or barmitzvaclub@gmail.com

VENDORS WANTED

Vendors wanted for Reena's bazaar Sept. 11 at Reena's Toby and Henry Battle Development Centre, 927 Clark Ave. W. Contact **Aviva** at 905-889-2690, ext. 2216, or awindman@reena.org.

FREE GILAD SCHALIT

The film *Family in Captivity*, being screened Aug. 1, 8 p.m., Congregation Habonim, follows the day-to-day efforts of the **Schalit** family to bring **Gilad** home. Through their story, we exit the political realm and see the human angle of this difficult ordeal. **Yaara Vinkler**, girlfriend of **Yoel Schalit**, Gilad's brother, will introduce the film and discuss the family's efforts to free Gilad. A portion of the proceeds will be used to help in the efforts to free Gilad. Admission: $10 per person. Everyone welcome.

HEBREW CAMP

JumpStart Hebrew is a one-week camp program at Beth Sholom Synagogue open to the community for children entering grades 1-4. Runs Aug. 29-Sept. 2, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and will be staffed by teachers from Beth Sholom Hebrew School. Activities include oral Hebrew, reading and reading readiness activities, music, drama and cooking. Lunch

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Director of Initiatives for the Emerging Generation

Description:

The Jewish Federation of Ottawa is looking to fill a new position. Under the supervision of the Senior Director of Planning, the Director of Initiatives for the Emerging Generation (DIEG) is responsible for the programmatic and financial resource development initiatives targeted at the Emerging Generation of young Jews in Ottawa by the Federation, with the goal of building strong relationships with otherwise un-involved and under-involved graduate students, young professionals, singles and young families aged 18-40.

Responsibilities:

- Creates and implements a strategic engagement plan for the Jewish Federation of Ottawa
- Recruits hub leaders and works to maximize meaningful Jewish points of contacts while connecting individuals to Jewish resources
- Creates relationships with individual leaders; refers them to resources in the Jewish community and beyond, when necessary
- Supports and provides resources for community programming for the emerging generation such as Jnet, young adult professional networks, etc.
- Manages and supports Jewish student programming on campus through Hillel Ottawa.
- Manages and enhances the Young Womens' Leadership Council.
- Creates development strategies to increase the development capacity of the Ben Gurion Society and young adult divisions of the annual campaign.
- Assists various Federation committees to recruit and retain young leaders for committee memberships and program development.

Hours: Full-time, some evenings and weekends required
Salary: Commensurate with experience

Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree
- Knowledge of Israel and Jewish values, concepts and traditions are required
- A proven track record of social connecting
- DIEG should possess excellent grammar and written skills
- Demonstrated collaborative skills and ability to handle multiple projects at one time
- Significant computer skills, including MS Office and Social media

Please send all resumes to:
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Deadline for submissions is July 31, 2011.

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Directed by: Tal Goren

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HERITAGE MUSEUM

The Morris and Sally Justein Heritage Museum at Baycrest presents "The Dream Fulfilled – Theodor Herzl and the Jewish State," with more than 400 items from the private Herzl memorabilia collection of **David Matlow**. Open to the public. For hours and to schedule group tours, call 416-785-2500, ext. 2802, or ababins@baycrest.org.

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ACCOMMODATION REGISTRY

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MELTON FALL SESSION

The Melton Mini school will hold a 10-week graduate class starting Oct. 11 on "The Arab/Israeli Conflict" taught by **Michael Rubin** at Beth David Synagogue. Call 416-789-7400 to register.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Heartline Bereavement Group grief support program meets at Hospice Thornhill. Contact **Bonnie Strand** at 905-764-0656, ext. 227.

CEDARVALE MINYAN

Cedarvale Shul is located in the basement of Cedarvale Terrace at 429 Walmer Rd. On Shabbat, enter through the rear doors at back of parking lot. Weekday minyan at 7:45 a.m. On Shabbat, 9:30 a.m. Kiddush follows services. For information on shul services, call 416-707-3161.

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Shabbat services continue during July and August, 10:30 a.m., 151 Creighton St. S. in Atherley. This year's leaders are: July 16, **Elliot Melamet**; July 23, **Rabbi Danny Gotlieb**; July 30, **Rabbi Michael Dolgin**; Aug. 6, **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein** and **Cantor Tom Schwartz**; Aug. 13, **Rabbi Tina Grimberg**; Aug. 20, **Rabbi Cory Weiss**; Aug. 27, **Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld**. Call 705-327-7069.

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Bernard Betel Centre, 416-225-2112. Basic Acrylic Painting starting July 6 with **Marvin Fagan**, ext. 105.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell, 416-630-9444.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday afternoon socials. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl**, 416-635-6317, or **Marcia**, 416-932-1229.

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Active Seniors Miles Nadal JCC, 416-924-6211, ext. 155. Join a guided tour of the 400 items in the exhibit "Theodor Herzl and the Jewish State." July 21, 1:30 p.m. Meet at the Baycrest Museum, 3560 Bathurst St.

Daytime choir, everyone welcome. Meets Tuesdays, 1-2:30 p.m. No experience necessary. $3 drop-in. music@mnjcc.org or **Gillian** at ext. 266.

Drop in for a game of bridge or Scrabble or a nosh, 1:30-4 p.m. July 14.

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.

Tickets on sale for Casino Niagara Aug. 29. Bus leaves Prosserman JCC at 9:30 a.m.

Drop-in duplicate bridge game, with **Samy Toledano**, Thursdays 12:30-3:30 p.m. Pay at the door. No charge for people attending first time.

International and Israeli folk dancing with **Teme** and **Sandy**, Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. Drop in – pay at the door.

Ryerson/Chang lecture series with **Kevin Courrier**, "The Enigmatic Genius of Robert Altman." Wednesdays, July 20-Aug. 17, 1-3 p.m.

Jokers Club Humour Club July 20 ,7:30-9:30 p.m.

Mah Jong classes Monday evenings 7-9 p.m. July 18-Aug. 29. $58/$68.

Recorder classes with **Judy Miskin.** Wednesday 1-3 p.m. free for members,$25 for non-members.

Shalom Singers Choir with **Esther Ghan Firestone** is always looking for new members. Rehearsals Thursday mornings.

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Film critic **Adam Nayman** examines the careers of four accomplished directors on Media Mondays from July 11-Aug. 8. July 18, 7-9 p.m. **Michael Haneke** (*The White Ribbon*) $12/$6 for students.

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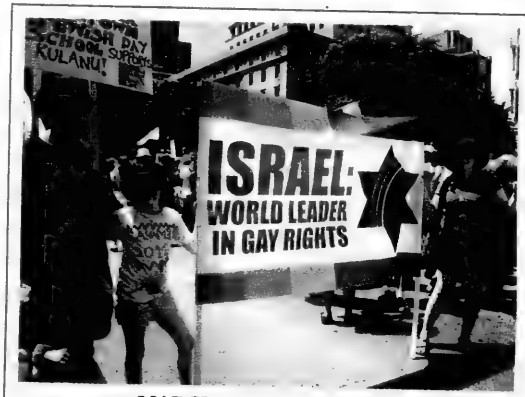

MARCHING WITH PRIDE

The Mendelsohn/Kalikow family from Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School showed their pride as they marched with Kulanu Toronto in the Toronto Pride Parade. Pictured from left: Hadar, Louis, Kohava and Aurora. ***[Justine Apple Photo]***

QIC raps Quebec MLA for 'slanderous' remark on flotilla

Compiled by CJN Staff

MONTREAL — The Quebec-Israel Committee (QIC) denounced a reported comment by member of the National Assembly Amir Khadir on July 5 that Israel is taking advantage of a weakened Greece to force its government to prevent an international flotilla from sailing to Gaza.

Amir Khadir

The QIC termed the remark by the sole Québec solidaire (QS) MNA as "slanderous," suggestive of blackmail, and reminiscent of "the worst conspiracy theories accusing Jews of shadowy world economic and political power."

The QS supports the attempt by activists aboard 10 ships, that remained docked at a Greek port last week, to deliver what it calls humanitarian aid to the Palestinians of Gaza. QS member Manon Massé is aboard the Canadian vessel, the Tahrir.

"In the Greek ports, it is a blockade imposed by Israel, but executed by the Greek government, which is an insult to the Greek people, an abdication of its sovereignty," Khadir is quoted by *La Presse Canadienne* as saying.

"It's a very deplorable situation. The government of Greece is succumbing to Israeli pressure," noting the current economic crisis besetting the country.

The QIC said this is not the first time Khadir has made offensive comments about supposed Jewish influence. In June 2010, the organization noted, he accused the Quebec Jewish "lobby" of trying to "muzzle" the provincial government from condemning the deaths of nine activists aboard a Turkish ship that was blocked by the Israeli military from landing in Gaza.

"Mr. Khadir's obsession with Israel and Jews is such that he has lost all sense of reality and sees *basses oeuvres* [dirty politics] in international diplomatic positions," according to a QIC statement.

The QIC maintains that Greece is acting in conformity with the wishes of both the United Nations and European Union in blocking the flotilla from heading to Gaza in violation of the Israeli blockade.

Shul to count women in minyan

Diane Koven
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — Agudath Israel Congregation began to count women in its minyan on Erev Shavuot, June 7.

This was the culmination of a 10-year process of the congregation moving toward full egalitarianism, and joining the ranks of many Conservative congregations.

The decision to count women in the minyan and, in turn, to allow them to lead the prayer services, did not come quickly or without a great deal of study, discussion and consultation. Although women have for some time been able to lead some prayers and to be called to the Torah, they will now be able to lead all parts of the service and to blow the shofar during the High Holidays.

For Rabbi Charles Popky, the decision was a welcome one. "When I arrived to the congregation in 2004, I said that my goal was to eventually transform Agudath Israel into an egalitarian congregation.

"Every previous congregation I served was egalitarian, and I initially didn't apply to Agudath Israel because it wasn't egalitarian. I did not want to raise my daughters in a non-egalitarian environment, and it was uncomfortable being in such an environment. However, it was clear that increasing women's participation was a major concern of the [Agudath Israel] congregation," he said.

The synagogue's ritual committee spent almost a year studying the issue, during which there was also ongoing education of the congregation through sermons, classes and bulletin articles. Following the committee's recommendation to the synagogue board, a special Shabbat lunch and learn was held where Rabbi Popky presented sources and answered congregants' questions.

Having already solicited and received feedback from the congregation throughout the process, the board voted unanimously to pass the recommendation at its meeting on May 11.

Howard Cohen was president of the congregation during the lead-up to the board decision and was pleased to see the recommendation passed just a couple of weeks before his term in office ended.

"Women have been able to participate in our Torah services for several years now. I see this change in policy as a small incremental step that completes our congregation's halachic path towards greater engagement and equality in worship," Cohen said. "Egalitarianism is about everyone taking part in Jewish observance, quenching their thirst for Torah and being valued in synagogue life. It can only have a positive impact – not to mention doubling the number of potential lay-service leaders."

The congregation's cantor, Shneur Bielak, is offering classes to women who would like to learn how to lead the evening service, and it is hoped that in time it will become routine for women to lead all services there.

"Ultimately, we made the decision to become egalitarian for the same reason as the movement as a whole – we believe it is the right thing to do," said Rabbi Popky. "The riches of the Jewish tradition should not be kept from one half of our population – particularly at a time when we are concerned about Jewish continuity."

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Ahava products back at the Bay this fall

David Lazarus
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — A new line of Ahava skin care products from Israel will be at the cosmetics counters of select Bay stores in Canada by September, Elana Drell Szyfer, Ahava's CEO for North America, says.

"It will be a completely new line," she said in a telephone interview from New York. "We're very much looking forward to it."

Shayne Tryon, the Bay's senior manager of service excellence, confirmed the message.

"Ahava is correct," he wrote in an e-mail exchange. "We will be carrying the line at select Bay stores this fall.

"The exact date has not been confirmed, but we are working closely with Ahava and are ready to introduce the brand as soon as the product is ready for distribution."

The news comes about 18 months after the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) was embroiled in a controversy in which it was accused of bowing to pressure from the pro-Palestinian Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East (CJPME) to have HBC and Sears boycott Ahava products as part of the boycott, divestment, sanctions

(BDS) campaign.

That campaign has been cited as the reason Ahava's lease at its Covent Garden store in London was not renewed.

Last week, *The CJN* received a call claiming that the Bay outlets across Canada "are not carrying Ahava anymore."

Simply not true, said Drell Szyfer, who several months ago succeeded Yacov Ellis as Ahava's North American CEO. "Ahava will be at [Bay] stores by the fall."

In an e-mail exchange, Sara Saber-Freedman, a top official with the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), said factors contributing to the delayed availability of the new Ahava product line in Canada included "the need to adapt the new packaging to Canadian bilingualism requirements, Ahava's change of Canadian agent and brand repositioning."

Drell Szyfer said the controversy of January 2010 was fuelled by false media reports linking HBC's "quietly" removing Ahava products from shelves of the Bay in Canada "for business reasons" – reportedly inadequate sales performance – to the CJPME campaign.

Also not helping things, critics said, was HBC's lack of a coherent public relations response when approached by Ahava consumers.

CIC/UIA Federations Canada and Ahava finally felt compelled to issue a joint statement declaring that HBC would never bow to political pressure in regard to any of the products in its stores.

Drell Szyfer last week reiterated that Ahava products were removed from Bay stores only in anticipation of remaking and rebranding the line. The fact that the removal took place at the same time as the CJPME campaign was, she emphasized, purely coincidental.

Although she could not specify the exact number of Bay stores that would carry the new Ahava line, they will definitely include stores in Montreal, Toronto and other cities, Drell Szyfer said. The line, she said, will also not be exclusive to the Bay.

Ahava is known for incorporating mud and minerals mined from the Dead Sea into its products for their purported cleansing and therapeutic qualities.

Lebovic campus not expected to be affected

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The budgetary cuts are not expected to affect building plans for the Lebovic Campus in Vaughan, where the Schwartz/Reisman Centre, a new Jewish community centre, is under construction and expected to open in fall 2012 – on time and on budget, Sokolsky noted. He added that summer camp will run in advance of the official opening, and that construction will begin on Bialik Hebrew Day School's north building. As well, a Reena Community Residence is being built.

The Lebovic Campus, as well as the Sherman Campus further south on Bathurst Street, are being funded through campaigns that are separate from the annual UJA effort. Togther with the Miles Nadal JCC and the Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life, both downtown, the projects total over $225 million in new facilities, Sokolsky said.

He said that although fundraising for the Sherman Campus is going well, "people are a little more cautious about taking risks. We've got to raise more money than maybe we would have in another [economic] environment."

He said he hopes that within a year, the federation would be in a position to break ground on the building that will replace the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre, located north of Sheppard Avenue. The BJCC closed in September 2009 and was demolished last year.

About $68 million has been raised for the project, which would constitute Phase 2 of the plans for the campus, which also includes the Lipa Green Centre and the Donald Gales Family Pavilion. The projected costs for Phase 2 total about $95 million, plus $10 million in endowment funds. Phase 2 will include a health and fitness centre, as well as new homes for the Holocaust Centre, the Koffler Centre and a Jewish museum. It is expected to take three years to complete, which means it would open in late 2014 at the earliest.

"I don't like the idea that the grass is there, and the building isn't," Sokolsky said, referring what is now an open field. However, he added, essential services are being delivered, day care, camp and sports leagues are full, seniors' activities are "as busy as ever," and membership is growing at the health club.

"I would say the recession has slowed us down," Sokolsky said. "When we started, we were more ambitious about a timetable, but I feel really good about the response of the major donors."

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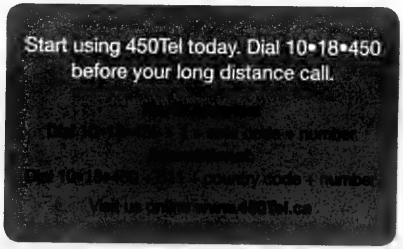

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New burial area will have own entrance

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For interfaith burials, Shaarey Zedek will be redeveloping a portion of the cemetery that is now used for storage and is unconsecrated ground. The new portion will be separate from the current cemetery and have its own entrance and driveway. Staniloff said that non-Jewish bodies will not be transferred through the older portions of the cemetery

The plots in the new section will be sold in pairs. While interfaith couples will be buried together, Jewish symbols only will be allowed in the section.

The Chesed Shel Emes will continue to prepare the Jewish bodies for burial, with the non-Jewish bodies prepared in a Jewish manner by a non-Jewish funeral home.

Shaarey Zedek Cemetery south gate [*M. Love photo*]

Staniloff reports that the Shaarey Zedek's ritual chair has been in constant contact with the Chesed Shel Emes ritual committee and executive director.

The Shaarey Zedek is not the first congregation in Winnipeg to offer interfaith burials. The first was Temple Shalom, Winnipeg's Reform congregation. When asked why the Chesed Shel Emes will prepare Jewish bodies for the new Shaarey Zedek interfaith burials but not for Temple Shalom burials, chesed executive director Rena Boroditsky said that the main difference is that the Shaarey Zedek cemetery is Jewish-owned, while Temple Shalom buries its dead in a non-Jewish-owned cemetery.

Staniloff acknowledged that the Shaarey Zedek's decision is "problematic." He said that Rabbi Green consulted with a leading Orthodox rabbi in the United States, as well as local Orthodox rabbis, about how to implement interfaith burial.

Rabbi Ari Ellis, the spiritual leader of Herzlia Adas-Yeshurun Congregation, Winnipeg's largest Orthodox congregation, confirmed that Rabbi Green spoke with him about the subject. While Rabbi Ellis will continue to conduct funerals for his congregants who have plots in the main portion of the cemetery, he said he's unhappy with the Shaarey Zedek's decision.

"This is a religious issue that should have been decided by religious authorities, not by a vote from among the lay members," he says. He used the word "desecration" to describe what the Shaarey Zedek is going to do.

He wondered why the Shaarey Zedek didn't buy a plot of land somewhere else, as the shul will run out of room in the existing cemetery at some point.

Staniloff said that the Shaarey Zedek board did consider purchasing land elsewhere for the new cemetery, adding that land is scarce and expensive. He said that what the Shaarey Zedek is choosing to do may not be the best solution but added that the move is necessary in order to maintain a growing Jewish community.

The next steps, he said, are to arrange the building permits and hire a contractor. "If everything goes as scheduled, we hope to be able to start selling our new plots by the fall. Thus far, we have had only positive response."

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'Potential to stigmatize non-participants'

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Jewish youngsters could be affected in situations in which they are a minority and a religious majority held such prayers.

"It has the potential to stigmatize non-participants and gives the potential to give an official seal of approval to a given religion," said Morgan, who has served as CJC's president.

According to the *Globe and Mail*, Jim Spyropoulos, superintendent of inclusive schools for the TDSB, said, "I think it's important to note the prayer isn't conducted under the auspices of the board. The [school] principal was creative enough to sit down with parents and come up with a solution that worked for everyone and there has not been a single complaint."

A spokeswoman for the board said the prayers are entirely run and paid for by the Valley Park community. More than 300 students take part, without missing class time, the *Globe* reported.

Sitting can be bad for your health

Fitness Corner

Felyce Zomparelli

Statistics Canada found that adults spend an average of 9.5 hours on their butts a day, while children spend an average of 8.6 hours a day on theirs.

A new Canadian study suggests it's not just the length of time we spend sitting down but the number of times we get up that can influence our health. New research out of Australia found that long periods of sitting down, even in people who did a lot of exercise, resulted in higher mortality rates, higher than more active individuals. Previous studies have told us that engaging in moderate to vigorous activity one to three hours a week reduces the risk of an early death. The results of this study indicate that while exercise did reduce risk of early death, even high levels of exercise – four to seven hours a week – did not overcome the influence of high levels of inactivity, such as sitting, on mortality risk.

We all know that living an active lifestyle can significantly improve our quality of life and reduce the risk of getting more than 25 diseases. Yet only 15 per cent of Canadian adults get enough exercise by meeting the recommended amount of 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity per week, and only 35 per cent meet the recommended 10,000 steps per day.

According to a Queen's University study, incidental activity during sedentary periods – even walking to talk to a colleague instead of calling or e-mailing – can offer some benefits to our health. Standing is better than sitting, but leisurely walking is better than standing when it comes to your health. The more activity people engage in and the faster people move, the better their level of fitness. This research proves that how you spend the hours of your day count, and count in a big way so go on, so don't just sit there, get up, go for a walk or take the stairs. Your body will thank you for it.

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Flotilla fails at sea, succeeds on the airwaves

Marcy Oster
JTA

JERUSALEM — On the face of it, the so-called Gaza Freedom Flotilla seemed to be a bust.

Greek authorities blocked most of the boats from setting sail for the Gaza Strip, and others experienced propeller problems that rendered them unseaworthy.

Analysis

On Tuesday, a small pleasure boat with eight passengers aboard became the first vessel in the planned flotilla to elude the Greek coast guard en route to Gaza.

But if the true aim was to achieve a public relations victory rather than to deliver aid to Gaza – as Israeli authorities charged and flotilla participants themselves acknowledged – then the thousands of news reports about the flotilla's plans, problems and participants succeeded by at least one measure: getting attention.

"Given the tremendous obstacles placed in the way of the flotilla, we should not for a moment think this work has been in vain. Just the opposite," Leslie Cagan, co-ordinator of the U.S. boat to Gaza, wrote this week on the U.S. to Gaza website.

"We have called greater attention to the urgent need to end the Israeli blockade and siege of Gaza, as well as the overall occupation of the Palestinian Territories."

Reveling in the attention, pro-Palestinian activists talked to reporters about their next publicity stunt: a planned "fly-in" to Ben-Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv beginning Friday to protest Israeli policies vis-a-vis the Palestinians.

Hoping to disrupt airport operations, the activists reportedly are planning to declare "Palestine" as their destination upon landing in Israel; they have said they will stage demonstrations if denied entry.

Greece prevented the Audacity of Hope and other flotilla ships from leaving its ports in what was seen as a sign of a renewed friendship with Israel. [*USTOGAZA.org*]

This year's flotilla was organized to mark the anniversary of last year's flotilla to Gaza, which set sail from Turkey before being stopped by the Israeli Navy on May 31, 2010.

When one of the vessels refused to heed Israeli warnings to desist, Israel Defence Forces commandos stormed the boat, the Mavi Marmara, and nine Turkish passengers were killed amid the fighting. The incident prompted an international outcry and sent Turkish-Israeli relations to a nadir.

The 2011 flotilla came on the heels of an announcement by Israel that it would allow building materials into Gaza for 1,200 homes and 18 schools.

Adam Shapiro, an organizer of the Free Gaza Movement, said the announcement was a sign that the flotilla had resulted in real gains.

He attributed the change to "flotilla pressure."

"Even this year, the concrete results of the flotilla are evident," Shapiro wrote in a column in *Gulf News*, a news outlet in the United Arab Emirates.

Israel did not offer a reason for the timing of the decision, but said the construction material was for specific projects. An official with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, which is overseeing the projects, said the announcement on the building material came after much negotiation.

On Sunday, organizers of the flotilla rejected an offer by Greece to deliver aid to Gaza from the ships stuck in Greek harbors via either Egypt or Israel.

Many pro-Israel supporters praised Greece for its handling of this year's flotilla, including American Jewish groups.

After delays from a countrywide strike and intensive port inspections, the Greek government on July 1 banned all ships bound for Gaza from leaving its ports.

John Klusmire, the captain of one of the ships, the Audacity of Hope, tried to leave port last week but was arrested on charges of setting sail without permission and endangering the lives of passengers. On Tuesday, a Greek court freed him and dropped the charges.

Greece's approach to the flotilla was held up as a sign of the renewed friendship between Greece and Israel. Israel has been cultivating a closer relationship with Greece, particularly as Israel's relationship with Turkey – a longtime rival of Greece – has faltered.

In the year since last year's flotilla fiasco, Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu have exchanged visits, and Israel has offered military assistance to Greece. Last week the two countries completed a joint military exercise.

If any ships were to get past Greek authorities, Israel's Cabinet issued an order for the IDF to prevent any boats from reaching Gaza.

Israel says the flotilla is illegal and that military action to keep ships from arriving in Gaza is legitimate. Its partial blockade of Gaza is necessary, Israel says, to keep weapons from flowing into the strip, which is controlled by the terrorist group Hamas. The blockade of Gaza is designed as well to maintain pressure on Hamas to release Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit, who was taken captive in an attack five years ago and is believed to be in Gaza.

The blockade has eased significantly since last year's flotilla incident, when Israel came under heavy international pressure to loosen the embargo.

Hamas last week called on the European Union and human rights organizations to pressure the Greek government to allow the ships to sail. On Tuesday, activists from the Spanish-sponsored boat in the flotilla reportedly occupied the Spanish Embassy in Athens after meeting with their ambassador to petition the Spanish government to pressure the Greeks to allow them to sail.

Meanwhile, Greek officials are working to learn the identity of the captain of a Canadian ship that slipped past Greek authorities near Crete for a few minutes before being intercepted by the Greek coast guard. Thirty passengers aboard the ship reportedly claimed to be the captain when questioned by port officials.

Two of the flotilla ships were victims of what flotilla organizers called deliberate sabotage; the Irish-flagged Saoirse was seriously damaged on June 28, and the propeller of the Juliano, on which Swedish, Norwegian and Greek activists were scheduled to travel, was discovered to be broken. Organizers blamed Israel for the problems.

Israeli Foreign Ministry officials denied the charge, according to *The Jerusalem Post*. The flotilla activists must feel they are in a "James Bond film," a spokesman said, according to the paper.

Swiss: No cement for you

Amira Hass
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The Swiss company that had sold cement to Swedish activists planning to sail to Gaza as part of an international aid flotilla said last week that due to "force majeure," it had decided to cancel the deal.

Interbulk has sold the Swedish delegation some 3,000 tons of cement, which were meant to be transferred to Gaza as aid on the Swedish-Greek-Norwegian ship, Free Mediterranean, as part of a Gaza flotilla.

Interbulk intends on returning the 25,000 euros it had gotten from the organizers, who gathered the money from thousands of donors in Sweden over the course of the past year.

In a letter it sent to the Gaza flotilla organizers, the Swiss company said that it had to cancel the deal due to "force majeure", and attributed the move to the Greek government's ban on Gaza-bound ships as well as to a letter by UN chief Ban Ki-moon discouraging Mediterranean countries from supporting the departure of the Gaza flotilla from their ports.

Israel blocks flights

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Israel successfully prevented the entry of 200 passengers attempting to fly into Israel's Ben-Gurion International Airport last week in a bid to stymie an influx of pro-Palestinian activists to the country, according to the police.

The 200 activists were on a list of 342 blacklisted passengers scheduled to arrive in Israel, submitted by the Transportation Ministry to foreign airlines on Thursday.

Israeli police warned activists ahead of time that they would not be allowed entry to the country, however dozens of pro-Palestinian activists staged a protest at Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris after being barred from boarding their flights to Tel Aviv.

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Lebanon approves Hezbollah-backed govt.

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The Hezbollah-backed Lebanese government of Prime Minister Najib Mikati won last week a parliamentary vote of confidence after three days of heated debate.

Lebanon's new government won the votes of 68 lawmakers in the 128-seat parliament.

Parliamentarians loyal to former prime minister Saad Hariri of the Western-backed coalition walked out of the chamber as the voting began.

The three-day deliberations in parliament saw heated exchanges between the Hezbollah-led lawmakers and allies of Hariri, whose government was toppled by the group and its allies in January over a dispute regarding the United Nations tribunal into the 2005 killing of his father, former premier Rafik Hariri.

Lebanese and Israeli troops exchanged fire on the border last August killing two Lebanese soldiers, in what appeared to be the most serious military confrontation since Israel's war with Hezbollah in 2006. It remains unclear what will happen with the new Lebanese government in power. *[Flash 90 photo]*

Hariri was killed on Feb.14, 2005 in a massive bomb blast in a seaside area of Beirut. His allies during their speeches in parliament said the new cabinet was a result of a "coup against democracy."

Shortly before his 30-member cabinet was granted a vote of confidence Mikati promised that his government "confirms it will continue the path of the tribunal ... and continue to co-operate in this regard as per the UN Security Council Resolution, which set up the tribunal to see justice served."

Hezbollah has blasted the UN tribunal as being "a U.S.-Israeli plot which is targeting Hezbollah and Syria."

On June 30, the UN court, set up in the Hague in 2009 to probe suspects in the Hariri case, issued warrants against four members of the Lebanese Shiite group, prompting Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah to pledge that the group will not hand over any of the suspects.

Notice of Special General Meeting
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Activists on undesirables lists

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The activists, many of them French but also at least one German, only discovered that they appeared on the list of undesirables when they arrived for their flights, they reported in videos posted online and on social networking site Twitter.

German carrier Lufthansa and other airlines, including Alitalia and Hungarian airline Malev informed the blacklisted passengers that they were not allowed to check in because their names were on a list of "undesirable people" that had been circulated to the airlines.

Lufthansa barred 50 pro-Palestinian activists from boarding an Israel-bound flight from Paris via Frankfurt because they appeared on the Transportation Ministry's list.

A spokesperson for the German airline in Israel, Tal Muskal told *Haaretz* that the group was demonstrating at the check-in area in terminal 1 at Charles de Gaulle Airport.

Muskal said that just like other European airlines, Lufthansa received a list of passengers who would not be allowed entry at Ben-Gurion Airport.

Some passengers booked on Alitalia flights managed to check in but were refused permission to board.

"Roissy [airport] under a blockade, Lufthansa collaborators," some of the passengers in the airport's Terminal 1 shouted.

"Roissy-Charles de Gaulle is under Israeli occupation," the co-ordinator of the France chapter of the campaign, Olivia Zemor, accused.

"This is an infringement of our freedom to travel," one frustrated French passenger said in a video posted on YouTube.

The activists are part of the Welcome to Palestine campaign, which had organized a "flytilla" to the Middle East this weekend for solidarity visits in the Palestinian territories.

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JTA

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The spelling of interchanges, junctions and historic sites will also be made uniform under the plan.

The new rules will be determined in accordance with the official map index formulated by the government names committee, and designed to create uniform spelling rules that have not been changed since 1957.

The plan has proved controversial for Arab lawmakers, after Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz said he would change the Arabic names of mixed communities to a Hebrew transcription; for example changing the Arabs' name for Jerusalem, Al-Quds, to Yerushalayim spelled in Arabic letters.

Non-profit educates consumers about personal finance

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

A very savvy businessman once observed that many of the people he came across seemed to be constantly in debt. "It's not how much you earn," he concluded, "it's how much you spend."

The author of that observation, my late father, never went to business school and his command of the English language would never be mistaken for Shakespearean, but he did manage to identify a problem that plagues Canadians in record numbers.

According to a recently released report by the Certified General Accountants Association of Canada, household debt reached a record $1.41-trillion in December 2010 – $176,461 for a family of four – an amount 2.5 times greater than in 1989.

Living within one's means has apparently fallen out of favour with many Canadians, who are increasingly taking on mortgages they can't afford and who are putting everyday purchases on credit cards while making only the minimum monthly payments.

Enter Consolidated Credit Counselling Services of Canada, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping Canadians get out from under the burden of debt and get their finances in order.

Jeffrey Schwartz, Consolidated's executive director, agrees that, "people are spending more than they are making. How people get to that point is what we try to work with."

Schwartz, a successful businessman in his own right who co-founded the non-profit registered charity, Jacob's Ladder, a Canadian foundation for the control of neurodegenerative disease, suggested much of the problem could be attributed to a lack of self-discipline.

"Over the last 20 years, we've been fairly self-indulgent and people don't have a clear picture over the differences between what we want and what we need."

As a result, Canadians are increasingly "using their homes as equity to leverage more money and spend more."

Over-spending can arise in a number of ways. When shopping for groceries, people opt for the convenience – and cost – of corner stores rather than going out of their way to shop at a discount grocer, he said.

"The latte factor" plays a big part as well. "We want things we can make at home for a fraction of the cost," he said.

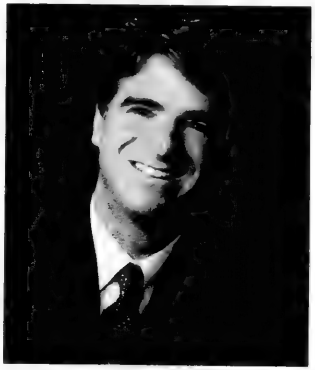
But can one $5 cup of coffee really make a difference in someone's personal finances?

"It adds up on a daily basis," Schwartz explained. One $5 coffee per day amounts to well over $1,800 per year. "To feed that spending frenzy, you've got to find [the money] because you're not earning it."

Other indulgences are even more costly. A single pack of cigarettes can run more than $9. A pack-a-day smoker will spend more than $3,200 a year on their habit.

'The latte factor' plays a big part

The purchase of big-ticket items that seemed like a good deal at the time can also hit the pocketbook. A $2,000 TV can be purchased with no money down and no payments for 18 months. "That's attractive to a lot of people," Schwartz said.



Jeffrey Schwartz

However, "If you can't pay it off in full, you can pay up to 30 per cent interest."

People put their purchases on credit because the monthly payments seem manageable. But people carry those debts for years and years and the interest adds up, he said.

A recent trend has seen others leverage their home equity to borrow cash. Lines of credit, "which traditionally were used for big purchases, are now being used for day-to-day needs," Schwartz said.

Consolidated Credit, which employs 30 people with experience in financial services, educates its clients about the true cost of credit and how to get their finances in order.

In addition to fielding as many as 40,000 telephone calls a year, the organization runs information seminars at corporate offices, where it lectures staff and management on financial issues.

Consolidated teaches "better money management," in part by urging clients to cut down on the daily lattes and big ticket purchases.

"We sit down, do an assessment" and examine how the client got into difficulty. Consolidated's staff then helps put together a budget, which Schwarz noted "is a four-letter word for some people."

Consolidated's staff helps clients "break bad habits. It's almost a financial diet.

"We put them on a realistic spending plan so they don't have problems further on in life.

"We look at how to reduce spending, if that's one of the issues. We work with clients to reduce their interest rates with creditors, so that more of their [payments] goes to principal and so we can reduce the overall sums [owing]."

The organization also maintains working relationships with a number of creditors, like banks and trust companies, and co-operates with them to reorganize their clients' debts.

"Creditors see a benefit in not having a bankrupt client," Schwarz said. They also realize that a client who gets their finances under control becomes "a better borrower."

Because Consolidated has a track record of working with borrowers and creating a spending plan that makes financial sense, creditors are more apt to agree to a debt-reorganization than if the client approached the lender himself, Schwartz added.

"By the time we talk to [the creditors], [the clients] are ready."

Consolidated's website offers a number of educational tools, including a "budgeting 1.01" course, saving tips for new families, resource material for newcomers to Canada, a wedding planner book and guides for parents on how to talk to youngsters about money.

For more information, visit www.consolidatedcredit.ca.

Young cancer survivors raise awareness of disease

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — On Nov. 18, 2009, Stephanie Weschler celebrated her 32nd birthday and the birth of her first child, Marley.

Two days later, she was told that what doctors had thought was a cyst on one ovary, detected by ultrasound during her pregnancy, was, in fact, a malignant growth. She learned that her caesarean section included the removal of a 2-1/2-pound tumour.

Her joy at becoming a mother, her career as a lawyer in a major firm, her happy marriage to Howard, all faded into the background with the shocking news. A couple of weeks after Marley's birth, she began intensive chemotherapy, which was successful.

Weschler and Neil Rubin, also a cancer survivor in his early 30s, were the honorees at a New Leadership Division of the Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) fundraising cocktail held at the SUCO lounge in the Opus Hotel. The evening was called "Living Proof," suggesting that, while cancer can strike the young, advancement in medicine is offering far better outcomes.

Weschler realizes that, in a way, she was lucky. "If I had not been pregnant, they would never have found the tumour as early. I was feeling fine. That's why they call ovarian cancer the silent killer.

"My doctor told me, 'Just thank God for your daughter.' Because of her, it was caught before it spread," said Weschler, who today looks radiant.

Her treatment over three months was gruelling – she received chemo five days in a row, all day long, at certain points.

"I couldn't take care of my baby. My mother and husband, Howard, were her primary caregivers," she said.

For a new mother to have to cope with a life-threatening illness was a cruel fate, but having a newborn kept her going. "I had no choice but to be positive. I had to be strong for Marley," she said.

Weschler accepted the ICRF tribute and is sharing her story because she realized during those long days she spent at the Jewish General Hospital's Segal Cancer Centre that she was benefiting from research and technology that been made possible because of others' donations.

"It's not like me to be in the spotlight, but the money people raised saved me," she said

Cancer survivors Neil Rubin, left, and Stephanie Weschler were the honorees of ICRF's New Leadership Division. At right is ICRF vice-president Jeffrey Bernstein.

Weschler returned to work at Stikeman Elliott, one of the sponsors of the evening, last September, as she had planned to before she became ill.

"It may be a cliché, but I appreciate life a lot more than I did. My perspective has changed. The little things don't bother me. I'm using the good crystal glasses now, and not waiting for a special occasion," Weschler said.

Eleven years ago, Rubin "felt as if [his] whole life was being defined by cancer."

At just 20, he was diagnosed with testicular cancer and underwent six weeks of chemotherapy.

Today, he is not only well, but a father. He and his wife, Andy, have two children, Lexi and Tristan.

"Thirty years ago, testicular cancer was a death sentence. Today, it has an extremely high cure rate due to the incredible progress we have made," said Rubin, who is digital brand manager at the movie and TV production company Cineflex.

The ninth annual benefit evening raised close to $100,000, which is to be donated to a young adult oncology research project done in Montreal by an ICRF-funded scientist for a three-year period.

In addition, say Living Proof co-chairs Gillian Eliahoo and Neilly Kornitzer, the New Leadership Division will continue to raise awareness about cancer among young adults.

A special guest was 2010 *American Idol* finalist Jay Stone who gave a performance of his stunning beatboxing, or vocal percussion. To underline the celebratory mood, guests were asked to wear their most colourful chic attire, and the décor, under the direction of Michelle Becker, was similarly vivid.

ICRF's Montreal division supports Israeli researchers at a number of local hospitals, including the ICRF laboratory at the Segal Cancer Centre, where Dr. Ilan Bruchim, in collaboration with Dr. Walter Gottlieb, the JGH's director of gynecological oncology, are conducting clinical research on a new treatment for ovarian cancer that it is hoped may replace highly toxic chemotherapy.

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Founded in 1968 and located in Montreal, The Akiva School is a renowned North American Jewish elementary school. With the upcoming retirement of its long-time Head, the Board is seeking an enthusiastic, visionary educator to serve as its new Head of School. The appointment will be effective July 2012. The Akiva School seeks to serve the entire Montreal Jewish Community in an environment in which all positive Jewish religious experiences thrive. The new Head of School will serve as a role model of its Jewish values and practices. The School celebrates diversity, with families from all Jewish denominations.

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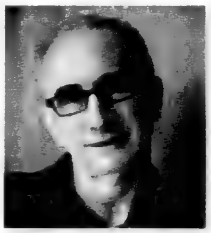
Mystery reflects cultural diversity of Toronto

Barbara Silverstein
Special to The CJN

The wine flowed and the hors d'oeuvres were plentiful at Ben McNally Books, where some 200 people gathered for the May launch of Robert Rotenberg's latest legal thriller, *The Guilty Plea*.

Rotenberg, 58, the Toronto criminal lawyer turned mystery writer, made Canadian publishing history, when the rights to his first book, *Old City Hall* (Simon & Schuster 2009), became the subject of an intense bidding war in New York back in 2008. He ended up landing a substantial advance and a contract for two books. *Old City Hall* became a Canadian best seller and has since been published in 40 countries and translated into nine languages.



Robert Rotenberg

The Guilty Plea, (Touchstone, a division of Simon and Schuster, 2011), the second book in this murder mystery series set in Toronto, features characters and settings that reflect the cultural diversity of the city.

The highlight of the book launch was the announcement by Kevin Hanson, president of Simon & Schuster Canada, that the company would be publishing two more books in the series.

"It seems to capture the essence of what Toronto really is," Hanson told *The CJN*, commending Rotenberg on his ability to link all the characters and subplots into the suspenseful main story line. "It's a real page turner."

He said one of the reasons for the series' international popularity is that people from other countries are interested in seeing how Rotenberg portrays their respective cultures within the multicultural mesh of Toronto's ethnic communities.

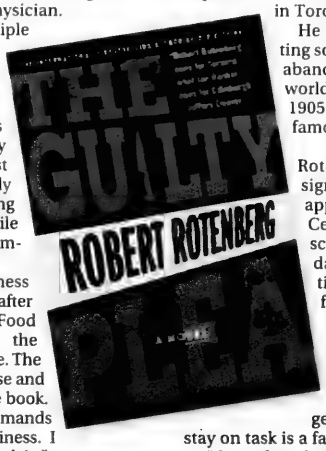
Indeed, what gives *The Guilty Plea* its substance is the cast of characters with their ongoing story lines. These characters, which are well developed, reappear in each book as the plot unfolds and moves from the investigation stage to the courtroom.

Fast forward to June and Rotenberg has just added another feather to the proverbial cap: CTV has signed on to do a continuing drama series based on his books. In a recent telephone interview he said he has just been given the green light to go public about the television deal. "The dream is that if the TV show happens, it is fast tracked for September 2012. The TV series will help sales of the books."

The plot of both books revolves around the meticulous investigative work of the protagonist, Ari Greene, a Jewish homicide detective. Rotenberg described him as "the moral center." While the other characters go through many life changes, Greene's life is more stable.

Rotenberg said he has deliberately created an aura of mystery about Greene, and was coy about what may or may not be revealed about the detective in subsequent books.

We do know that Greene has a close relationship to his father, a wily Holocaust survivor with a wry sense of humour. The widower resides in a bungalow in the Lawrence and Bathurst area, the neighbourhood where Rotenberg grew up. He said there were many Holocaust survivors in the area. Greene's father is a composite of the parents of some of his childhood friends. In contrast, Rotenberg's own father, the late Dr. Cyril Rotenberg, was a Canadian-born and educated physician.



The Guilty Plea depicts multiple generations of a wealthy family in the grocery and produce business. Rotenberg said he was interested in exploring the impact of successive generations on the outcome of a strong family business. As he puts it: the first and second generation commonly devote their lives to establishing and building the business, while it is often squandered by the pampered third generation.

Originally, the family business was going to be scrap metal, but after visiting the colourful Ontario Food Terminal, Rotenberg switched the business to groceries and produce. The sprawling terminal with all its noise and colour, figures prominently in the book. "I wanted to show the daily demands of running a fresh produce business. I wanted to show how tough the work is."

Another theme he explored was that of the smart outsider, who couldn't, despite his or her intelligence, fit into a new social setting. In *The Guilty Plea*, Samantha Wyler, the accused, is a bright woman from the northern Ontario town of Cobalt, however, she never really adapts to the big city. "I wanted her to be a character, who is smart," Rotenberg explained, "but who could not read the [social] cues in Toronto."

He said he was also interested in setting some of the story in Cobalt a "nearly abandoned" mining town that was the world biggest silver mine back in 1905. "At the time, it was the most famous Canadian city."

In promoting *The Guilty Plea*, Rotenberg has done multiple book signings across the city, and he appeared at Authors at Harbourfront Centre on June 22. Despite this hectic schedule he finds time to write every day, parent three children and practice criminal law. "I'm still working for the bad guys," he quipped.

In the meantime, the third book is completed and he has already started the fourth book in the series. When asked where he gets his discipline, Rotenberg suggested that this ability to focus and stay on task is a familial trait.

"One of my brothers is a tax lawyer, another is a writer and teacher, and one runs a pharmaceutical company. We just get stuff done."

Jewish artifacts are displayed in a new ROM gallery

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

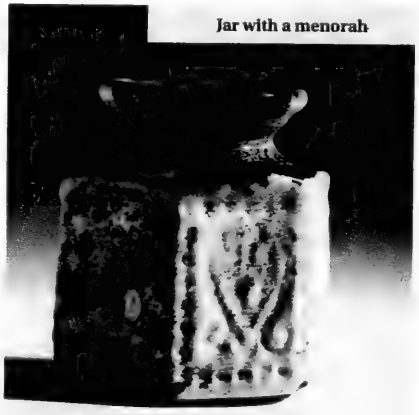
The Royal Ontario Museum has unveiled an ensemble of four new galleries on the ancient empires of Rome, Byzantium and Nubia, all supplemented by videos shot on location in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Janet Carding, the director and chief executive officer of the museum, said this was "a key moment" for the Toronto museum.

These civilizations span 2,500 years of history and had a lasting influence on art, esthetics, architecture and religion, said Carding.

The galleries – which add approximately 7,000 square feet of exhibit space to the museum – were opened on July 1.

The new galleries consist of the Eaton Gallery of Rome, the Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Gallery of Byzantium, the Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Gallery of Rome and the Near East, and the Galleries of Africa: Nubia.



Jar with a menorah

Several Jewish objects from ancient Palestine are exhibited in the Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Gallery of Byzantium – a jar with a menorah, a ring with a menorah, etrog and lulav and a bread stamp with a menorah and cross.

They date back to the period from 300 to 614 CE.

The jar and the ring were most likely made for Jews visiting holy sites in Jerusalem.

The bread stamp engraved with a menorah and a cross is extremely rare because the portrayal of images was considered idolatrous, said Paul Denis, the assistant curator of the Greek and Roman collections.

In general, the Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Gallery of Byzantium contains an array of jewelry, religious objects, church frescoes, glasswork, coins and a floor mosaic.

The museum claims that the single most important artifact in the gallery, which focuses on both Palestine and Syria, is an Early Byzantine ciborium, or church altar canopy, dating from around 500 to 600 CE.

The Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Gallery of Rome and the Near East examines Rome's expansion further east during the Republic and Imperial eras and features carved tomb reliefs from Palmyra, wall paintings from the Syrian and Lebanese coasts, jewelry from Rome, coins minted in Antioch and eastern Mediterranean floor mosaics.

The Tanenbaums, a Toronto family, have donated more than 2,000 artifacts and antiquities from the Middle East, China and Europe to the museum in the past 15 years. They are valued at about $90 million.

On view at the Eaton Gallery of Rome are over 500 pieces from the museum's holdings of classical antiquities, the largest in Canada. Among the objects are portrait sculpture, ceramics and military weapons.

Within the Eaton gallery is *The Bratty Exhibit of Etruria*. It focuses on Etruscan civilization, which peaked in Italy from about 550 BCE to 509 CE.

The Galleries of Africa: Nubia trace the history of Nubia from about 4500 BCE to 1323 CE and showcase its culture and religion.

The federal government committed $2.75 million to the new galleries, said Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities Denis Lebel.

"It's a great investment in our future," he noted. "The Royal Ontario Museum is an artistic and historical gem that enriches the Toronto area with its dynamic exhibits and distinguished galleries."

Ring with a menorah

Bread stamp with a menorah

Canadian filmmakers visit Israel

Bill Gladstone
Special to The CJN

Sidney Greenberg, vice-president of the Canadian media giant Astral Media Inc., took a group of eight Canadian filmmakers to the Jerusalem Film Festival last week as a means of marking the 50th anniversary of the company's origins as a film lab in Montreal in 1961.

"This is the first time we've had a mission going to Israel," said Greenberg, who with his late brother Harold Greenberg began an extensive and nurturing involvement in the Israeli film industry some 40 years ago.

In a conversation with *The CJN*, Greenberg recalled the early days of Israel's movie industry when all productions were in black and white, editors feared scratching negatives in crude editing machines, and the walls of sound studios were acoustically lined with straw.

Astral sponsored the Canadian filmmakers' visit to Israel through its Harold Greenberg Fund, which has poured about $73 million into the development of Canadian dramatic feature films in the past quarter century.

The filmmakers' trip was also partially underwritten by the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs Cultural Division, and coordinated with the assistance of the Israeli Consulate in Toronto. "We're very happy about it," said Amir Gissin, the consul general. "This is the first time that we see such a trip that means business."

A bilateral film treaty between Canada and Israel, which the Greenbergs helped spur into existence some 20 years ago, encourages joint cinematic ventures between the two countries with tax and other incentives. "If I want to make a movie and shoot it here and in Israel, I can write it off as a Canadian production," Greenberg explained.

While in Israel, the Canadian filmmakers are expected to meet with Israeli and other industry colleagues to discuss potential joint projects. They will also tour the Sam Spiegel Film and Television School, meet with officials of the Jerusalem Film Fund and tour production studios in Tel Aviv, among other activities.

"For us, the most important thing is to see things happening – to get the product, to get Canadian and Israeli directors and producers working together," Gissin said.

The filmmakers invited on the trip were Jennifer Jonas of New Real Films, Damon D'Oliveria of Conquering Lion Productions, Julia Rosenberg of January Films, Corey Marr of Corey Marr Productions, Tony Wosk of Middle Child Films, David Miller of Agency 71, and independents Paul Barkin and Ina Fichman.

"I'm really excited to be going," said Toronto film producer Barkin. "I really think there's a lot of great stories to be told out of Israel and between Israel and Canadians, whether we shoot in Israel or whether we shoot in Canada. I think there are stories that both parties can benefit from."

EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

SUMMER LITERARY COLUMN, PART I: THE STRANGE CASE OF BEN HECHT

Eighty years ago, in June 1931, New York publisher **Covici Friede** announced that *A Jew in Love*, a new novel by **Ben Hecht** (1894-1964), had been banned in Canada and in bookstores in Boston and other American cities.

Anyone who opened the book – the front page of which described the Jewish protagonist as "a dark-skinned little Jew with a vulturous and moody face" – might reasonably have concluded that its many antisemitic caricatures were its main objectionable feature. Not so: it was Hecht's heretical utterance that "God is a pain in the ass" that sparked the various regional bans. (The last three words of the offending phrase were removed from subsequent editions.)

Ben Hecht

Despite the controversy and the book's low artistic merit, *A Jew in Love* quickly sold 50,000 copies and made the bestseller lists of 1931, even as Jewish leaders across America denounced Hecht as a "self-hating Jew." He likewise drew their ire for making public pronouncements that ridiculed American Zionists for "raising nickels for a lot of God damn stinking Jews in Palestine."

Yet, strange as it sounds, the prolific writer and scriptwriter underwent a remarkable reversal over the next decade to become one of America's most effective public defenders of the Jewish people and Jewish statehood.

Born to Russian-Jewish parents in New York, Hecht grew up in the Midwest and became a newspaper columnist for a large Chicago daily. His first novel, *Erik Dorn* (1921), drew favourable reviews and was a bestseller. He wrote at lightning speed and once won a $2,500 bet by composing a publishable novel in less than two days with the help of amanuenses. Attracted by the bright lights of Hollywood, Hecht's ability to craft a good screenplay in only four to six weeks put him much in demand, especially after the proven popularity of his play-turned-motion picture, *The Front Page*, co-written with Charles MacArthur and later remade as *His Girl Friday*.

Hecht once observed that he "turned into a Jew in 1939," just as the world was digging in for a protracted war. The reason, as he explained in his memoir *A Child of the Century*, was that he "bumped into history" and discovered his own Jewish identity. That same year, between his work on *Gunga Din*, *Wuthering Heights*, *Stagecoach* and his uncredited polishing of dialogue in *Gone with the Wind*, he wrote the script for *Let Freedom Ring*, a patriotic movie promoting American democracy and the need for American intervention in Europe.

The rise of German antisemitism triggered a "Theodor Herzl moment" in Hecht, which led to "his own reawakening as a proud, mobilized Jew," McGill professor **Gil Troy** observed in a 2003 article. "Nazism offended Hecht personally. He fought back with the zeal of a convert and the indignation of a disturbed hermit." In one typical article, *My Tribe Is Called Israel*, Hecht addressed American Jews who felt detached from Judaism to rise up to defend the Jewish people against the Nazis onslaught.

In 1943, he wrote *We Will Never Die*, a stage pageant that celebrated the Jewish contribution to civilization. In a 1944 book, *A Guide for the Bedevilled*, he outlined his own career as a lapsed and then reborn Jew, keen on a mission to write about Jews and antisemitism – a task "that elates me more than any task to which I ever have set myself."

In 1946 came *A Flag Is Born*, which promoted the establishment of a Jewish state. It featured the music of **Kurt Weill** and a cast that included **Paul Muni**, **Celia Adler** and a young unknown actor, **Marlon Brando**. The production raised a million dollars for the militant Jewish organization Irgun, a portion of which went to purchase a ship, the SS Ben Hecht, to bring Jewish refugees to Palestine. (The British boarded it and redirected it to Cyprus.)

Once a zealous denigrator of Jews, Hecht now became even more zealous in their defence. But when he placed a series of ads in major newspapers congratulating the Irgun for blowing up British trains in Palestine, he drew an angry response. "There was nearly unanimous agreement that this time Hecht had gone too far," Toronto author **Doug Fetherling** wrote in his 1977 book, *The Five Lives of Ben Hecht*. "The Zionists only grew angrier, and many of Hecht's friends dropped away." Hecht was blacklisted by cinema owners who refused to show any films with his name in the credits. From that moment forward, Hecht's brilliant career went into a steep decline from which it never recovered. Undaunted, he raised the money for the Altalena, an Irgun ship that the Israel Defence Forces destroyed in Tel Aviv harbour in June 1948 during the War of Independence.

Hecht has always been hard to pigeonhole because of his ability to jump media from newspapers to novels to stageplays to screenplays to propaganda for militant Zionism. Although he left behind a remarkable trail of credits that included several Hitchcock films (*Spellbound*, *Notorious*) and other Hollywood classics, his quick-witted brain ultimately served to bring him a measure of discredit as well.

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Arts in Brief

• The Active Seniors of Miles Nadal JCC hosts a guided visit to *The Dream Fulfilled: Theodore Herzl and the Jewish State*, an exhibit of items from the **David Matlow** collection of Herzl artifacts. Meet at the Baycrest Morris and Sally Justein Heritage Museum, Baycrest Geriatric Hospital, 3560 Bathurst St., ground floor adjacent to gift shop. Thursday, July 21, 1:30 p.m. For information, call Phyllis, 416-924-6211, ext. 155.

• Film critic **Adam Nayman** examines the careers of directors **Michael Haneke**, **Luis Bunuel** and **Woody Allen** in his series, "Love'Em or Hate'Em: 4 Controversial Directors in Nayman's Terms." Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, July 18 to Aug. 8, 7 to 9 p.m. Haneke is the focus on July 18. $12, students $6. Bring a friend for free at the regular price. www.mnjcc.org, 416-924-6211, ext. 606.

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Moscow-born soccer player to represent Canada

David Grossman
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York University Lions soccer player Ilya Orlov has spent so much time travelling and moving he may as well live out of his suitcase.

Born in Moscow, Orlov moved to Tel Aviv with his family when he was two years old.

In 1995, he came to Canada and lived in Montreal and Toronto. Today, he calls Woodbridge, Ont., home, but next month he's heading for the southern Chinese coastal community of Shenzhen, a short train ride from Hong Kong, to participate in an international soccer tournament.

Orlov doesn't speak Chinese, but he doesn't have to.

The 22-year old, quite agile on his feet with the ability to show bursts of speed, hopes his athletic talent will do the talking at the 26th Summer Universiade, an international multi-sport event organized for university athletes from 20 countries.

Steve Hart, the Canadian team's head coach, wasted little time adding his name to the 20-man playing roster.

Orlov is that good.

He was a midfielder for the York Lions squad that compiled a 17-3-2 record this past season – one that culminated with a 1-0 win over the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds for the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) national championship.

Orlov was also a first team university all-star in his rookie year.

"I take soccer seriously – everything else in my life stops when I'm playing," said Orlov, who was first exposed to the game at the age of four when his father kicked a ball around with him on a concrete surface in Tel Aviv.

"That's what kids do in Israel – it's all soccer."

Orlov is so dedicated to the sport that he didn't hesitate to come up with the $3,000 it costs each player to travel with the team to China.

"Some people think it's embarrassing that you're representing Canada at an international competition and still have to pay," Orlov said.

"But there was a choice: you go or don't go. I was very fortunate to find a friend who agreed to sponsor me and I can hardly wait to get there and start playing."

Orlov added that the trip to China is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

"To be picked to play for Canada – a real thrill," said Orlov, who admitted his room at home resembles a soccer library loaded with his medals, trophies, books and pictures.

Orlov, who currently plays in the Canadian Soccer League, has played in the past with the Ontario Soccer League's Woodbridge Azzurri and with Maccabi Toronto in the Downsview Park Adult Soccer League. He also trained with Maccabi Bat-Yam when he visited Israel with his family.

Ilya Orlov

Orlov's role on the soccer field – keeping opposing snipers from scoring – can take its toll.

He once suffered a broken nose during a semi-final game against Ryerson University when an opposing player accidentally kicked Orlov in the face.

Four years ago, he thought his soccer career was in jeopardy when he broke his ankle prior to the start of the Ontario Colleges season.

Now Orlov is faced with the challenge of winning a few games in Shenzhen at the competition, also known as the World University Games.

Canada will compete in a pool against the Japanese – they won a bronze medal last year – the Ghanese and the British. The Ukrainians, who beat Canada two years ago, are this year's defending champs.

Orlov's coach, Hart, had nothing but praise for one of his best players.

"He's cool, calm, collected, but also very smart with the soccer ball," said Hart, who also coaches the University of Windsor's soccer team.

Hart, who was on the losing end of two shutout games against York last season, is counting on Orlov to help the Canadians win at the tournament in Shenzhen.

"[Orlov] is very talented and dominant on the field – just no other way to explain him. When I say he's like my quarterback, that should tell you he's one of my biggest assets," Hart said.

"We're not going there to tour. The expectations are high, but I also think very realistic."

In six previous appearances at these games, Canada's best performance came in 2007 when they finished fourth.

Although Orlov is currently focused on winning the tournament, he isn't ignoring his academic future.

Working towards a career to fall back on, Orlov initially pursued a two-year paralegal studies program at Humber College several years ago – during which he played soccer for the school team – but today, Orlov is hoping to pursue a career that can be combined with his love of the "beautiful game."

The York student is studying kinesiology in the hope that he will be able to use his expertise to become a professional soccer coach.

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Casspi traded to Cleveland Cavaliers

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SACRAMENTO — Omri Casspi, the first Israeli to play in the NBA, has been traded to the Cleveland Cavaliers.

The Sacramento Kings sent Casspi, 23, and a 2012 first-round draft pick to the Cavs in exchange for power forward J.J. Hickson.

Casspi, a favourite of Jewish fans across the country, had expressed a desire to be traded because he believed he was not getting enough playing time.

Both six-foot-nine inch forwards were number one draft picks by their original teams: Casspi in 2009 and Hickson the previous year out of North Carolina State.

In the 2010-11 season, Casspi averaged 8.6 points and 4.3 rebounds playing 24 minutes a game, mostly as a reserve. His playing time diminished as the season progressed.

Hickson averaged 13.8 points and 8.7 rebounds, mostly as a starter.

Casspi is training to play with the Israeli national team in the European basketball championships in August.

The day of the trade, NBA owners told representatives of the National Basketball Players Association that they will be instituting a lockout after the two sides failed to work out a new collective bargaining agreement.

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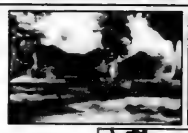

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Top Egyptian politician calls Holocaust, 9/11 fabrications

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The vice-chairman of Egypt's top secular party told the *Washington Times* in an interview last week that the Sept. 11 terror attacks, the Holocaust and Anne Frank's diary are all historical fabrications.

"The Holocaust is a lie," Ahmed Ezz El-Arab, Wafd party leader told the newspaper when he was in Budapest, where he was attending the Conference on Democracy and Human Rights.

He went on to explain that it was factually impossible to claim that the Nazis killed six million Jews, saying, "The Jews under German occupation were 2.4 million. So if they were all exterminated, where does the remaining 3.6 million come from?"

The Egyptian politician acknowledged that the Nazis may have killed "hundreds of thousands" of Jews, but discounted the plausibility of gas chambers and skinning Jews alive, calling them "fanciful stories."

El-Arab's Holocaust denial did not stop there, and the Egyptian politician went on to attack the authenticity of Anne Frank's diary, the memoirs of a teenage girl who hid from the Nazis in Amsterdam, only to be discovered and die in a concentration camp.

The Wafd leader recalled studying the novel, one of the most widely distributed publications to date, when he was a doctoral student in Stockholm. "I could swear to God it's a fake," he said. "The girl was there, but the memoirs are a fake."

Ahmed Ezz El-Arab

El-Arab concurred with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's denial of the Holocaust – but discredited his motives.

"He's a hateful character, so whatever he says can be criticized," he told the *Washington Times*, adding that "what he says about the Holocaust is true, but he doesn't say it because it's true. He says it out of hatred to the Israeli state."

When asked about future peace with Israel, El-Arab attempted to assuage fears that a new Egyptian government would cancel the 1979 treaty.

The Egyptian politician told the newspaper that there is "no chance at all" that would happen," adding, "Egypt will not go to war unless it's attacked."

El-Arab's historical revision was not reserved for the Holocaust alone, and he also shared his theories on the Sept. 11 attacks and their perpetrators with the *Washington Times*.

The Wafd leader denied that Osama bin Laden, the Al Qaeda leader who was recently killed in an American raid on his compound in Pakistan, was behind the attacks.

"He could not have the know-how or the ability to do it," El-Arab said, calling the dead Al Qaeda leader "an American agent."

The Egyptian politician added, "If he had the ability, one plane only landing on the Knesset would give more effect."

El-Arab blamed the CIA, Israel's Mossad and the "military-industrial complex" for 9-11.

Despite his Holocaust-denying views, it seems as though El-Arab's overall opinion of the Jewish people is favourable. He told the *Washington Times* that he believes that there was once a Jewish temple in Jerusalem, entitling the Jews to a historical claim on Israel's capital.

"The Jews are there," he said. "Good or bad, they are there." However, he made sure to follow up with the clarification: "You cannot as a human being think of exterminating six million or five million or whatever. That's crazy."

Dutch shchitah ban concerns Jews

Alex Weisler
JTA

AMSTERDAM — A few streets over from the bookstore where Anne Frank bought her famous diary, the only kosher butcher shop in Holland is bustling. Two employees man the long counter at Slagerij Marcus, pausing from chopping meat to sell customers a bit of this or that for Shabbat dinner.

In the wake of an overwhelming vote by the Dutch House of Representatives to ban the type of ritual slaughter required for kosher and halal meat, this butcher shop famous for its handmade sausage is at the front lines of a battle between two competing ideals in Holland: freedom of religion and animal welfare.

What put shchitah, or kosher slaughter, in the crosshairs was an unlikely convergence between animal rights activists and Holland's far-right, anti-Muslim movement.

The Party for the Animals is interested in banning all forms of what it considers inhumane slaughter, while the Freedom Party led by firebrand Geert Wilders is interested in making Holland inhospitable to Muslims. For Wilders, who in 2009 called Islam "the ideology of a retarded culture," the impact on shchitah is collateral damage.

"It's a shift from the Netherlands as an open society to the Netherlands as a closed, monocultural society," said Joel Erwteman, a Jewish lawyer who helped Dutch Jewish leaders draft a position paper opposing the slaughter bill. "It's becoming completely normal to talk about Muslims as being a problem."

Kosher slaughter seems secure for now – the Parliament is on recess until September, and approval by the Dutch Senate, a key step for the measure to become law, is no guarantee.

If the ban does pass, Jewish leaders plan to challenge it in court, arguing that the guarantee of freedom of religion enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights precludes banning shchitah. The law also could be amended to make an exception for kosher slaughter if it can be proven that no additional harm is caused to animals by killing them the kosher way.

And if that fails, Dutch Jews easily could procure kosher meat by importing it legally from nearby countries.

But for many Jews in the country, the most disconcerting element of the drive to outlaw shchitah isn't so much the legality of kosher slaughter per se but the symbolism of Holland's move to outlaw a basic element of Jewish life. It's a sign, some say, that after 400 years of a Jewish presence in the Netherlands, the traditions of the country's approximately 40,000 Jews count for little.

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Trip to India not for faint of heart

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

They suffered through stifling 48-degree heat, maniacal speed-demon bus drivers, aggressive monkeys and even a head-butting incident with a stray cow.

A six-week trip to India may not be for the faint of heart, but for students Dayna Simon and Adrienne Silver, it was an experience of a lifetime.

"Going to India is something I've always wanted to do," said Silver, 22, who recently graduated from the University of Western Ontario's communications program. "I've always been really interested in the culture."

Simon, 22, a University of Toronto graduate student and Hillel of Greater Toronto's graduate representative, said that while it's trendy for some to travel to India to "to find themselves" spiritually, she and her friend – both active members of the Toronto Jewish community – "just wanted to explore a different world."

A different world is exactly what they got, and it didn't take long for the girls to experience a culture shock.

"We flew Air India, so when we got on the plane, we were already in culture shock. We were the only white people on the flight," Simon said.

"The first morning in India we woke up and went outside and it was probably 48 degrees plus humidity, and the men weren't wearing pants, they were just wearing loincloths because it was so hot. You wake up and you just look outside... and there are cows walking in the streets."

The shock, they suspected, went both ways.

Silver explained that when they travelled to the poorer areas of the country that were off the beaten path, "people would stare at us, and it was kind of a shock for them."

"American culture hasn't really infiltrated the south yet as it has in other areas," Simon added. "When they saw two white girls not wearing saris, wearing shorts and T-shirts, we got a lot of funny looks, whereas in other places, people would stop and take pictures."

Although Simon admitted that throughout the six-week adventure she never fully overcame her culture shock, Silver said she was far more at ease.

"I was pretty comfortable with the culture, and I felt like I connected with it a lot," said Silver, who has ventured into the unknown before, on a volunteer trip to Thailand.

"I was trying to connect with the culture and the mentality and the customs. It's about not looking at the culture from the outside in, it's about engaging with the culture," Silver said.

Simon and Silver made the most of their time in India, having visited one of the seven wonders of the world, the Taj Mahal, river rafted in Rishikesh, rode an elephant at the Periyar National Park, and taken a four-day trek on the peaks of Nanda Devi.

They documented their adventures on a blog called Two Girls One Trip (www.daynaandadrienne.blogspot.com), updating their family and friends about everything they saw and experienced.

One of their blog posts described their visit to an area in New Delhi called Pahar Ganj – or as Silver liked to call it, Little Israel.

"Pahar Ganj... has been established as the hot spot for Israeli backpackers in Delhi. It was hilarious to see how big of an influence Israeli tourists have had on the neighbourhood. Store signs all over the area were mainly written in English, Hindi and Hebrew. Some stores even offered their prices in shekels," Silver wrote in her blog.

Silver said the area was so heavily populated by Israelis, that some of the locals learned to speak Hebrew to communicate with the Israeli visitors.

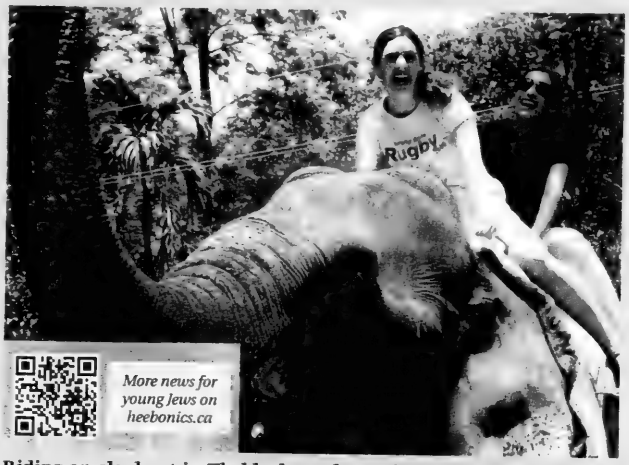
"The first time an Indian approached us in fluent Hebrew, Ade and I were shocked," Simon said.

But this isn't the only connection India has with Judaism, which Silver and Simon learned more about when they visited Cochin, in part to fill their "Jewish tourist quota."

Cochin is home to a neighbourhood called Jew Town (yes, Jew Town), where travellers can find the Paradesi Synagogue, at the corner of Synagogue Lane and Jew Street.

The Paradesi shul, built in 1568 when Jewish spice traders set up businesses in the area, is one of eight synagogues in Cochin, but the only one still functioning. The synagogue, now a protected heritage site, still serves as a place of worship for the 13-member Jewish community.

Simon, who said they spent their first Shabbat with the Chabad centre in Cochin and prayed at the Paradesi shul, described the temple as "embellished," with bright colours – gold, red and orange – intricate Indian chandeliers, and mosaic tiles that were imported from China in the 16th century.



Riding an elephant in Thekkady at the Periyar National Park is just one of the many adventures Dayna Simon, front, and Adrienne Silver experienced during their six-week trip to India this summer.

"Once upon a time there was a thriving community of Jews here," Simon said.

At its peak, the Jewish community in India, who claimed to be descendants of the Bene Israel tribe, reached about 20,000 in 1948.

Following Israel's independence, most immigrated to the Jewish state. In 1964, the Israeli rabbinate recognized the Indian Jews as ethnically Jewish, and by the 1970s, all but a few families immigrated to Israel, where the Cochin Jewish community makes up about 8,000.

During their visit to the shul, Simon and Silver were invited by a Jewish family to join them for Shabbat dinner.

"It was really shocking that they don't eat chicken soup and challah," Simon said with a laugh.

"They adopted the Malayalam culture. They wear saris and they eat Indian food, yet they're white and Jewish," Silver said.

While they pray in Hebrew, they speak a language called Judeo-Malayalam, a dialect that mixes Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam and Hebrew.

Simon said that while their customs have been influenced by Indian culture, she was still able to relate to the Cochin Jews based on the many similarities.

For example, Indian Jews bless the chapatti, an Indian flatbread, rather than a braided challah, but it is still covered with a traditional challah cover during the *Kiddush*.

"What is interesting about this community is that it still has so much in common with our Jewish community," Simon said.

"We still all celebrate Shabbat and we still say 'shalom aleichem,' and we have that in common. They may not eat the same Shabbat dinner that I eat, maybe there's no gefilte fish, but they are still eating Shabbat dinner."

While both Silver and Simon insisted that their Indian adventure wasn't motivated by any need to fill some kind of spiritual void, Silver said she "appreciated the spirituality there.

"We were trying to understand how in a country of more than one billion people how people manage to stay so kind and hospitable and friendly. There are impoverished places all over India, and how do they stay so positive all the time? It must be something to do with spirituality," Silver said.

Although Silver and Simon said that their trip to India was an experience they'll never forget, Simon warned, "you have to be adventurous and you have to want to step out of your comfort zone."

"But I would suggest venturing out of the Jewish bubble," Silver added.

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Advice for single male readers

Last time we met, I promised you, my dear single male readers, some tips on how and where to get the woman of your dreams. So, here goes.

If you're after a beauty queen: well, my friend, it'd be way easier if you were a handsome Jewish doctor. If you're not, when you spot your queen (so she won the 1973 contest, so what?), don't give her a second look! Ignore her completely, or drop some snooty looks in her direction. It will drive her crazy ("Why? Why isn't he hitting on me already!").

When you're in a restaurant, she'll probably order a lettuce salad. Never say: "Is that all you're eating?" Instead, order cheesecake and say: "Sorry, can't let you have a taste. By your last photos, I noticed someone has been a little gluttonous lately, hasn't she?" She'll fall into your arms in a heartbeat.

New to Canada

Nina Shenhav

Tell her how much you see her inner beauty and don't overdo the compliments. If you say: "Gee, you're so gorgeous, I've never thought I'd go on a date with someone like you," she'll figure you probably know what you're talking about.

Next, how to get your dream woman at the supermarket. Never approach a woman who stands at the diaper and formula shelves. She's probably not buying for her cousin's neighbour's baby.

Do stop next to a woman looking at aftershave and try some on. Gaze at her with an embarrassed smile and ask for her opinion. Take her recommendation (beware – you are not to talk to a sales clerk!) and put her choice in your cart. The gesture will move her, and if she's available, you have a shot.

If taking her advice doesn't make an impression on her and she walks away, return the smelly bottle to the shelf. There's no need to stick with some stupid lady's choice!

Girls you should stay away from: if your new girl won't let you see her pictures from elementary school, study her nose, examine her hair roots and curves, then think again (especially if you want to be the father of a beautiful girl someday).

If she yawns whenever you talk about your precious mom, dear father and devoted big sisters, yet gets all excited when you mention your grandpa's will, stay away!

If your mom can't stand her, don't even bother. She's not, and will never be, the one.

If everywhere the two of you go, at least one guy knows her, hugs her warmly, and asks her if, by any chance, she found his lighter, pen or undershirt, let's assume it's not because she's the head of the lost and found division.

And in general – if she says she loves you, she really needs you to say you love her, too. Remember that – and you're good to go.

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SLOW COOKED BBQ BRISKET

1x 8 lb. brisket
2c apple cider
(in a clean spray bottle)

RUB:
2 1/2 tbls paprika
1 tbl salt
2 tbls garlic powder
1 tbl onion powder
1 tbls oregano, minced
2 tsp thyme, minced
1 tbl cayenne pepper
2 tsps dried red pepper

Combine ingredients in bowl; mix well. Place brisket on baking tray; rub into both sides of meat. Cover with plastic wrap and into refrigerator overnight.

BBQ SAUCE :
2 c BBQ sauce
1 c beer

In small bowl whisk BBQ sauce & beer together. Leave 1 side of BBQ off and 1 side on high. Place drip pan under grates without heat. Bring temperature to 220°F. Place brisket over drip pan where there is no direct heat. Close BBQ lid. Slow cook 6-8 hrs., basting with sauce every 20 min for last hour. Every hour spray with apple cider to keep meat moist. Remove from grill; tent loosely with tin foil 45 min. Slice meat against grain.

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Also on the web

At the new Sheraton Montreal Airport, a kosher kitchen, under the supervision of the Vaad Ha'ir (MK), is part of the $15-million-dollar renovation the new owner, Starwood & Resorts Worldwide, is pouring into the almost 50-year-old hotel, which was most recently a Wyndham, but is better known for its many years as the Dorval Hilton. Seen below, Sheraton Airport Hotel GM Kevin Gillespie, second from left, samples the creations of chefs Romano Giorgi, left, Alan Serour, and Ronald Tardif.

Enjoy summer's plenty now

Beverly Levitt
Special to The CJN

Every year, I wait for summer when my favourite vegetables sweeten, ripen and make their debut in produce sections, farmers markets and my own backyard. There's nothing like the melange of fragrances that result. I don't even mind my eyes watering from the acrid pungency of onions, chili peppers and garlic.

For me it harkens back to my youth when my mother populated our yard with her Victory Garden – one whiff and I am six years old, stuffing mud-layered tomatoes, scallions and basil into my mouth, while visions of delicious dinners danced in my head.

The diversity is mind-boggling. The veggies also change colours before our very eyes. Through crossbreeding and hybridizing, we have white eggplant, orange and yellow tomatoes, yellow zucchini, green cauliflower, purple bell peppers and asparagus.

Using vegetables in season yields the best quality, the biggest variety, the sweetest taste, and also the best price. It's odd that we actually pay more later for vegetables that have been in cold storage for months.

In summertime, when the living is supposed to be easy, our cooking chores are simplified because we can depend on the robust flavours of our vegetables. Summer is also the best time to eat our veggies raw, preserving all the vitamins and minerals depleted by cooking. Try carrot, celery and jicama sticks, zucchini rounds, half moons of bell pepper, florets of broccoli and cauliflower, mushroom buttons.

Savoury salsas, creamy guacamole and veggie kabobs are also better this time of year. Crisp, crunchy raw veggies can be enhanced with creamy dips seasoned with fresh herbs, nuts, olives or pimientos. A wonderful combination is cream cheese or yogurt flavoured with ripe olives, chives, spinach, mushrooms and hazelnuts. Make a hot cheddar cheese dip with chili peppers, garlic, cilantro and tomatoes. Or serve your tomatoes ice cold, atop some white mozzarella, fresh basil and a drizzle of olive oil.

Since my favourite dishes, including pasta with pesto and tomato bruschetta, are different combinations of tomatoes, sweet onions, garlic and basil, I have decided to offer a new favourite featuring "summer's big four" to their best advantage. See if you agree.

FRESH VEGETABLE PASTA

This dish makes a gorgeous presentation. Everything should be finished at the same time, so that you can place it artfully on your platter and serve it immediately.

1 large, sweet onion, chopped fine
3 cloves fresh garlic, diced
olive oil for frying
1 yellow bell pepper, sliced thin
1 large, ripe tomato, peeled, seeded and chopped fine
2 oz. black olives, sliced
1/2 lb. mushrooms, sliced
1/4 cup fresh basil, sliced
1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped fine
1/4 cup white wine
salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 to 1 lb. linguine

Sauté onion and garlic in olive oil until translucent, about 3 to 5 minutes. Add pepper and tomato and cook another 3 minutes, until softened. Add olives, mushrooms, basil, parsley and wine; simmer 3 more minutes until flavours are blended. Add salt and pepper. Reserve; cover to keep warm.

Put 8 ounces of linguine into large pot of boiling water with 1 tsp. olive oil, and 1 tsp. salt. Cook 6-8 minutes, al dente. Drain in colander. Toss pasta with vegetable sauce. Sprinkle with additional parsley, basil and Parmesan.

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Israeli invention gives 'sight' to blind

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TEL AVIV — Within days of exhibiting its "virtual cane" device for the blind, Hebrew University scientists grabbed headlines for a little gadget about to change the lives of millions of people across the globe.

It's dubbed "Yes-Eye-Cane," and it's meant to replace the traditional white cane used by the sight-impaired population for getting around. It was developed by Dr. Amir Amedi – of Hebrew U's Institute for Medical Research Israel-Canada at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem – and his team to improve orientation and mobility of the sight-impaired by helping them estimate the distance and height of obstacles in their path.

"It enables the detection of obstacles that are much farther away than the one-metre radius of the regular white cane," Dr. Daniel-Robert Chebat, who works in Amedi's laboratory for multisensory research at Hebrew U, told *The CJN*. "The user does not need to actually touch an object with a stick to feel it. The sensors of the device do this instead. This device is much more discreet and avoids clumsily hitting objects with a stick to sense their presence."

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From left, Lior Reich, Dr. Daniel-Robert Chebat, Dr. Amir Amedi, Shachar Maidenbaum, Sami Abboud and Uri Hertz. Amedi is holding the "Yes-Eye-Cane." [*Courtesy Amir Amedi*]

A peal from the past

JTA

JERUSALEM — A small Second Temple-era bell, possibly like those worn on the clothes of the high priests, was unearthed in Jerusalem.

Archeologists discovered the golden artifact during excavations in a drainage channel that begins in the Shiloah Pool and runs through the City of David toward the Western Wall, the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) said on Sunday.

The dig leaders, Eli Shukron and Ronny Reich of Haifa University, said the bell, which has a small loop at its tip, was probably sewn on to the garment of a senior Jerusalem official in the first century, and may have fallen off into the drainage ditch.

"It is impossible to know for certain if the bell did indeed belong to one of the high priests. However, the possibility should not be entirely discounted," the IAA said in a statement.

It quoted a description, in Exodus, of the robe worn by Aaron the priest: "All of blue... it shall have a binding of woven work... And upon the skirts of it thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the skirts thereof; and bells of gold between them round about."

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CANADA

UJA Supports South Sudan

The Canadian Jewish community is joining others around the world by helping the fledgling country of South Sudan, which became a nation on July 9 after a vote for independence.

UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and IsraAID: The Israel Forum for International Humanitarian Aid, in partnership with the American Jewish Committee and the government of Sudan, last week sent a humanitarian aid shipment to the beleaguered country.

The federation provided funding to IsraAID for the shipment, whose cargo was comprised of medicine, food and potable water.

The shipment was put together "on behalf of the Israeli and Jewish people as a goodwill gesture between both communities," according to a news release issued by the federation.

Israel recognized South Sudan on July 10.

Toronto-based humanitarian and relief organization Ve'ahavta, also plans to contact its partners on the ground in Sudan to "explore options to join efforts and deliver service for the Sudanese in the future," a spokesperson for the organization said.

Cdn Volunteer Awards

Canadians are being encouraged to flag the government about people they think are making a difference in their communities.

On July 12, Diane Finley, minister of human resources and skills development Canada (HRSDC), announced that the nomination period is now open for the Prime Minister's Volunteer Awards.

The awards will recognize individuals or groups of volunteers, businesses and not-for-profit organizations in five regions across Canada, and will offer a national award in two categories: one for lifelong achievement and one for new volunteers, according to Finley's office.

Nominations will be accepted until Sept. 9, 2011.

Canadians can visit www.pm.gc.ca/awards for more information on the awards program, eligibility criteria and the nomination process.

WORLD

Mengele Diaries Sold

Infamous Nazi doctor Josef Mengele's diaries were auctioned off last week to a haredi American man for $245,000.

The man, whose name was not disclosed by the auction house, is apparently an avid collector of artifacts from World War II.

Known as the "Angel of Death," Mengele was one of the most gruesome war criminals of the Holocaust, blamed for tens of thousands of deaths in his role as concentration camp doctor.

His diaries, a total of 31 ring notebooks containing some 3,400 pages of handwritten notes, were sold at Alexander Historical Auctions in Stamford, Connecticut, north of New York City despite the objections of Holocaust survivors and historians.

Body of Nazi leader Rudolf Hess exhumed

On July 20, the remains of Nazi leader Rudolf Hess were exhumed from his grave in Germany after it became a pilgrimage site for neo-Nazis.

His body was taken from his grave in Wunsiedel, Germany and the headstone removed. The body will be cremated and its ashes scattered at sea.

Hess served as Adolf Hitler's deputy and personal secretary.

Hundreds of Nazis marched each year on Wunsiedel in honour of Hess on the anniversary of his death. The practice was banned in 2005.

Rudolf Hess

Hess was put on trial at Nuremburg, where he was given a life sentence for crimes against peace and conspiracy to commit crimes. He was sent to the Spandau prison in Berlin and committed suicide there in 1987 at age 93.

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Downtown shul gets a one-day makeover

The latest in a series of 'Lend a Hand' projects

Jennifer M. MacLeod
Special to the CJN

On a sunny Sunday in July, the last place you'd expect a group of unaffiliated young Jews is an 80-year-old downtown synagogue.

But, coated in plaster, dust and paint, wielding power tools and baby wipes, a group of about 40 volunteers from The House showed up at the Anshei Minsk Synagogue on July 10 for the Minsk Makeover.

The House, a second-floor storefront on Eglinton Avenue West, was launched by Rabbi Rafi Lipner in 2005 as a non-threatening environment where 18 to 30-year-old Jews can, according to its website, "kick back, chat, think, experience, relax and explore" their Judaism.

The Minsk Makeover is the latest in a series of "Lend a Hand" projects, like last winter's Latkes for Chessed, led by 32-year-old Coby Segall, a group leader in research and innovation for tech firm Psion Teklogix.

Segall says the projects, which happen about every six weeks, provide "an opportunity to collaborate with some incredible individuals" including other community organizations like DANI, Jewish Family & Child and Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue's Out of the Cold program on "projects nobody else is doing."

Volunteers Rabbi Ariel Tal and Julia Segal sand the women's balcony railing. *[Jennifer M. MacLeod photos]*

Segall's wife, Robyn, who also came down to paint railings at the Minsk, is marketing, communications and public relations manager for Ve'ahavta.

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The Finkler Question

From the editor's desk...

British novelist, journalist and broadcaster Howard Jacobson is exceptionally talented. He is also principled and fearless. He is unbowed when speaking his conscience and holds firm and resolute to the rock of his beliefs in the face of popular howling winds.

Last month, he stood in the ring of public opinion against iconic American writer Alice Walker and forcefully countered her pretentious public display of participating in the celebrated flotilla effort to break the Israeli naval blockade of Gaza.

"Whatever its cargo," Jacobson wrote on CNN's website, "by luring the Israeli military into action which can be represented as brutal, the flotilla is engaged in an entirely political act. To call it by any other name is the grossest hypocrisy."

Walker had earlier explained her participation in the flotilla on the CNN website as a way of striving for "justice and respect" for Palestinian children. "One child must never be set above another," she wrote.

But Jacobson did not demur.

He responded to Walker directly by reminding her of the fundamental facts that she and most Israel-bashers inexplicably ignore: "Gaza is under siege, Israelis will tell you, because weapons are fired from it into Israel, threatening the lives of Israeli children." He then added, "If the aim of the flotilla is to ensure that one child will not be set above another, it is hard to see how challenging the blockade will achieve it. All an Israeli parent will see is a highly charged emotionalism disguising an action that, by its very partiality, chooses the Palestinian child over the Israeli."

On account of his superior skills, Jacobson is now also a prize-winning writer.

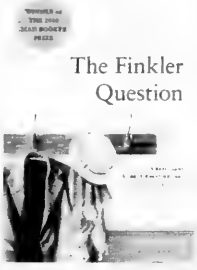
In October 2010, he received Britain's prestigious Man Booker Prize for Fiction for his audacious novel, *The Finkler Question*, a bold, in-your-face story that deals head-on with issues of antisemitism, Jewish identity and Israel.

The particular setting of Jacobson's tale is London, England. And although the details of the story are richly and uniquely depictive of modern British society, the issues he explores have a much wider application. Alas.

It is for this reason, of course – the deeply disturbing re-emergence above the surface of polite society of shockingly widespread antisemitism – that Jacobson undertook to apply his literary abilities to this very serious subject matter. And it is for this reason the book, like a beckoning siren in our troubled times, calls to us to observe, study and weigh his insights.

And Jacobson's insights are worth the measure.

That he conveys them in the form of a work of fiction is itself a testament to his strong character and abiding confidence. And that the work is infused with humour testifies to his robust, unflinching imagination.



The very name of the novel, *The Finkler Question*, suggests the writer's clever but purposeful entry into painful sociological territory.

The name Finkler is that of Sam Finkler, one of the key characters in the story, a pop-culture philosopher, television celebrity. We are told early on by another of the key players, Julian Treslove, that to him, the name Finkler is an eponymous stand-in for all Jews, for Jewish.

Thus, *The Finkler Question*, is intended to be read as "The Jewish Question," the very same articulation of the very question that has inspired the debate conducted through the ages by philo and anti-semites alike: What to do with their society's Jews? Do they belong?

Through the complex literary weave of his novel, Jacobson ties together that discussion in the friendships of the story's three core characters, Finkler, Treslove and Libor Sevcik, and the influential handful of peripheral characters.

The story is difficult and painful to read, and at times not very pleasant, because the issues themselves are difficult, painful and unpleasant. Jacobson spares no feelings among his characters or of the reader. He gives voice to the vilest racism of the thugs, the worst ignorance of the ignoramuses, and the most strident anti-Israel bashing of elitish, "intellectual" Jews.

He writes as an insider, with nuance and understanding, indignation and reserve about the worry felt by most Jews at the ugly resurgence of antisemitism.

Despite its humour, the story is dark and often brooding. It is more tragi-comedy than comedy. *The Finkler Question* is a reminder of the medieval polemic that always spelled trouble for the Jews.

Jacobson is a gifted writer who urges us not to be cowed by or knuckle under to the medieval polemicists of today.

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A young man in Jerusalem stands atop a statue near a protesters' camp established to demonstrate against the high cost of housing in Israel's major cities, which makes it especially difficult for young couples to get into the housing market. The sign on the statue reads "We are fighting for homes." Similar protests have sprung up in cities across Israel in recent weeks.

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Providing care to the Sephardi community

Brian Moskowitz
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Despite his hectic schedule, Yehuda Azoulay drove straight into late Friday afternoon Toronto traffic.

After hearing about a new charitable organization catering to the needs of the city's Sephardi community, the 25-year-old father of two knew he'd found an opportunity to acknowledge those who helped establish the community and are keeping one of Judaism's most important commandments: visiting the sick and elderly.

With wide smiles and an exchange of kisses on both cheeks, Azoulay, one of the volunteers of all ages who reach out to community members on a regular basis, greeted his octogenarian hosts, who have asked not to have their names used.

Originally from Marrakesh, the couple lives far from the rest of the community and have limited mobility, he said.

"I felt like they were my grandparents," said Azoulay, who works in his family's printing business while pursuing a master of education along with rabbinic ordination.

Many elderly Sephardim who began arriving in Canada in the 1930s speak Spanish, French and Arabic, which can be challenging both practically and emotionally, explained Denise Benzaquen Levin, who founded Rav Hesed – Sephardic Bikur Cholim in honour of her parents, Aaron and Vida Benzaquen, who arrived in Canada by boat from Morocco in 1958.

"There are people like my parents, who speak Spanish but have difficulty hearing. Trying to book Wheel-Trans with a host of [telephone] menus to navigate or even calling to order a newspaper can be very challenging and frustrating," she said. Even when the phone volume is raised, menus are not repeated and the language barrier gets in the way, or they simply forget about their appointment, she added.

"It's like being served in Yiddish, which is mamaloshen for Ashkenazim, so these are our mamaloshens: Spanish, Arabic and French."

Although many Sephardim speak different dialects of Ladino, Benzaquen Levin said that in the few months Rav Hesed has been operating, no one has requested help in Ladino.

Sephardim make up roughly 10 per cent of Toronto's Jewish community, and Azoulay pointed out that some of the community's elderly members aren't being seen.

"It's not a Sephardi or Ashkenazi thing – it's a Jewish thing," said Azoulay.

"When I first heard about this charity, I didn't understand why it was necessary to have another one," he said, referring to Toronto's Bikur Cholim established shortly after World War II.

"Then I understood: the language barrier, the mentality, the connection to rabbis and other important Sephardi figures," along with other facets of Sephardi cultures such as body language, religious literature and music, he said.

'It's like being served in Yiddish, which is mameloshon for Ashkenazim, so these are our mamaloshens: Spanish, Arabic and French'

"Right now we're going through the first generation of older people that still require the language and culture, so it's important that we have people who can relate to the older generation," said Rabbi Amram Assayag, chief Sephardi rabbi of Toronto.

From left are Vida Benzaquen, Denise Benzaquen Levin and Aaron Benzaquen. The children are the Benzaquens' great-grandchildren. Rav Hesed is dedicated to Benzaquen Levin's parents.

Rabbi Assayag mentioned the benefit young people can gain through learning from the elderly, as well as the importance of performing acts of chesed or loving-kindness.

Rav Hesed's volunteers provide comfort to families in their time of need, said Brindy Ehrentreu, intake co-ordinator at Toronto Bikur Cholim.

Ehrentreu said the organization refers Sephardi clients to Rav Hesed for this very reason.

"It's that little bit extra that gives them reassurance and a certain security," she said.

"Whatever Denise needs, we're here to help her, whether the support is moral, material or otherwise."

Benzaquen Levin explained that the assistance Rav Hesed provides can play a fundamental role in the emotional well-being of both clients and their families.

"The hardest mitzvah in the Torah is honouring one's parents because when someone gets older they can become anxious, and sometimes they can't manage their emotions. They see that they're aging, and it's a really hard stage which often frightens them. You're only human and you get anxious too."

Benzaquen Levin hopes to have the charity registered soon and currently funds it herself, but no organization exists without the help and generosity of its volunteers, she said.

"When food is delivered, Rav Hesed's wonderful volunteers consider it to be part of their mitzvah, and do not ask for reimbursement. If it ever became an issue, we would certainly cover the expenses."

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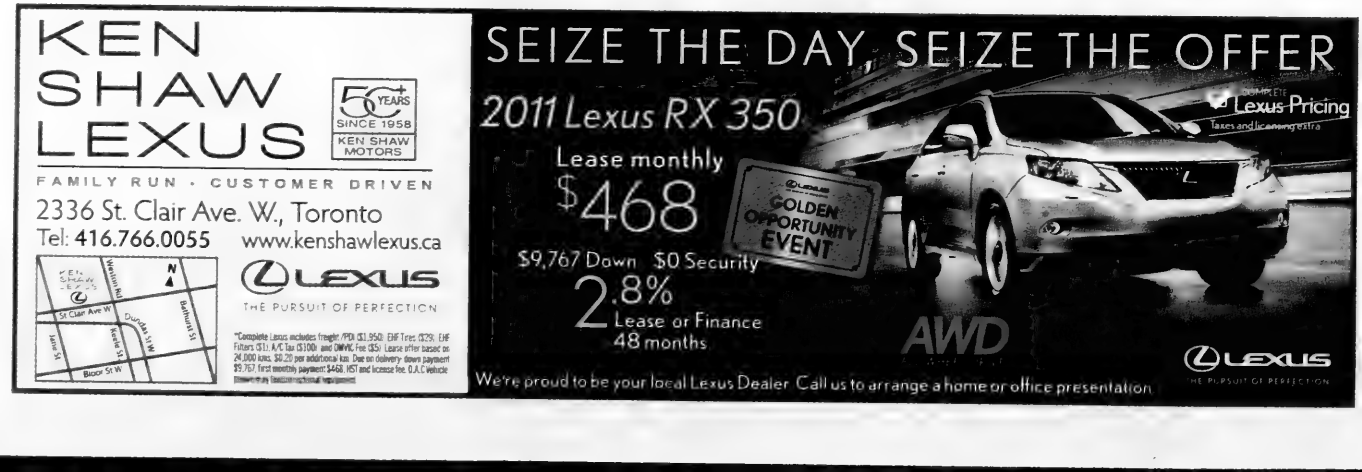

Couple donate $1.2M to T.O.'s Jewish camping programs

Laura Fixman
Intern

An event celebrating Jewish camps hosted by the Foundation for Jewish Camp (FJC) was highlighted by the presentation of a gift of $1.2 million from Alan and Hinda Silber to Toronto Jewish camping programs.

The event, on July 11, celebrated not-for-profit Jewish overnight camps and in particular programs such as TopBunk, which is part of the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's Jewish Camp Incentive Program. TopBunk is part of the FJC's One Happy Camper program – which provides need-blind grants for first-time campers at FJC supported camps. One Happy Camper will be matching the Silbers' donation.

FJC's only Toronto-based board members, Ab Flatt and Gerry Maldoff, said that these programs are important because they get as many kids into Jewish camps as possible.

Ted Sokolsky

"Living a Jewish life is what creates Jewish continuity," Maldoff said. "If you believe in Jewish continuity, Jewish camps are the easiest and cheapest way to do it."

More than 1,000 children in Toronto have attended a Jewish camp with help from TopBunk. Since 2008, federation has partnered with FJC to provide the TopBunk grant. Surveys through FJC show that 55 per cent of the children who attend camp with help from TopBunk would have chosen non-Jewish summer activities if not for the grant.

Ted Sokolsky, federation president, said it's important to encourage people to invest in Jewish camps. He added that his experience at a Jewish camp, Camp Kvutzah, was how he developed his involvement in Jewish life, and it's important for children to have that experience.

"It's such a great environment to get kids comfortable with their Jewish identity," Sokolsky said. "Anything we can do to get people to make a decision to send kids to those kinds of camps is a good thing."

Jeremy Fingerman

Jeremy Fingerman, CEO of FJC, said the most important reason to celebrate Jewish camps is that they work to get kids connected to other aspects of Jewish life.

"There's data that backs up this story. All the figures indicate the camp works," Fingerman said. "Children get to know the smile and joy of being Jewish."

An FJC survey found that as Jewish adults, alumni of Jewish camps are 55 per cent more likely to feel emotionally attached to Israel, 45 per cent more likely to attend synagogue once a month, and 30 per cent more likely to donate to a Jewish federation, as compared to adults who didn't attend camp.

"It's an integral part of the Jewish life cycle," Maldoff said. "It introduces them to Jewish concepts and rituals in a non- threatening way."

The FJC, founded in 1998, works to increase the number of children attending Jewish camps. The foundation also provides professional development for full-time and summer-camp professionals, including a training program for third-year camp counsellors, and consulting services and loans to help camps expand and remain competitive.

The FJC has partnerships with almost 40 different communities across North America, and in 2009 the foundation made it possible for more than 7,000 campers to attend 125 different camps.

The Toronto celebration was the first FJC event held in the city.

"It's very important to have someone in this board representing Toronto because we're such a great community for Jewish camping," Flatt said. "The mission made great sense, and this event is to introduce the local community to Jewish camps."

The room at the Park Hyatt Toronto was packed with people representing different camps. The event included speeches from Elisa Bildner, who founded FJC with her husband, Rob, after they realized that there was no overarching organization to support Jewish camps, and a counsellor from Camp George made a speech about how attending Jewish camps has affected his life as a Jewish adult.

Chairman of the FJC board, Skip Vichness, spoke about how Jewish camp connects children to the Jewish community.

Fingerman said that his involvement came from the desire to give back after the positive experiences he had at camp.

"I just look in the mirror," he said. "I was fortunate enough to be sent to camp, and the impact it has on me over 30 years later makes me want to help children have the opportunity to go to camp."

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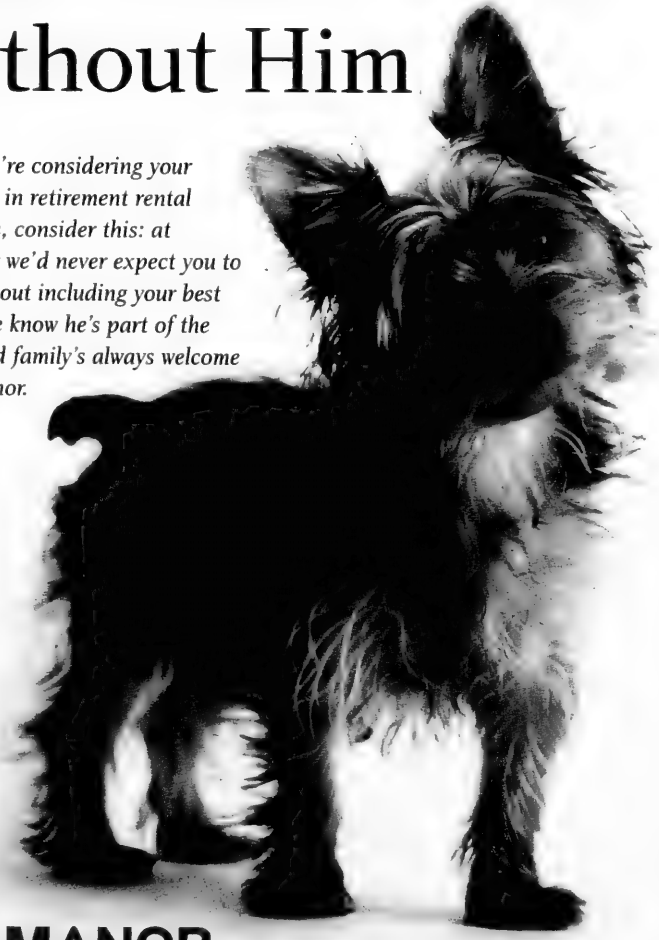

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Brutal, vile murders

First we feel shock. Then a sort of numbness and disbelief set in. They give way to revulsion and anger. Ultimately, the initial responses and surging emotions yield to sadness and sorrow for the families of the murdered men, women and children.

Anders Behring Breivik, a 32-year-old Norwegian, has been charged with the murder of nearly 100 people last Friday in Norway. He confessed. He is alleged to have detonated a car bomb outside government headquarters in Oslo that killed as many as 13 people, and to have gunned down – in calculating, sadistic, cold blood – at least 85 mostly young people at a summer camp on Utoya Island.

In his evil, twisted mind, Breivik actually believed he was helping his native Norway and Europe. On the day of the slaughters, he posted a manifesto of his set of beliefs that expresses the views of the far right of the political spectrum in Europe. Among other goals, he wants to re-Christianize Europe, urging "the deportation of all Muslims from Europe."

Breivik's disdain of Muslims purported also to translate into a support of Israel. But a murderer's support is no support at all. Erwin Kohn, newly elected head of the 750-member Jewish community of Oslo, made this quite clear in an interview with JTA: "You have many others who are in the same ballpark, being scared of multiculturalism," Kohn said, adding that Breivik's alleged pro-Zionism is a sham. "We don't need such friends."

Serge Cwajgenbaum, secretary general of the European Jewish Congress, emphasized the point even further. He told the JTA that Breivik "is not pro-Israel. He is anti-Muslim."

Israeli President Shimon Peres telephoned Norwegian King Harald V on Sunday to convey Israel's condolences. The murders "broke our hearts," he told the king. "This is a tragedy that hurts and touches every human being," he added.

During a cabinet meeting on Sunday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said: "[We] declare our deepest shock over this crime. We have experienced it from other directions and we know the families' and the nation's agony. Therefore, I again send the condolences of the state, government and people of Israel to the Norwegian people, state and government."

Hatred destroys. Whether dripping from the left or from the right, from religious, racial or ideological absolutism, it can corrode a human heart so totally that it would embrace vile, brutal murder in the name of national service.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper spoke for all Canadians when he said: "Canada condemns these barbarous and senseless acts of violence and our thoughts and prayers are with the victims, witnesses and all those affected by these attacks."

To vanquish such violence, to vanquish terror, we must vanquish hatred.

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Concert not what it appears to be

The Toronto community must know that the Israeli music performer scheduled for this Aug. 9 at Earl Bales Park is actually a Jew for Jesus missionary. Posters advertising Dan David's concert depict him with a large kippah and claim that he'll be playing "Jewish-flavoured" music at an event where some of the proceeds will be benefiting Gilad Schalit, the Israeli soldier held captive since 2006.

The concert is being presented by the City of Toronto, and its promotional listings simply describe Dan David as an "Israeli folk group." Promotional posters for the concert designed to attract a Jewish audience have been found in kosher eateries and give absolutely no indication of who Dan David actually is.

David's web pages reveal that he is anything but a simple "Israeli folk group." He explains how he uses his music to "encourage those who don't know Yeshua (Jesus) to seek after him." David's Hoshiana Ministries claims he works in tandem with "other [evangelical Christian] ministries that share the gospel of the Messiah." David regularly performs for Christian missionary organizations that target Jewish people for conversion.

Most of those attending this concert, which takes place on Tisha b'Av, will be his fan base from among fellow Messianic Jews and evangelical Christians. However, they will certainly mingle with others attending the concert and use the event as an opportunity to befriend Jewish people in order to share their faith.

Julius Ciss
Executive Director
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UN recognition of a Palestinian state

Between 1947 and 1949, Israel was waging a campaign to gain de jure and de facto acceptance as a sovereign state, even though the Balfour Declaration called for the establishment of a Jewish "homeland", not a "state" for the Jews ("The fallout from a Palestinian declaration of statehood," June 10). Thus, most of the members of the United Nations and the UN itself did not recognize Israel as a sovereign state in 1948.

In Washington, the State Department, led by Gen. George C. Marshall, argued against recognizing Israel's declaration of independence and was supported by almost every senior member of his staff. The U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff issued 13 papers between 1945 and 1948 against American support of Israel and the establishment of a Jewish state. Persistent lobbying by Israel, Jewish American money and votes in the U.S. presidential election convinced President Harry S. Truman to give de facto, but not de jure, recognition of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948. However the start of the Cold War persuaded the U.S. Chiefs of Staff to see Israel as a strategic ally, leading Truman to recognize Israel de jure, legally a state with all the right, privileges and responsibilities as such.

Similarly, UN recognition of a Palestinian State would change the relationship between the Palestinian Authority and Israel. Under international law, a sovereign state is "normally understood to be a state that is neither dependent on nor subject to any other power or state." Hence the message would be clear. Israel is in violation of international law by maintaining its occupation and settlements.

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The number of days Hamas has held Gilad Schalit captive

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'Israeli apartheid' is antisemitism

Jacob Schiff writes that the term "Israeli apartheid" is not antisemitic because it is a charge about Israeli policy, not about who the Jews are ("Israeli apartheid" not antisemitism, letters, July 14). I cannot agree. The Israeli apartheid brand analogizes Jews in the Levant to Dutch and British Europeans in South Africa – as latecomers without roots in the region. Those who ply "Israeli apartheid" seek to recast Jews as a collection of unconnected foreigners with only spiritual beliefs in common. They work to rub out the unity, history and collective memory of the Jewish people in order to deny our right to self-determination that is a cornerstone of public international law. The Israeli apartheid brand is a campaign to undermine the validity of the Jewish state by erasing who we are. That is antisemitic.

Bram Abramson
Thornhill, Ont.

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Will Murdoch's 'troubles' affect support for Israel?

Ron Kampeas
JTA

Pro-Israel leaders in the United States, Britain and Australia are warily watching the unfolding of the phone-hacking scandal that is threatening to engulf the media empire of Rupert Murdoch, founder of News Corp.

Murdoch's sudden massive reversal of fortune – with 10 top former staffers and executives under arrest in Britain for hacking into the phones of public figures and a murdered schoolgirl, and paying off the police and journalists – has supporters of Israel worried that a diminished Murdoch presence may mute the strongly pro-Israel voice of many of the publications he owns.

"His publications and media have proven to be fairer on the issue of Israel than the rest of the media," said Malcolm Hoenlein, the executive vice-chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. "I hope that won't be impacted."

Murdoch's huge stable encompasses broadsheets such as the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Times of London* and the *Australian*, as well as tabloids, most notably the *Sun in Britain* and the *New York Post*. It also includes the influential Fox News Channel in the United States and a 39 per cent stake in British Sky Broadcasting, or BSkyB, a satellite broadcaster. Murdoch founded the neoconservative flagship the *Weekly Standard* in 1995, and sold it last year.

Jewish leaders said that Murdoch's view of Israel's dealings with the Palestinians and with its Arab neighbours seemed both knowledgeable and sensitive to the Jewish state's self-perception as beleaguered and isolated.

"My own perspective is simple: We live in a world where there is an ongoing war against the Jews," Murdoch said last October at an Anti-Defamation League dinner in his honour. "When Americans think of antisemitism, we tend to think of the vulgar caricatures and attacks of the first part of the 20th century. Now it seems that the most virulent strains come from the left. Often this new antisemitism dresses itself up as legitimate disagreement with Israel."

Murdoch, 80, has visited Israel multiple times and met with many of its leaders. In 2009 he was honoured by the American Jewish Committee.

"In the West, we are used to thinking that Israel cannot survive without the help of Europe and the United States," he said at the AJC event. "Tonight I say to you, maybe we should start wondering whether we in Europe and the United States can survive if we allow the terrorists to succeed in Israel."

Rupert Murdoch *[Wikimedia photo]*

Leaders of a number of pro-Israel groups declined to comment for this story because of Murdoch's current difficulties. On July 19 he and his son, James, testified before a parliamentary committee in London.

Murdoch also has been seen as a friend of the Jews in the Diaspora, even though Fox has irritated the Jewish establishment for championing at times what many Jews perceive as the margins of right-wing thinking – for instance, when Fox host Bill O'Reilly defended Mel Gibson's 2004 movie *The Passion of the Christ*.

When some Jewish organizational leaders complained that Fox talk show host Glenn Beck was relying on antisemitic tropes in peddling discredited theories about liberal billionaire financier George Soros, Murdoch nudged Fox chief Roger Ailes into meetings with Jewish leaders. Beck left Fox last month.

Murdoch's affection for Israel arose less out of his conservative sensibility than from his native Australian sympathy for the underdog fending off elites seized by conventional wisdoms, according to Isi Liebler, a longtime Australian Jewish community leader who now lives in Israel.

"From my personal communications with him, it's something that built up," Liebler told JTA. "He's met Israelis, he's been to Israel, he's seen Israel as the plucky underdog when the rest of the world saw Israel as an occupier."

Australian Jews noted the pro-Israel cast of Murdoch's papers as early as the 1970s, before he had established ties with the Jewish community. The word from inside his company was that Israel was an issue that he cared about, which helped shape its coverage in his media properties.

Robert Fisk, a veteran Middle East correspondent and a fierce critic of Israel who worked for the Murdoch-owned *Times of London* from 1981 until 1988, eventually quit and moved to the *Independent* because of what he said was undue editorial interference in his writing. Recalling those days, Fisk said Murdoch's influence trickled down through editors who understood that he wanted his media to reflect his outlook.

"I don't believe Murdoch personally interfered in any of the above events," Fisk wrote recently in the *Independent*, describing the decisions that drove him away from the *Times*. "He didn't need to. He had turned the *Times* into a tame, pro-Tory, pro-Israeli paper shorn of all editorial independence."

In recent days, Murdoch has appeared wan and battered by the crisis that already has shut down a flagship paper, the *News of the World*, and scuttled his takeover plans for BSkyB.

The question now circulating in pro-Israel circles is whether the empire's pro-Israel stance will survive Murdoch.

"Is this curtains for pro-Israel Murdoch?" the *London Jewish Chronicle* asked in a column last week.

An account of a clash over Israel between Murdoch and his son and heir apparent was first published in the diaries of Labour Party publicist Alastair Campbell and has splashed through pro- and anti-Israel blogs in recent days.

Campbell, in an account republished last week in the *Guardian*, which has led the coverage of the phone-hacking charges, described a dinner at 10 Downing St., the British prime minister's residence, in 2002, when Tony Blair – also seen as pro-Israel – was its occupant.

"Murdoch said he didn't see what the Palestinians' problem was and James said it was that they were kicked out of their f---ing homes and had nowhere to f---ing live," the account in the *Guardian* said. Murdoch chided his son for using foul language in the prime minister's home.

Liebler said that from what he understood, the incident was an anomaly and one that emerged during one of the most intense periods of Israeli-Palestinian clashes.

"He's had differences with his son on many issues, and this happened once and it went off the map," Liebler said. "I don't think it was anything fundamental."

TV host Beck changes Jerusalem rally location

JTA

JERUSALEM — Talk show host Glenn Beck said he is moving the location of his planned Jerusalem rally due to security concerns.

On his satellite radio show and in an announcement on YouTube, Beck said his "Restoring Courage" rally on Aug. 24 will not be held at the Southern Wall of Jerusalem's Old City because of rumours that 40,000 Muslims would be atop the Temple Mount. He quoted his security detail as saying that "these people play for keeps."

Beck said he would announce the rally's new location next week but that it may be on the Mount of Olives.

He noted that his security detail has been upset about the Southern Wall venue since it was selected and recalled that on a previous visit to Israel, he witnessed Muslims throwing stones from the Temple Mount down on Jewish worshippers at the Western Wall.

"Courage must be coupled with wisdom, and the last thing we want to happen is for anyone to be injured in any way or there to be any kind of conflict," he said.

Glenn Beck was recently in Israel where he spoke to members of the Knesset.

Beck said the original location was divinely inspired

"When I picked this location, I did not pick it," he said. "I truly believe it was selected for me."

Beck addressed the Knesset immigration, absorption and Diaspora affairs committee earlier in the month. His show on Fox News aired for the final time at the end of June.

Summertime and the living is easy

In Hebrew, we call this time of year "Cucumber Season." I don't for certain know why. There are several explanations, but none are definitive. During these hot months, nothing too newsworthy is supposed to happen, no sports league is active, kids and Knesset members are on holiday, half the country is on vacation somewhere abroad.

That's not always the case, however, especially here in the Mideast, where it's never boring and no one knows what's looming just round the corner. Five summers ago, unexpectedly, the Second Lebanese War raged ferociously for more than a month.

Yair Lootsteen in Jerusalem

Thankfully, no war has broken out this year. At least not yet.

But this summer has already produced a fair dollop of stirring news items.

Having solved all other human rights issues in this area, including those of Syria's enlightened Arab Spring, hundreds of anti-Israel activists from civilized and less civilized parts of the world converged on the picturesque ports of Greece, hoping to plough the waves on their merry way to breaking Israel's blockade of Gaza. In contrast to last year's Gaza flotilla fiasco, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his government deserve great praise for adroitly thwarting this year's sailing.

We now await September. Assuming the Palestinians don't capitulate to western diplomatic pressure (they won't) and relinquish their scheme to get UN General Assembly recognition of Palestine as a full-fledged member of the community of nations, the fallout will be dramatic and might also be violent.

Between these two scenarios, Netanyahu's coalition is using the democratic tools at its disposal to try and silence its opposition. Its latest success is the "Anti-Boycott Bill," which became law July 11 and allows "citizens to bring civil suits against persons and organizations that call for economic, cultural or academic boycotts against Israel, Israeli institutions or regions under Israeli control." The law's objective is to intimidate Israeli individuals and organizations that call for boycotts of goods produced in West Bank settlements.

And while this law is challenged in the courts, Netanyahu's coalition isn't resting on its laurels. It has several other questionable parliamentary initiatives up its proverbial sleeve, aimed at stifling critics, mostly human rights groups. These include limiting foreign donations to non-profit organizations and raising their taxes if they're not receiving government funding. And because they fear the Supreme Court might declare these laws unconstitutional, some Knesset members are revisiting draft legislation that would limit the Court's authority.

Opponents insist these and other tactics are placing Israel's democracy on a slippery downward slope. Supporters assert their democratic right to further their agenda through legislation.

As if summer isn't hot enough, the debate is searing. It always is here in Israel. You get used to it. We live life to its fullest despite the tensions.

And there's no better time for that than the summer, when there's so much to do.

To start with, lots of folks (yours truly excluded – I am a Jerusalemite after all) head straight for the beaches with their golden sands and Mediterranean sunsets.

Others prefer hiking in nature. The 1,000-kilometre Israel Trail, from the Lebanese border down south to Taba on the Egyptian frontier, has become a favourite of young and old, with people choosing to do one or two of its sections at a time. During these hot days, I'd recommend the Golan Heights' Nahal Yehudiya, which I enjoyed with my son and some friends a month ago. Not part of the trail, the Yehudia is a fun and challenging day-long hike that's mostly shaded and takes you into a deep canyon, waterfalls, natural pools and an astonishing amount of water. You won't believe you're in Israel.

For those wanting something more urbane, culture is oozing everywhere. Almost every kibbutz, moshav, town and city is holding some sort of festival. Here in Jerusalem, options are numerous and diverse. My favourite is a project called Balabasta. As described in its website, each Monday evening in July, the Machane Yehuda fruit and vegetable market "transforms into an enchanting mix of poets and parsley, musicians and baklava, players and pedlars," all marvelously tantalizing the senses.

And Shabbat. There's nothing like the quiet that descends here Friday afternoon.

Later, round the dinner table with friends and family, conversation will inexorably reach the week's politics and events. It's neither the Knesset nor the press, but the debate can get pretty vociferous!

Five years since war in Lebanon

Five years have passed since Hezbollah attacked northern Israel, killing three Israeli soldiers, wounding two, and abducting two more (later discovered to have been killed in action). In response to this and previous attacks, Israel launched a major operation to rescue the soldiers and deter Hezbollah – Iran's proxy on Israel's border. In the five-week war, Hezbollah launched thousands of rockets, paralyzing northern Israel, killing more than 100 Israelis, and forcing hundreds of thousands to flee.

Militarily, the Israeli response reflected the lack of proper preparation and an inexperienced leadership. But it was sufficient. Deterrence was restored, and for the past five years, Hezbollah has not fired rockets or kidnapped more soldiers, although Iran has delivered tens of thousands of rockets, predictably ignoring UN resolutions. And Hezbollah's brave leader has delivered fiery speeches from underground bunkers for fear of an Israeli attack.

But in the political war, Israel was defeated by a flood of false accusations of "war crimes," "indiscriminate and disproportionate" force and "violations of international law." Human Rights Watch (HRW) and Amnesty International – ostensibly neutral watchdogs – led this campaign. In 35 days, they issued over 40 press releases, statements and pseudo fact-finding reports, mostly condemning the Israeli response, and ignoring the war crimes committed by the terrorist organization.

The HRW and Amnesty allegations were immediately repeated, at face value, by the world's media – including Canadian newspapers and the CBC. Politicians joined the attack, and Michael Ignatieff, then Liberal deputy leader, echoed the war crimes accusation, without any fact-checking.

Now, a detailed and systematic study of all the HRW and Amnesty allegations about the 2006 war in Lebanon proves that these had no credibility. In this systematic research, supported by the Israel Science Foundation, my colleague Prof. Abraham Bell and I found major contradictions, as well as numerous unsupported charges and false or invented "evidence."

The most blatant example was the incident in Qana, a Shiite town in southern Lebanon and a major Hezbollah stronghold, that was struck by Israel after heavy rocket attacks. One of the buildings was hit and collapsed, causing a number of deaths and injuries. Within hours, HRW blasted a press release in which executive director Ken Roth claimed that the "Israeli military is treating southern Lebanon as a free-fire zone, relating to the strike on Qana, killing at least 54 civilians, more than half of them children." HRW then launched a campaign charging Israel with war crimes, with nine separate "reports" and op-eds, as well as press conferences.

HRW's campaign was echoed in media headlines, creating intense international pressure and leading then-prime minister Ehud Olmert to declare a "48-hour suspension of aerial activity pending an investigation." A unilateral halt in military action due to unverified NGO allegations was unprecedented and allowed Hezbollah forces to regroup, prolonging the war and probably costing many lives.

Yet, as our research reveals, HRW had no credible evidence for its claims. Roth, researcher Lucy Mair (who had written propaganda for The Electronic Intifada before joining HRW), together with others far from the battleground, inflated civilian casualty claims and erased Hezbollah attacks (the real war crimes).

Gerald Steinberg in Jerusalem

To create the façade of "fact finding," the initial HRW statement referred to "researchers" in Lebanon, but no names were provided. Later reports either provided no sources or attributed allegations to "witnesses" who could well have been Hezbollah allies or operatives. The allegations that Israel had criminally and deliberately bombed Lebanese civilians were unsourced and false.

As the contradictions emerged, HRW's Mair admitted that the Lebanese Red Cross had reported 28 dead, including Hezbollah "martyrs," but HRW chose to use much higher numbers, while erasing the context.

Qana is one of several major cases of HRW's false reporting on Lebanon, and Amnesty acted in a similarly irresponsible manner. But there was little interest in the NGO fabrications, even among Israeli officials.

Instead, the NGO role in Lebanon became a model for expanded political warfare, based on the Durban strategy seeking the "total international isolation of Israel" through false accusations of war crimes. The 2009 NGO-Goldstone report on the Gaza war followed the same pattern, on a larger scale, with an even greater cost.

In contrast, our detailed study shows that HRW and Amnesty were far from the expert and neutral sources they claim to be. At least on issues related to Israel, these groups exploit their power and the façade of expertise in a highly immoral manner.

Filmmaker makes first documentary of its kind

On the face of it, there is no connection whatsoever between an infamous Japanese massacre of 300,000 civilians in China in 1937 and the Nazi mass murder of Jews during the Holocaust. But after completing *The Nanjing Massacre: Memory and Oblivion*, released in 2006, French filmmaker Michael Prazan wondered why no one had ever bothered making a documentary about the Einsatzgruppen, the Nazi paramilitary death squads whose terrible and enduring legacy is the slaughter of more than one million people, mainly Jews, in the Soviet Union.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

The Einsatzgruppen, commanded by Germans, left a bloody trail of death in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and the Baltic states, inciting pogroms and killing Jews, communists, political dissidents and so-called saboteurs after Germany invaded the Soviet Union in June 1941, in what the Nazis described as a merciless war of annihilation.

In places like the Ponary forest, Rumbula, Babi Yar, Kaunas and Minsk, the Einsatzgruppen – consisting of four units with about 3,000 armed men drawn from local ethnic groups and Soviet prisoners of war – obliterated Jewish communities in the first systematic orgy of killings during the Holocaust.

Formed under the direction of the SS and attached to the German army, the Einsatzgruppen were rendered obsolete by fixed extermination camps such as Auschwitz-Birkenau, Treblinka and Sobibor.

After finishing *The Nanjing Massacre*, Prazan, whose grandparents perished in a Nazi death camp in Poland, asked himself why no one had ever made a documentary film about such an important topic as the Einsatzgruppen.

More than merely curious about this omission, Prazan spent the next three years doing something about it. The result of his labours is *Einsatzgruppen: The Death Brigades*, a chilling and compelling two-part, three-hour film that was screened at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival in May.

Strictly speaking, *Einsatzgruppen* is not the first film on the subject. As Prazan noted in an interview, a Lithuanian filmmaker preceded him, but he focused exclusively on Lithuania. Still others have mentioned the Einsatzgruppen in passing in documentaries on the Holocaust.

Uniquely, Prazan's movie examines their role in the Final Solution on a global European scale. Nevertheless, Prazan, 41, is still surprised that *Einsatzgruppen* is the first documentary of its kind.

In retrospect, he believes it could not have been made before the fall of communism in Europe in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Until then, archives that held documents and photographs about the Einsatzgruppen were off limits to researchers.

Having decided to make *Einsatzgruppen*, Prazan had to act quickly. "Perpetrators, bystanders and survivors were dying," he explained. "It was really for me a question of time."

Absorbed by the urgency of the project, he delved into the literature of the Holocaust. "I read a lot of books, maybe everything," said Prazan, whose interest in the Holocaust was piqued by the American made-for-television movie, *Holocaust*. "I was shocked by the scenes in which Jews are shot and then thrown into pits," he said.

Michael Prazan
(Sheldon Kirshner photos)

And then he read Raul Hilberg's *The Destruction of European Jews*, the standard work in Holocaust historiography.

Prazan's father, Bernard, a Polish Jew born in Paris and and hidden by the resistance movement during Germany's occupation of France, never spoke about his wartime experiences. "After the war, he just wanted to live."

In preparation for making *Einsatzgruppen*, Prazan also visited the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., and examined its collection of photographs.

The Nazis, in typical, methodical fashion, filmed atrocities. But with defeat and war crimes trials looming, they also destroyed footage of their murderous rampages.

As well, Prazan obtained photographs taken by German troops in contravention of army regulations. "They had Leica cameras and photographed everything."

Prazan purchased these photographs from a friend, a Russian historian who scoured second-hand bookshops in Germany, Austria and Belgium.

He found yet more telling photographs by working with a Latvian archivist for two years.

Finally, he consulted historians such as Christopher Browning, who appears in *Einsatzgruppen* amid a parade of Jewish survivors, Lithuanian witnesses and German and Lithuanian perpetrators.

Prazan talked to a Jew who was forced to exhume and burn the corpses of Jewish victims. "The sky was lit up," he said by way of describing the Nazis' attempt to cover up their crimes.

While interviewing bystanders, he talked to a man who recalled the blood-curdling screams of Jews in a forest. Another witness said, "The Jews didn't know they were about to die." A third bystander remembered having seen shooters rip gold teeth from the mouths of victims and grab jewelry from their bodies.

Prazan made a point of interviewing only bystanders who were young enough not to have been perpetrators.

He travelled widely, spending a month in Ukraine, which he described as "a big graveyard."

A young German historian supplied him with the names of perpetrators. When he met them, he presented himself as the grandson of a French SS member, a ploy he admits was unethical.

Members of death squads in Lithuania, as taken from *Einsatzgruppen*.

"They would not have agreed to be interviewed had they known I'm Jewish."

Not surprisingly, they denied having been members of the Einsatzgruppen, but opened up after Prazan used a hidden camera to record their candid comments.

"They loved to speak. They were delighted that a young person wanted to talk to them. They expressed no remorse, but no antisemitism either. They claimed they were following orders. The only thing they regretted was that Germany lost the war."

Prazan, who was a French literature high school teacher in a Paris suburb before turning to filmmaking, is hardly surprised that Einsatzgruppen leaders, hardened men like Franz Six, Otto Ohlendorf and Artur Nebe, had advanced degrees from German universities.

"A good education doesn't mean you won't engage in barbaric behaviour," he said.

Einsatzgruppen has garnered respectable reviews, but has received limited exposure, having been broadcast on French and Israeli TV channels and screened at festivals in Poland and New York City.

North American distributors, wary of its sombre topic and length, have not bought the film.

Prazan, whose first movie was on the Japanese Red Army – the terrorist group that killed 24 people in an attack at Ben Gurion Airport in 1972 – has just finished making a film on the Eichmann trial in Jerusalem, and is now adding the final touches to a documentary on international terrorism.

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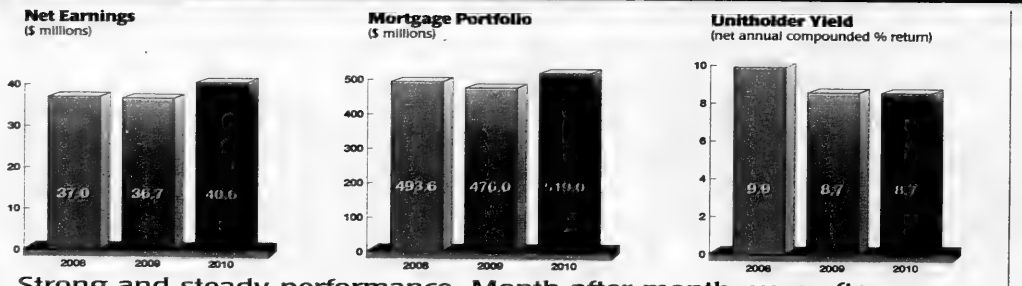

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Retired Ben-Gurion U leader is lifelong Zionist

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Leo Marcus, 78, who recently retired as national executive vice-president of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University (BGU), has spent 57 years in Jewish public life.

"I didn't come into this field by accident. I came to Jewish public service because I wanted to help Israel."

Growing up in Belleville, Ont., he said, he remembers the exact moment he knew the importance of a Jewish state.

"We received a letter from cousins in Majdanek concentration camp, who said they were being looked after well but felt sad since Uncle Lechem died. We didn't have an Uncle Lechem, and as we read between the lines, it became clear that they had no bread – they were starving to death.

"That impacted in me the need for a Jewish state. I became a Zionist at that moment."

Marcus, who is married with three children and five grandchildren, said he met his wife at Camp Shalom when he was the head counsellor. "It is a Young Judaea Camp, and I found it [quite fitting] to [have met] my wife at a Zionist camp."

Leo Marcus

He was "truly bitten" by Israel, he said, when he spent one year there between high school and university under the auspices of the Jewish Agency.

"I went on, at age 22, to become executive director of United Israel Appeal and Jewish National Fund in Vancouver. I spent 15 years there."

Marcus then became national director of the United Jewish Appeal and the UIA in Montreal for 10 years, and moved on to Israel, where he was director general of UIA in Jerusalem. "We spent eight years there, and I left Israel with a heavy heart," he said. "Our children and grandchildren were here, though, and we wanted to be with family."

He went to work for BGU, where he remained until June 30 when he retired.

The university, which started out with 5,000 students, now has 20,000, he said, and is recognized as the leader in desert food production.

"Students, who have done [such things as make sea water drinkable] are being taught how to make the desert a positive thing."

His main job at BGU has been fundraising and raising awareness of the university. "I talked about things that I thought would interest Canadians."

He has retired now, he said, "because I've been under pressure for 57 years. I used to fly 100,000 miles a year, and I've been to Israel more than 100 times. Now I want time without pressure."

Looking back on his career, Marcus said that "as a Zionist, it is a thrilling thing to have played my own small part in Jewish state building. I have helped strengthen Israel

"It has been exciting, and I'm grateful to have been given the opportunity to help. In all these years, there has never been a dull moment."

JVS' cheerleader retires

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Karen Goldenberg, 67, who recently retired after 12 years as president and CEO of JVS Toronto, likened her job to that of a cheerleader.

"I was the spark that ignited all the talent. I cheered my team on and allowed them to be the best they could be," said Goldenberg, a wife, mother of three and grandmother of four.

The recipient of the 2011 UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's Gordy Wolfe Leadership Award, Goldenberg said she has left jobs before, "but this is a different leaving. This job connected me to the Jewish community. When I joined JVS at age 55, I felt it was time to marry my professional and personal lives. I had worked in the secular community in leadership roles for over 30 years, creating and growing businesses, and JVS provided me with an exciting opportunity, [as well as] my entrée to Jewish communal work.

"My [work] background was health, but I always believed that productive employment and activity is a predeterminant of health, so my shift to social services in workforce development was a fit.

"I invested myself into this organization, and I loved it. When I love something, it becomes part of my life. For 12 years, I lived with my husband, Sydney, and with JVS."

JVS is a Jewish organization, she said, but it serves the whole community. It now offers services in several areas of the city. "We don't just sit on Tycos Drive [any more.] We're on the road. We work with people at our expense, at health, community and outreach centres.

"This was something I brought in. I wanted to bring our programs to the people, and the communities embraced us. We were launched from a northwest Jewish agency to an organization that serves everyone."

Karen Goldenberg

She is retiring at a time when she is ready for a change – "a change in lifestyle, and a change in the rhythm of my life that has been dominated by the balance of family and work for over 40 years, with work sometimes getting more than its fair share of my time and energy."

Goldenberg said that as she looks back over the 12 years, "I see an organization that has tripled in size, not just in revenue, but in scope and influence. JVS Toronto has become a key player in the Toronto landscape, and I believe it has been due to the vision of the board and staff, who have worked as a strong and passionate team."

When she "no longer goes to 74 Tycos Dr. every morning," she said, she will work part time with her son Michael in his new business, Debt-Care Canada, and do some consulting with an emerging youth organization.

"As well, I plan to work out at the JCC, travel to Vancouver often to see my grandchildren, and see faraway places with friends."

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UJA's Director of Israel Engagement to receive prestigious award

Sarah Mali named Jewish Agency's Outstanding Emissary

By Daniel Horowitz

When Sarah Mali arrived at UJA Federation of Greater Toronto in 2007, she was having something of an identity crisis.

After all, the 35-year-old London, England-born Mali made aliyah in 2000 and lived in Israel for five years, before moving to the Great White North.

But, despite her somewhat nomadic existence – or perhaps because of it – the affable and articulate Mali quickly made her mark at UJA, and in the community, through her role as Director, Israel Engagement.

"I live on that junction between Israel and the Diaspora," explains Mali. "I love Israel, warts and all. I lived there for five years, and when I'm finished here, I'm going back. I know how important it is to have Israel in your life, especially when you can't be there. For Jews living outside Israel, it's a long-term relationship that must be maintained and enriched."

The Jewish Agency for Israel's (JAFI) Community Shilcha for Toronto, Mali, working in UJA's Community Capacity Building Department, was recently named the recipient of JAFI's Outstanding Emissary Award for 2010-2011.

Then again, JAFI recognition is no stranger to the Mali household as Sarah's husband, Matanya, won a similar award as a teacher shaliach at CHAT in 2009.

"My job at UJA is to integrate Israel into the community using informal and formal educational and religious institutions as the primary vehicles." explains the mother of four. "What I've tried to do is bring Israel front and centre through UJA Federation."

Sarah Mali, far right, with graduates of the UJA Makom Young Emissary Program.

And that's precisely what she's done.

Mali was charged with initiating and building UJA's MAKOM Young Emissary Program in Toronto in 2007, which brings pre-army, Israeli 18 year-olds to the city to engage our youth, and to give them a first-hand, personal Israel education.

The program began with only two shlichim at Holy Blossom Temple and Leo Baeck Day School, and by this summer there will be 14 young emissaries at over 20 community synagogues, schools, youth groups and overnight Jewish summer camps.

"These young emissaries were originally little mechanisms of change to fulfill our initial mandate of drawing more young people to shuls, and to deliver a taste of the real, unmediated Israel," says Mali. "Today, more schools and shuls realize that Israel engagement is a terrific added value for their members and today, they all have budget lines for Israel engagement programs."

While the success of the UJA MAKOM Young Emissary Program is legendary, it was still just the beginning for Mali and UJA Federation.

"We soon realized from our partnering institutions that they were looking for something broader; what we term Israel engagement which is the merging of Israel education and Jewish identity building," says Mali. "We sit on the nexus between education and identity building. We have recently started a new program called the MAKOM Institutional Change Process where we work with day schools and synagogues on a two-year process to re-envision Israel in the context of their institution and to build a strategic plan to implement those changes. We began with young emissaries, but what we're doing today – quite successfully, I believe – is establishing a field of Israel engagement based on expertise, content, professional development and the resources and personnel that can change the face of our community ten years down the line."

"Sarah Mali has been the ideal professional to lead the Israel Engagement initiative in Toronto," says Michael Diamond, Chair, UJA Federation's Israel Engagement Committee. "She has inspired the growth of the Israel Engagement initiative to a newly expanded committee which is spearheading the evolution of the Toronto Jewish community into a fully Israel engaged community, one school, one camp, one synagogue, at a time. From a standing start earlier this year, the newly expanded Israel Engagement committee is poised to have a significant impact on Jewish Toronto in ensuring that Israel - the real Israel - is front and centre in our minds and our hearts. This ambitious agenda could only be accomplished by someone with the vision, the communication skills, the work ethic, the educational expertise and the goodness of someone like Sarah Mali."

Israel harnesses the sun to increase solar power and independence

On Monday, July 4, terrorists, armed with machine guns, detonated explosives, destroying a portion of Egypt's natural gas pipeline responsible for supplying Israel and Jordan.

It was the third such attack on this vital connection between the three countries in the past six months alone.

Israel's dependence on foreign energy highlights the need for homegrown energy alternatives, and is one reason why the region of Eilat/Eilot's remarkable strides as a world leader in solar energy production and renewable energy innovation are more important than ever.

UJA Federation Board Chair Elizabeth Wolfe and President & CEO Ted Sokolsky were recently in Eilat and Eilot, UJA Federation's partner communities through its P2K initiative, and paid a visit to the new solar field at Kibbutz Ketura. The field, launched on June 5th, generates enough energy to power three communities, and is the first of many planned in an effort to have 10 percent of Israel's energy come from renewable sources by 2020.

Working with its partners in Eilat/Eilot when the concept of renewable energy was little more than a dream, UJA Federation funded the entire strategic plan to make it a reality as part of its overall, strategic goal of strengthening Israel's frontier.

UJA Federation Board Chair, Elizabeth Wolfe, with the CEO of Arava Power Company, Jon Cohen, at the new Kibbutz Ketura Solar Field.

Three years ago, UJA Federation began sponsoring Eilat's Annual Renewable Energy Conference which, ultimately, brought together Siemens and the Arava Power Company, the folks behind Kibbutz Ketura. And, with its eyes looking to the future, UJA also invested in the region's elementary and high schools, adding renewable energy to their respective curriculums, equipping students with the tools they need to eventually take jobs in the field if they so choose.

"The sun cannot be sabotaged," said Jon Cohen, CEO of Arava Power Company, an Eilot region-based company leading the way in solar energy production, who met with Wolfe and Sokolsky during their visit. "It is the safest and most available energy source in Israel. Energy security, energy independence and balancing the appropriate combination of energy source are of critical economic importance to Israel's future."

And the Ketura Sun solar field is only the beginning in Israel's quest to become the first major economy to be transformed from carbon-based to solar based. In fact, Arava Power Company has already announced plans to build nearly 50 more solar fields in Israel.

"We should be proud as a Federation that our Israel & Overseas Committee leadership backed the entrepreneurial spirit of the people of Eilat and helped make this bold initiative possible," said Ted Sokolsky, President & CEO, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

"The Eilatis spoke of the changes occurring in their region as being 'revolutionary,' said Wolfe. "Locally, not only will the solar energy fields generate crucial income for the kibbutzim whose lands are leased and create new jobs, the entire region is being transformed into a world centre for solar energy, fuelling the transition to renewable energy globally."

Young professionals celebrate in style

Cara Edell
Special to The CJN

Hundreds of young Jewish professionals recently came together to celebrate Jewish Urban Meeting Place's (JUMP) third annual anniversary party.

JUMP is a non-profit organization that provides social, volunteer and educational programming for Jews between the ages of 22 to 34. Located in midtown Toronto, JUMP is a centre where members can relax, schmooze and discover their Jewish identity through innovative and exciting opportunities.

The anniversary party, held on July 7 at This is London nightclub, raised funds to support the organization's mission of empowering its members to become more engaged in their heritage and more active in inspiring positive change in the community.

The event featured a performance by Canadian Idol winner Brian Melo, a live samba squad, a snack and dessert buffet, door prizes and raffles.

For this year's party, event chairs Julian Brass, Alex Bronfman, Marissa Daniels, Ilana Oziel and Dar Refaeli "decided to switch it up in terms of the ambience and atmosphere," said Shlomo Buzaglo, director of programs and trips at JUMP.

"We wanted to break away from what was done in the past and what is usually done at these large scale community events. The food was fun and interactive, with Lollicakes cupcakes, a full out candy and chocolate bar from Kosher Food Warehouse, large hot pretzels, a Dippin Dots ice cream stand, a Spudniks hot potato chips station, and a cotton candy and popcorn station."

Buzaglo said the anniversary party is "one of the more important events for JUMP because this is the night for our constituents and participants to come out and support an organization that works for them."

He said the party shows the Toronto Jewish community that "events and travel opportunities that JUMP provides for young professionals are important and needed in this day and age and that we, as a community, must invest in the future of our nation."

Buzaglo said JUMP is an important organization in the community because there are few options for young adults who want to be engaged in social, cultural and educational programming once they have moved on from university.

From left are Jewish Urban Meeting Place staff member Steve Mendel; JUMP programs and trips director, Shlomo Buzaglo; staff member Ali Silverberg, and anniversary party co-chairs Ilana Oziel and Alex Bronfman. ***[Cara Edell photo]***

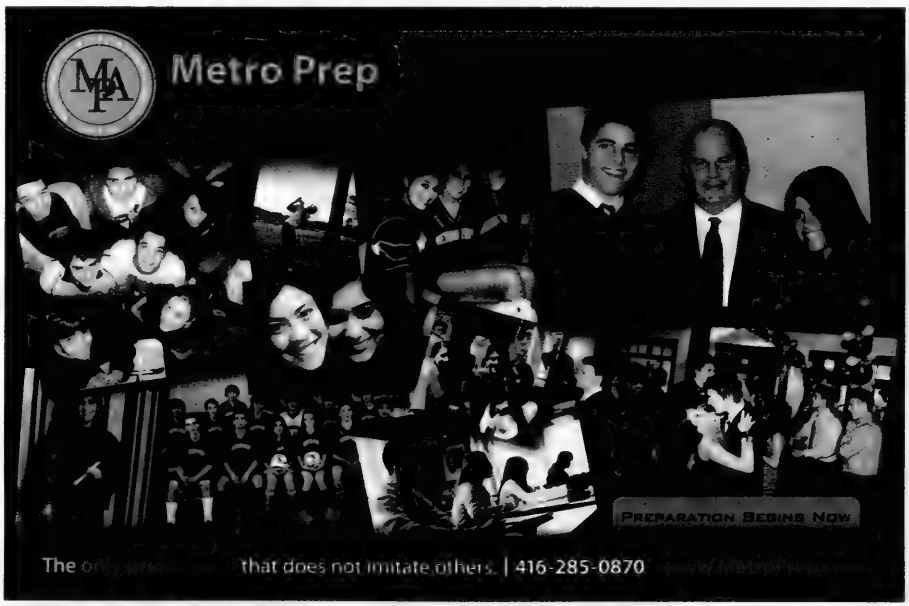
"At JUMP we realize the importance of young Jews feeling confident and proud of their Jewish identity and creating opportunities for these people to build on that. Our grassroots approach encourages our participants to become more active in creating and organizing events that they feel are needed in our community."

Once a small organization in 2007, JUMP has grown to offer a dozen programs or events each month, engaging more than 400 young professionals and adults. JUMP's relationships with other community organizations have also evolved into strong partnerships, Buzaglo said.

"I think that so many young professionals are attracted to JUMP because we are a very sincere and friendly organization. We create a space that is inviting and fun to be in and our programming is always creative and relevant to our participants. The opportunities we create are enticing for someone to learn more about Israel and Judaism, volunteer for a great cause, and meet cool new people at the same time."

JUMP's most popular programs include Shabbat dinners and classes on relationships, Buzaglo said. "Our seasonal socials, Chanukah party and art show are always very popular. Mimouna, which is an event we throw the day after Passover ends, always brings out our biggest crowd in the centre. However, the ones that are most inspiring and fun are our Israel trips and New York trips, both of which are very highly subsidized."

To find out more about JUMP, go to www.jumponline.ca.



JUNCTION SHUL RECEIVES TRILLIUM FOUNDATION GRANT

The Junction Shul (Congregation Knesseth Israel) has received a $28,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to help the synagogue celebrate its 100th anniversary. Funds will go toward hosting an open house and street festival on Sept. 18. The synagogue has also commissioned the writing of a commemorative book chronicling the history of the shul and its founders. Seen is congregation president Edwin Goldstein announcing the grant at a recent press conference.

[Carolyn Blackman photo]

'This shul's always open, any time of year'

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Rachael Czutrin and Alisa Minden, both 27, couldn't resist rolling up their sleeves to join the "kitchen cleanup crew" – tackling messes that looked like they could have been 80 years old. Their first task was to purchase cleaning supplies. The kitchen floor, though, along with much of the basement, must wait for Phase 2 to get its facelift. "We'll be back," said Minden.

Julia Segal, also 27, and a student of naturopathic medicine, has participated in past Lend a Hand projects. She comes to the Minsk for services: "It's very central, very welcoming; Rabbi [Shmuel] Spero is really great. But it needs some love and attention."

Once, there were about 30 shuls in the Kensington Market area, from small minyanim to landmark buildings like Anshei Minsk. Today, only a few remain downtown. Without a large, stable Jewish population nearby – even Rabbi Spero commutes from farther uptown – the Minsk hangs by a shoestring.

"We're a historical shul that keeps on making history," says Rabbi Spero, who's been here since 1988. Twenty-three former "Minskers" have made aliyah in the last few years, while many couples who've met through the shul have moved north into the mainstream Jewish community.

Although the UJA estimates that about 21,000 Jews live downtown, the Minsk serves a transient population including not only students and tourists, but also disenfranchised Jews, who may be homeless or mentally ill. Since a fire in 2002 that caused $200,000 worth of damage – believed to have been started by a homeless person who'd broken in – it's been a constant scramble to keep going, and gaping holes, peeling paint, cluttered stairwells and cracked walls have added up to major disrepair.

The House has received about $800 in donations for materials, and Olympia Tile is supplying tiles for the decrepit bathroom and kitchen. Segall hopes to keep raising funds to continue the effort into Phase Two.

Originally, the group planned only to repair a basement wall. "I came [ahead of time] to look at the wall," says Oren Amoyal, who owns an investment property company and has extensive renovation experience. But, he says, "If I'm going to put a group together to look after one wall, I'm going to maximize the group." So the project grew from a single basement wall to a facelift in a day.

Other contractors and professionals lent expertise, including Jason Davis of Palms Landscaping, and Sarel Simon, Yaniv Trachtenberg and Isaac Haziza, who all came down with power tools to install drywall, build a fireplace in the decrepit inner-city backyard and guide other volunteers. "This is a real *amcha* [grassroots] effort," says Rabbi Spero.

Elisa Mayer, a kindergarten teacher, diligently swabbed baby wipes over gold names engraved in Hebrew on white marble. She came out "because it's one of the original synagogues of the community," and she wanted to "make sure it's still around."

Beyond its regular daily minyanim and participation in citywide events like Doors Open Toronto, the Minsk receives tourists and visitors year-round – dozens on any given Sunday. Twenty-five people from another Jewish organization tried to come in during the makeover, and Amoyal took a break to give them a quick tour.

"This shul's always open, any time of year," Rabbi Spero says. "Please join us."

For more information or to participate in future Lend a Hand programs, contact Segall at coby@thehousetoronto.com.

Proud kitchen cleanup crew: Rachael Czutrin, left, and Alisa Minden.

Taking out the trash: from left, Jamie Mudrick, Julia Segal and David Engelberg.

Elisa Mayer, right, and another volunteer clean plaques at the shul entrance.

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Our Jewish journey

Rabbi Mark Fishman

As I begin to update my travel documents, one website reads: "Please allow four to six months of processing time for us to complete your application."

"Due to backlogs and postal delays we are currently experiencing an increased volume of applications," says an automated telephone message.

Was it always this difficult to go somewhere?

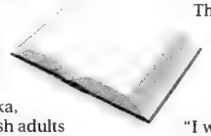
In this week's Torah reading, we learn about the encampments of the Children of Israel during their wanderings through the desert. Undoubtedly, the Exodus from Egypt stands as the central event of our collective narrative. However, when we look more closely at the text, we discover all 42 of the different stops that were made along the way. To have such minute detail seems, at best, a little excessive. At worst, it's boring.

The question is: why would the Torah record all the details of where the Children of Israel stopped along the way?

I believe the answer lies in the sages' dictum, *"ma'aseh avot siman l'banim"* – the actions of the fathers are a sign of what will happen to the children. This midrashic idea posits that the events that took place in the initial stages of our people's formation are indeed an indicator of what will be in our future. It seems that to journey from one destination to the next is the overriding narrative of the Jewish People. And surely there have been at least 42 stops along the way, if not more: Judea, Babylon, Persia, Rome, Europe, North Africa and the New World.

As Tevye the Milkman says in *Fiddler on the Roof* when he is banished from Anatevka, "Now you know why Jewish adults wear hats; we must always be ready to set out on a journey!"

Rabbinic Reflections



It would seem that the Jewish journey is always one where the answer to the question "Are we there yet?" is the word "Almost." There always seems to be another tomorrow that needs to be conquered, a distant horizon that continues to keep us from our Promised Land.

Yet what a crucial lesson we learn reading about all of the encampments. To be a part of Jewish destiny is to know that we keep moving forward. The starts and the stops of life are what give us the strength, the courage and the faith to keep travelling on. Fundamental to our history as a nation is that we are constantly on the road to the Promised Land, on the journey toward redemption.

When S.Y. Agnon received the Nobel Prize for Literature, he was asked about his birthplace. To the interviewer's surprise, he answered that he was born in Jerusalem. The interviewer pointed out that everyone knew he had been born in Buczacz, a town in Galicia.

Agnon corrected him: "I was born in Jerusalem more than 3,000 years ago. That was my beginning, my origin. Buczacz in Galicia is only one of the stopping-off points."

We may all wander far and wide in our journey of life. Yet, as long as we travel with our goals in mind, we will assuredly reach our destination.

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The unfortunate use of clichés

A cliché is a verbal stereotype. It is a kind of "Procrustean bed" that forces meaning into rigid or preconceived patterns. What follows are a few clichés that I resolve not to use and shall attempt to discourage others from using.

Where there is smoke, there must be fire: This is another way of saying that in every rumour, no matter how outlandish, there must reside some truth. This is one of the most pernicious ideas of our time. It's the kind of nonsense that the bigots of every age are counting on. It's what the witch hunters expect from the weak-minded and the credulous. Where there is smoke, there need not be fire. Gossip and innuendo are improper grounds for making decisions about people or things.

When your number is called, your time is up: This kind of facile fatalism is dangerous because it can become an easy excuse for licence. It can be converted into cheap bravado, masking infantile irresponsibility. Why should the mysteries of the unknown prevent us from calling upon our physical, emotional and mental resources?

If we plan a career and strive for its success, are our chances greater if we leave them to fate? There is no handwriting on the wall, no whirling wheels of fortune, no astral influences. Nothing is preordained. Shakespeare had it right when in *Julius Caesar*, he has Cassius exclaim: "The fault dear Brutus is not in our stars, but in ourselves."

You can't stand in the way of progress: Why not?

Bookmarks

Bernard Baskin

Not everything new or novel is better. Beneath the glitter and facade of the latest idea often resides an old truth. Our vaunted age has shut as many doors as it has opened. We possess great knowledge, but also great confusion and uncertainty. Psychology has opened our minds, but not always our hearts. Physics has widened our universe, but we remain as lonely and circumscribed as ever. Medicine has prolonged our life, but we have filled it with time-killing ennui. In an age concerned with "outer power," we are desperately in search of "inner peace."

War is inevitable: Murder is an indictable offence in every nation, except when the nation as a whole decides to engage in it. Naturalists are convinced that apart from man, animals do not prey on their own kind. They might drive away territorial invaders, but will not pursue them to enslave or kill them. Similarly, social animals often seek new territory in search of food, but do not seek to enlarge existing territory by conquest. Man alone, unfortunately, does such things.

War is a social institution and like any institution it can be abolished, as were cannibalism and slavery.

We live at a time when television screens show the waste and devastation of war. We have embraced as normal something vastly ugly and diseased. And most of us close our eyes to the threat of the atomic age. It is no longer a zero-sum game where one side "wins" while the other side "loses." No, it is mutual suicide beyond rational calculation by weapons of indescribable destructiveness.

Will report influence campus attitudes?

My View

Lawrence Hart

The inquiry panel of the Canadian Parliamentary Coalition to Combat Antisemitism (CPCCA) released its long-awaited report on July 7. The 80-page document is the culmination of a process that began in March 2009, when 22 members of our House of Commons and Senate, representing all political parties, began an exploration of the scope, identity and nature of antisemitism in the Canadian context.

As might have been expected, there are those who have disagreed with the CPCCA's mandate from the outset, criticizing it for what they believe to have been a far too parochial focus; and, predictably, there are those who have taken issue with the current report – or might still do so – either because it is not seen as going far enough in its recommendations or because it is perceived by them as having diluted the coalition's objectives with a perspective that lacks sufficient evidential support.

Nonetheless, in its entirety, and regardless of identifiable flaws that are inevitable in a text of this sort, the report has intrinsic merit and should provide at least an initial template – in what will hopefully be an ongoing exercise – for comprehensively addressing, and more effectively confronting, antisemitism in all of its possible manifestations, across Canada.

What stands out in the CPCCA's articulation of contemporary Jew hatred is its readiness to accept the precept that targeting the State of Israel with unwarranted opprobrium is an overt expression of what has come to be regarded as the "new" antisemitism and needs to be recognized as such and censured accordingly. In this regard, and more generally, the coalition has embraced the working definition of antisemitism, proposed by the European Union Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC) in 2005, which continues to gain international traction as the accepted standard for categorizing and combating antisemitic sentiment, in both speech and action.

And while the CPCCA's inquiry's objectives were intentionally broad, it is apparent that it did tend to zone in on what are considered the more contentious sectors – among them our university campuses – where the "climate of antisemitism" has been seen to be worsening in recent years.

Addressing the campus problem is, of course, intrinsic to an initiative of this sort, but it is doubtful, given past and current experience, that university administrators will pay more than just cursory attention to one of the inquiry panel's principal recommendations: that they begin working together "to develop protocols and procedures for the reporting and pooling of information relating to antisemitic incidents on campus, as defined *with reference to the EUMC Working Definition of Antisemitism"* (my italics).

Sadly, when it comes to a trade-off between demonization and delegitimization of Israel and strict adherence to what flies under the all-embracing banner of freedom of speech, most doyens of academe seem to be locked in a mindset that prevents even rational discussion of a construct like the EUMC's characterization of antisemitism. Opening such an envelope would require a fundamental and courageous re-examination of what "free speech" really means and an acceptance of the idea that condemnation of Israel – the Jewish collectivity – is a violation of that hallowed freedom rather than an affirmation of it.

The Jewish apps keep coming

Jewish & Digital

Mark Mietkiewicz

If you are itching to download a Jewish or Israeli app onto your iPhone or iPad, here are some to consider.

Alef-Bet Bullseye ($1.99): this game helps you master the Hebrew alphabet (and vowel combinations) without even realizing you're learning. When a voice utters *"Gimel!"* you are challenged to tap the corresponding letter on the screen. The faster you tap, the higher your score. And you can customize the game to drill you on the entire alphabet or just on the letters you find particularly troublesome. **[http://bit.ly/jhapp10]**

Jewish Meals ($1.99): mouth-watering photography and recipes for traditional (Honey Cake, Chopped Liver, Kneidlach) and non-traditional fare (Fruit Sushi, Aubergine Delight, Quinoa Salad). The interface (that looks even better on an iPad) lets you print and e-mail favourite recipes. I'm not convinced that you couldn't find comparable free recipes on the web, but people collect cookbooks, so why not cookbook apps, too? **[http://bit.ly/jhapp11]**

Facts on the Ground Map Project (free): is released by Americans for Peace Now. This app allows you to zoom in on a map that displays "settlement activity in the West Bank." You can customize the view to indicate the Green Line, the West Bank Barrier, settlements, outposts and municipal boundaries. **[http://bit.ly/jhapp12]**

iFree Gilad Shalit (free): this is a simple Hebrew-only app that greets you with the number of days, hours, minutes and seconds Gilad Schalit has been in captivity since he was kidnapped by Hamas in 2006. If you allow the app to access your location, you can click on a link that will insert an orange ribbon on a world map to indicate that you have not forgotten Schalit. **[http://bit.ly/jhapp13]**

Guess Who Is Jewish (99¢): How well honed is your Jewdar? This app puts your sixth sense to the test by pairing up personalities, one of whom is Jewish and one not. Some questions are ridiculously easy; others are surprisingly hard. Test yourself by guessing the Jew in these pairs:

(a) Jack Black or (b) Kofi Annan

(c) Leelee Sobieski or (d) Daniel Day Lewis

(e) Harrison Ford or (f) John Schneider

You'll find the answers below. **[http://bit.ly/jhapp14]**

iZman (free): it does a great job calculating the earliest and latest times to recite daily prayers. All you have to do is choose your city from the list that includes obvious locations like Jerusalem, New York and Ottawa. Unfortunately, it doesn't include Toronto or Montreal and there's no way to add them. At least iZman does tell you how late you can say the *Shema* if you find yourself in Riyadh. **[http://bit.ly/jhapp15]**

iLuach ($2.99): and that's why I was so happy to hear from Barry Bernstein of Thornhill, Ont., who told me about an application he wrote for the iPhone. The app "iLuach is a full feature perpetual Hebrew calendar. It shows all holidays, parashah, including full text, the complete Tanach, candlelighting times and *zmanim* (prayer times)." The city list is better but not perfect – it includes Montreal and Toronto but no Winnipeg (or Riyadh). With all the features it does have, iLuach is an excellent app. **[http://bit.ly/jhapp16]**

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Students learn about prewar Jewish life in Poland

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Graduate students Hailey Dilman and Alexandria Fanjoy's participation in a three-week Holocaust education program to Poland taught them that the country is much more than a Jewish graveyard.

Both originally from Toronto, Dilman and Fanjoy were among 10 graduate and PhD students selected by the Auschwitz Jewish Center Foundation (AJCF) to take part in the fully subsidized program funded by private donors and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

In addition to visiting Polish concentration camps and hearing testimonies from Holocaust survivors, the program included visits to Krakow, Warsaw, Auschwitz, and Lodz to explore Poland's rich Jewish heritage, and meet with local Jewish and non-Jewish leaders to learn about prewar Jewish life and the Jewish community in Poland today.

Dilman, 25, who obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of Toronto and is currently enrolled at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem to pursue a master's degree in Jewish studies, said the trip was about more than the Holocaust.

"Our trip is... about allowing us to see Poland as a land of rich Jewish culture and long history in Poland itself... [and] to try to rise above certain stereotypes Jews and Poles hold of one another today, through an exploration of their past relations and their current relations," Dilman said.

She said that as a Jew, she experienced mixed feelings about Poland, "because in some senses, I see it as the land of ashes; a resting place for my nation that were murdered in the Holocaust."

But this experience taught her about a deeper connection Jews had with Poland and its people, Dilman added.

Fanjoy, 25, who obtained a master's degree from the Near Eastern and Judaic studies program at Brandeis University in May, said the trip forced her "to really examine the Holocaust and its impact on the Jewish community as well as the Polish community."

Fanjoy, who wrote a thesis titled, *Mapping the Blindspot: Perpetrators, Shoah, and American Jewish Collective Memory*, discovered that while there are many who are dedicated to preserving the memory of the Jews who lived in Poland pre-World War II, there are some who resent the memorial effort.

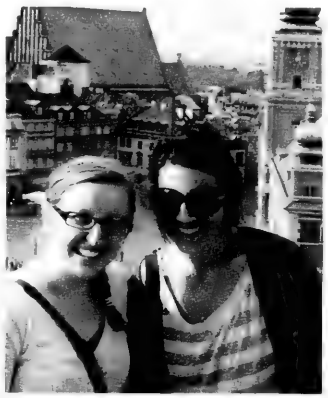
During a ceremony to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the 1941 Jedwabne pogrom – a massacre that claimed the lives of about 340 Jews – Fanjoy encountered locals who were defensive about being "painted with the brush of perpetrators."

"People kept staring us down, and coming up to us, and asking us why we were there, and telling their side of the story, and demanding that we not treat them as perpetrators, too," said Fanjoy, who converted to Judaism five years ago.

"I completely understood why they felt that way. But at the same time, I really reacted negatively to the fact that they weren't playing an active role in the memory of this event, and in fact, appeared to be actively against it."

She said it was this experience that helped her understand how the Holocaust impacted generations of Jews as well as non-Jews.

Dilman, on the other hand, "was incredibly touched" by the effort of some members of the Polish community "to remember the events... to learn from them, and to reach out and bridge gaps to the Jewish people."



Alexandria Fanjoy, left and Hailey Dilman in Poland

She said the message that resonated with her most was that "although the pogrom was not perpetrated by most people living in the town now, that everyone in the town, no matter how young or old, are responsible for the memory of it."

Fanjoy said she was grateful for the opportunity to learn more about the Polish Jewish community of about 5,000 that still exists today.

"I think sometimes there's a perception that Jewish life here was gone as of 1946, and while of course it's not what it was... to ignore the Jewish presence here does the community a great disservice," said Fanjoy, who will begin her post as the Jewish student life manager for Hillel at the University of Western Ontario next month.

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Delegates explore superheroes at youth convention

Compiled by CJN Staff

The Eastern Canada Region of United Synagogue Youth (ECRUSY), the high school affiliate of the United Synagogues of Conservative Judaism, held its four-day spring convention at Congregation Or Shalom in London, Ont.

ECRUSY members from all regional chapters attended programs for Kadima (grades 5 to 7) and USY (grades 8 to12).

The theme of the convention was "Superheroes." Delegates explored the image and characteristics of superheroes and discussed Jewish influences in comic books and popular culture.

Convention co-chairs Alannah Lax-Vanek from Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, Toronto, and Emily Anzarouth from Agudath Israel Congregation, Ottawa, organized the fun, educational and service-oriented programs at the event.

Delegates went on a trip to East Park Gardens, where they participated in go-karting, rock climbing, bumper cars and arcade games.

Social action and tikkun olam are an important part of almost every USY event. USYers and Kadimaniks raised $660 for tzedakah at the spring convention. ECRUSY is one of the top per-capita tzedakah fundraiser regions across the continent.

From left, David Anzarouth, Gabi Jacob, Emily Anzarouth and Lauren Schoenberg have fun in East Park's jungle gym.

The newly elected Eastern Canada Region of United Synagogue Youth Regional executive board: from left, Jonah Eisen, Michaela Sadinsky, Ben Levine, Noa Zaifman, Samantha Roth and Jake Pascoe.

Jonah Eisen, of Beth David, was elected president of the 2011-12 ECRUSY regional executive board. Other positions elected were Israel affairs vice-president Michaela Sadinsky, of Agudath Israel; religion/ education vice-president Ben Levine, of Beth David; social action/ tikkun olam vice-president Noa Zaifman, of Congregation Or Shalom; membership/ Kadima vice-president Samantha Roth, of Beth David; communications vice-president Jake Pascoe, also of Beth David.

The Most Improved Chapter Award went to Beth Jacob Synagogue in Hamilton, while Chapter of the Year went to Beth David Synagogue in Toronto. Additional awards went to Agudath Israel for social programming and social action; Beth Jacob for religion/ education programming and to Beth David for Israel programming and communications.

The Sharon Cole Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Joshua Seed of Beth David for his service to ECRUSY.

The next convention takes place at the end of the August. For more information about USY, visit www.ecrusy.org or the Facebook fan page "ECRUSY: Canadians Do It Best."

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Group builds bridges through film and dialogue

Lauren Kramer
Pacific Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Thirty college and university students from Israel, Palestine and Canada arrived in Vancouver July 7 with one thing on their minds: peace. They came for a summer filmmaking program organized by Peace It Together, a non-profit organization that aims to build trust, mutual respect and understanding through dialogue. This is the third program of its kind for Peace It Together and by the time the students return home on August 4 they will take with them 10 short films that they will have made about how the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and its inherent intolerance and violence impacts their lives.

That dialogue is crucial because Israeli and Palestinian youth tend to grow up without significant interaction. In a press release, PIT noted that "the narratives they are exposed to in school and via their local media are one-sided and almost exclusively perpetuate the conflict." PIT believes that given the opportunity to hear each other's stories, work with their stated 'enemies' and create a new paradigm, the cycle of violence will be less likely to continue and youth will be more likely to work together towards peace and reconciliation.

The students were selected through connections that Peace It Together's partner organization, the Peace Research Institute in the Middle East, has through universities, said Reena Lazar, PITs executive director. "We were looking for a diverse group of people who were committed to doing peace work and who are articulate and creative," she added. The group is comprised of 10 Jewish Israelis, 10 Palestinians and 10 Canadians, with an even split of men and women. The Canadian students paid up to $2,500 for the program, while those who could afford it among the Israelis and Palestinians were asked to pay $500 for the almost month-long program that includes food, accommodation and daily activities.

Peace It Together receives the bulk of its funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, but is also supported by community donors, private foundations and community foundations.

"Our total operating costs are about $400,000 a year for the program, public engagement and the distribution of the films," Lazar said. PIT owns some of its filmmaking equipment, loans items from the BC film industry and through a partnership with the University of British Columbia, is able to procure filmmaking equipment from the institution.

Prior to leaving the Middle East, the Israelis and Palestinians met as a group and screened films made in previous years. "We wanted them to start thinking about what kinds of films they would create, that they would later show to their communities," she said. "We're looking to see how they can make a difference through their films, because the idea is to reach as many people as possible, to inspire others to build peace and to increase the number of people engaged in peace building."

Lazar and her team have received positive feedback from many viewers who have seen films made in previous years. "They tell us how powerful and inspiring the films are, because they show the human side of the conflict, which viewers otherwise would not see." Past participants have also noted that PIT has made a significant difference in their lives, especially in how they view "the other side."

"I saw four past participants when I was in Israel in April and they were talking like brothers," Lazar said. "They were talking about the conflict, but they were taking responsibility for their own sides' actions rather than pointing fingers at what the other side was doing wrong. To me, that's a very strong indication of emotional maturity and a real step forward."

To see updates on this year's program and view films from previous programs, visit PIT's website, www.peaceittogether.com.

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A subject rarely explored by western journalists

Jonathan Kay's July 19 column in the *National Post*, "Once again, the Jewish question," is rare in western journalism in getting to the heart of the current impasse in the "peace process" between Palestinians and Israelis.

Drawing on conversations with Palestinians in Ramallah during his recent visit, Kay began by contrasting the positive economic improvements that have occurred in the West Bank in the past few years (aided by co-operation with Israel) with their negative attitudes about there being no end in sight to Israeli occupation. On the latter issue, Kay seemed to concur when he wrote: "The fact that Israel keeps expanding settlements, even as it's blaming the Palestinians for undermining peace talks, obviously doesn't help [to counter this impression]."

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

After mentioning other familiar Palestinian complaints, such as the impact the security fence has on their lives (even as it has helped to save Israelis, Arab and Jew alike, from terrorist attacks), Kay turned to the other side of the equation. In so doing, he touched on a crucial subject rarely explored by western journalists – Palestinian attitudes toward accepting Israel as the homeland of the Jewish people.

Kay observed: "When I put the proposition to people in Ramallah, I couldn't find anyone who'd agree." Indeed, what Kay found was indignation at the very idea of recognizing Israel as the Jewish state. It's a "racist" and "evil" notion, insisted Mahmoud Labadi (whom Kay described as "a charismatic, old-guard PA apparatchik").

Yasser Arafat insisted even to former president Bill Clinton that Israel has no historical connection to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. ***[RNS photo]***

Kay continued: "Then, [Labadi] launched himself into the realm of fantasy by claiming that the entire Jewish historical claim to Jerusalem's core is bogus, because no Jewish temple ever existed in the area.

"Palestinian leaders have fallen back on this insulting conspiracy theory for years. It's become part of Fatah lore. But this was the first time I'd been assailed by it in person, and I was somewhat shocked by the experience."

Yet, it is this very experience that Israelis – cognizant of Palestinian statements, media reports, mosque sermons, etc. – are exposed to daily. And this includes, significantly, the broad middle of Israeli society, which in principle favours a two-state solution and is prepared for major territorial compromise to achieve it. That is, except for one critical fact: they don't believe there's a reliable partner on the Palestinian side. They haven't since former Palestinian Authority president Yasser Arafat in late 2000 insisted that the Jews have no historical attachments to Jerusalem including, foremost, to the Western Wall (which in any event he claimed is in Nablus). The years of violence that Arafat subsequently unleashed against the same Israelis who were prepared to take "risks" for peace only reinforced this sense of betrayal and disillusionment.

Kay correctly referred to Arafat's "crackpot history," which unfortunately is widespread among Palestinian (and Arab) society, and represents an attempt "to strip Israel of its historical identity as the homeland for the Jewish people." This rejection of Jewish sovereign rights (a position shared by current PA President Mahmoud Abbas) is also connected, as Kay observed, to the insistence that Palestinian refugees and descendants have a "right" to return to present-day Israel.

Kay's 1,800-word article goes into far richer detail than can be conveyed here about the anti-Israel and anti-Jewish conspiracy theories that pose a huge conceptual block to the possibility of progress on the peace front.

As this column has argued on several occasions, while most western journalists focus almost entirely on the issue of settlements as "an obstacle to peace," they fail to see that as difficult a subject this is, it is resolvable not only in principle but in fact. What is a far greater deal-breaker, however, is what Kay discusses – an attitude deeply immersed in the denial of Jewish history and peoplehood. To such a conceptual knot there may be no remedy, at least none in the foreseeable future, where the rise of Islamic extremism in the broader region only makes matters worse.

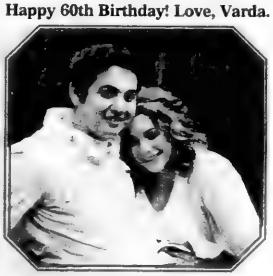
FAMILY MOMENTS

Mazel Tov

The Canadian Jewish news

It is with great pleasure that I would like to announce Enio Zeppieri's induction to the seniors club. Happy 60th Birthday! Love, Varda.

Louis and Mary Scheinman, along with Jules and Monique Faibish, announce the engagement of Danielle and Phil. We wish you a lifetime of happiness.



Mazel tov Rachel Shiff and Corey Levman on your engagement. Love your parents, grandparents, brothers and sister.

Mazel tov Edan Avichai Cohen on becoming Bar Mitzvah. We love you and are so proud of you! All our love, the Greisman/Cohen family.

Happy 1st Birthday, Noah Shawn! Love Daddy and Abba (Dr. Mark and Mr. Steven Rapoport), Zaide and Bubbie (Dr. David and Mrs Sharon Rapoport), siblings Ben and Rowan, and Bubbie-Bubbie (Mrs. Marje Detsky).

Darryl Greenberg & Dana Teplitz and sister Lakin welcome daughter Dylan Rain. Grandparents Marianne & Selig Greenberg are overjoyed. Missed are Sidney & Jeri Teplitz.

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By LILA SARICK

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Thursday, July 28

FAMILY FUN AT EARL BALES

Enjoy a family festival tonight at Earl Bales Park. Free activities start at 5:30 p.m. *The Ben Show* begins at 7 p.m. in the Barry Zukerman Amphitheatre.

Saturday, July 30

AROUND SHABBAT

Join Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill, for an informal and friendly Shabbat service at 8:45 a.m.

Sunday, July 31

EARLY-BIRD DEADLINE

Early-bird prices for the lunch and learn program at Beth Tikvah Synagogue are available only until today. Speakers include **Mordechai Ben-Dat, Norene Gilletz, John Thompson** and **Rabbi Jarrod Grover.** Reservation only. Call 416-221-3433 or helen@bethtikvahtoronto.org.

Monday, Aug. 1

FREE GILAD SCHALIT

The film *Family in Captivity,* being screened at 8 p.m. at Congregation Habonim, follows the day-to-day efforts of the **Schalit** family to bring **Gilad** home. Through their story, we exit the political realm and see the human angle of this difficult ordeal. **Yaara Vinkler**, girlfriend of **Yoel Schalit**, Gilad's brother, will introduce the film and discuss the family's efforts to free Gilad. A portion of the proceeds will be used to help in the efforts to free Gilad. Admission $10 per person. Everyone welcome.

ISRAELI MOVIE NIGHT

The movie *Hothouse* will be shown at 7:30 p.m. at Beth Tzedec. The screening will be followed by a discussion led by producer **Moshe Alafi**. 416-781-3511.

Tuesday, Aug. 2

FAMOUS JEWISH TRIALS

Shaarei Shomayim presents a 6-part lecture series on famous Jewish trials with historian **Gerald Ziedenberg**. Tonight, "The Leo Frank Trial," 7:45 p.m.

MELTON MINI SCHOOL

Melton Mini School is holding a summer class Tuesday mornings in August on "Jews and their Cities: Alexandria, Rome, Baghdad and Vilna" at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Phone 416-789-7400 to register.

MUSIC AT EARL BALES

The Hannaford Street Silver Band performs at Earl Bales Park, Barry Zukerman Amphitheatre at 7 p.m. In case of rain, performances take place inside the Earl Bales Community Centre.

Other News

KAVANAH GARDEN

Kavanah Garden Guardians is a half-day program for kids ages 6-10 featuring garden and nature-based activities, crafts, ecology, food preparation and more. Aug. 15-19 at 18 Lebovic Campus Dr. $150 Contact risa@shoresh.ca for more information.

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BAR MITZVAH CLUB

Beth Joseph Lubavitch Synagogue, 44 Edinburgh Dr., is starting a bar mitzvah club for all boys. The club meets Wednesdays. Contact **Rabbi Boruch Landau** at 647-201-0261 or barmitzvaclub@gmail.com.

VENDORS WANTED

Vendors wanted for Reena's bazaar Sept. 11 at Reena's Toby and Henry Battle Development Centre, 927 Clark Ave. W. Contact **Aviva** at 905-889-2690, ext. 2216, or awindman@reena.org.

HEBREW CAMP

JumpStart Hebrew is a one-week camp program at Beth Sholom Synagogue open to the community for children entering grades 1-4. Runs Aug. 29-Sept. 2, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and will be staffed by teachers from Beth Sholom Hebrew School. Activities include oral Hebrew, reading and reading readiness activities, music, drama and cooking. Lunch will be provided two days. Cost. $75 for members of Beth Sholom and Beth Sholom Hebrew School and $90 for the community. Contact **Karen Goodis** at karen@bethsholom.net or at 416-789-6103, ext. 225, for more information and for registration.

HERITAGE MUSEUM

The Morris and Sally Justein Heritage Museum at Baycrest presents *The Dream Fulfilled – Theodor Herzl and the Jewish State*, with more than 400 items from the private Herzl memorabilia collection of **David Matlow**. Open to the public. For hours and to schedule group tours, call 416-785-2500, ext. 2802, or ababins@baycrest.org.

FOLK DANCING

Participatory international folk dancing every Tuesday 7:30-10 p.m. (weather permitting,) Sir Winston Churchill Park (corner of Spadina and St. Clair avenues). Call **Helen**, 416-912-7112 or www.ofda.ca.

ACCOMMODATION REGISTRY

Are you looking to rent your basement apartment or an extra room in your house? List it for free through the Accommodation Registry at UJA's Jewish Information Service of Greater Toronto. If you are looking for a place to live, we will be happy to assist you as well. JIST is located in the Harold & Miriam Green Lobby in the Lipa Green Centre, 416-635-5600, jinfo@ujafed.org. For more community information, visit www.jewishtoronto.com and follow the link to Doing Jewish In Toronto.

MELTON FALL SESSION

The Melton Mini school will hold a 10-week graduate class starting Oct. 11 on the Arab/Israeli conflict taught by **Michael Rubin** at Beth David Synagogue. Call 416-789-7400 to register.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Heartline Bereavement Group grief support program meets at Hospice Thornhill. Contact **Bonnie Strand** at 905-764-0656, ext. 227.

CEDARVALE MINYAN

Cedarvale Shul is located in the basement of Cedarvale Terrace at 429 Walmer Rd. On Shabbat, enter through the rear doors at back of parking lot.Weekday minyan at 7:45 a.m. On Shabbat, 9:30 a.m. Kiddush follows services. For information on shul services, call 416-707-3161.

ORILLIA COUNTRY SHUL

Shabbat services continue during July and August, 10:30 a.m., 151 Creighton St. S. in Atherley. This year's leaders are: July 30, **Rabbi Michael Dolgin**; Aug. 6, **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein** and **Cantor Tom Schwartz**; Aug. 13, **Rabbi Tina Grimberg**; Aug. 20, **Rabbi Cory Weiss**; Aug. 27, **Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld**. Call 705-327-7069.

FASHION SHOW BENEFIT

Deja Vu Boutique presents a fashion show and dinner born from one woman's journey with breast cancer. All proceeds go to Markham Stouffville Hospital. Sept. 18 at the Hilton Suites Hotel. For tickets, call 905-472-9566.

TORAH IN SPANISH

Torah classes in Spanish given by **Rabbi A. Bertfeld** Wednesdays 9 p.m. at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation. For information, 905-886-7935.

JUNCTION SHUL SERVICE

Congregation Knesseth Israel (The Junction Shul,) 56 Maria St., celebrates its 100th anniversary at a commemorative morning service Sept. 15 at 9 a.m. Reception following the service. RSVP before Aug. 18. 416-609-7027 or www.junctionshul.org.

THE CHORALAIRS

The Choralairs of North York sing pop, Broadway and folk songs and are looking for new members. No audition required. The new season starts Sept. 13 at Earl Bales Community Centre at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call **Sally**, 416-636-8247, or **Martha**, 905-884-8370, or e-mail sallyl@sympatico.ca.

MULTIPLE MYELOMA WALK

A 5-km. walk in support of the Molly and David Bloom Chair for Multiple Myeloma Research at the Princess Margaret Hospital will be held Oct. 16. For more information, call 416-946-6584 or www.mm5kwalk.ca.

FOR SENIORS

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. (55+.) **Valerie**, 416-395-7881. Casino Rama Aug. 17; Social lunch Aug. 18 (kosher, dairy.) Ongoing activities: Mondays, line dancing, 10 a.m.; Tuesdays, fitness class with qualified instructor, 10-11 a.m.; Wednesdays, art class, 10 a.m.; Thursdays, social bridge 12:30 p.m.

Seniors Woodworking Club Fully equipped shop in Earl Bales Park. Call 416-630-6487.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell, 416-630-9444.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday afternoon socials. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl**, 416-635-6317, or **Marcia**, 416-932-1229.

Wagman Centre, 416-785-2500, ext. 2275. Entertainers of the Wagman Centre looking for energetic seniors. Now working on a program dedicated to the 1950s – folk tunes, crooners' songs, rock 'n' roll. Contact **Judy Ross**, 416-733-0580.

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.

Tickets on sale for Casino Niagara Aug. 29. Bus leaves Prosserman JCC at 9:30 a.m.

Drop-in duplicate bridge game with **Samy Toledano**, Thursdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Pay at the door. No charge for people attending first time.

International and Israeli folk dancing with **Teme** and **Sandy**, Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. Drop in, pay at the door.

Current events discussions Thursdays 12:45-2:15 p.m.

Recorder classes with **Judy Miskin**. Wednesday 1-3 p.m. free for members, $25 for non-members.

Shalom Singers Choir with **Esther Ghan Firestone** is always looking for new members. Rehearsals Thursday mornings.

MILES NADAL JCC

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Kolot Photo-Story Contest. Call for submissions. Israelis in Toronto are invited to share their stories. Take a photo from your personal album, new or old. Write a story about it – fiction or non-fiction, in Hebrew or English. First prize: Panasonic digital camera. Contest closes July 29. Contest guidelines: www.mnjcc.org/kolot. Info: 416-924-6211, ext. 154, or sharonis@mnjcc.org.

Want to sing in a summer choir? No audition or experience required. Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. $10/week. Info: music@mnjcc.org.

Film critic **Adam Nayman** examines the careers of four accomplished directors on Media Mondays. Aug. 8, 7-9 p.m. **Woody Allen** (*Crimes and Misdemeanors*) $12/$6 for students.

Harry Joy: A Life in Photography will be on display in the gallery Aug. 1-31.

What's New is now online. You can find it at cjnews.com

PERES CENTER GETS NEW CHAIRMAN

Michael Dan has accepted the position of honorary chairman of the board of the Canadian Peres Center for Peace Foundation. Dan is recognized internationally for his profound commitment to human rights and for a lasting, durable peace in the Middle East. Haifa University recently awarded him a doctoral degree in recognition of his efforts toward peace in the Middle East. He has also worked with Canada's native peoples to develop their own sustainable economic enterprises.

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JNF restructuring Prairies operations

Myron Love
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Change is afoot at the Jewish National Fund office in Winnipeg.

They have bid farewell to Prairies shaliach Erez Rotem and development co-ordinator Jacqueline Freedman, and are interviewing candidates for the new role of executive director.

"We think that there are areas that we are not reaching. Going with a full-time executive director can help us increase awareness of the JNF and our revenues," says Joe Rabinovitch, executive vice-president of JNF Canada.

"In future, shlichim will be involved only in fundraising," he said.

The shaliach in Winnipeg traditionally was also responsible for Saskatchewan and Alberta. Under the reorganization, Rabinovitch said, Alberta will have its own JNF executive director.

"There are a lot of things going on between Israel and Manitoba and we are continuing to work on them," says Rabinovitch, who had nothing but praise for the work of Rotem and Freedman (who Rotem hired in January 2009, and who is leaving her position at the end of July for personal reasons).

"Erez and Jacqueline were wonderful to work with," says Mel Lazareck, president of JNF Winnipeg for the past four years. "My wife and I had met Erez and his family in Israel before they came to Canada. We got along very well with him. He and his wife are lovely people."

OBITUARIES
and Related Notices

Steeles Memorial Chapel

Waknine, Simon	June 23/11	1 Hycrest Ave
Lansing, Bill	June 23/11	4 Sycamore Ave
Lupescu, Hermina	June 25/11	15 Crown Heights Cr
Markus, Jacob	June 26/11	343 Clark Ave. W.
Schachter, Steven Harold	June 24/11	225 Davenport Rd
Goldfarb, Lev	June 27/11	100 Antibes Dr
Romm, Shalom	June 27/11	29 Denmark Cres
Roth, Norman	June 30/11	
Lichtenstein, Jennie	July 1/11	8 Terrydale Dr
Rapp, Cedric	July 2/11	8 Covington Rd
Rethazy, Nickolas Miklos	July 2/11	5460 Yonge St
Ribak, Alka	July 2/11	4455 Bathurst St
Okun, Alexander	July 3/11	11 Townsgate Dr
Raisman, Sala	July 3/11	5935 Bathurst St
Mikhailenko, Sofia	July 4/11	
Katz, Lola	July 4/11	333 Clark Ave. W
Levine, Abraham	July 5/11	80 Antibes Dr
Samson, Yohann	July 7/11	Private
Kozma, Andrew	July 7/11	
Klaiman, Ruth	July 8/11	718 Sheppard Ave W
Arbit, Mark	July 7/11	4383 Bathurst St
Winkler, Gil Bernard	July 7/11	660 Eglinton Ave. W
Hamer, Harry	July 9/11	7 Baintree Crt
Gelber, Erica	July 9/11	251 Willis Dr
Tangir, Jacob	July 9/11	7 North Park Rd
Zombeck, Gitel	July 10/11	150 Neptune Dr
Burdman, Semyon	July 10/11	6040 Bathurst St
Dahan, Rebecca	July 10/11	2 Mill River Dr
Borodianski, Efraim	July 11/11	Private
Winiarz, Kehath	July 12/11	39 Thornbury Circle
Salomon, Alegre	July 13/11	226 Faywood Blvd
Romm, Arnold Lawrence	July 13/11	117 Talbot Rd
Zarek, Litman	July 14/11	174 Bestview Dr

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Pearl Siegel	Jul 3/11	450 Rustic Road
Marlene Bloom	Jul 4/11	662 Sheppard Ave. East
Julia Klincsek	Jul 4/11	2 Warlock Crescent
Marjorie Rothstein	Jul 1/11	150 Heath Street West
Steve Brook	Jul 4/11	621 York Hill Blvd.
Abraham Bulwa	Jul 5/11	216 Cocksfield Avenue
Shosh Teitel	Jul 6/11	645 Castlefield Avenue
Lillian Shapera	Jul 6/11	57 Snowshoe Millway
Louis Wisenberg	Jul 7/11	65 Spring Garden Ave.
Hanina Marguerite Cohen	Jul 7/11	15 Barberry Place
Sophie Epstein	Jul 6/11	17 Elder Street
Gertie Levine	Jul 7/11	15 Redmount Road
Ettie Freedman	Jul 8/11	650 Briar Hill Avenue
Hana Fenster	Jul 8/11	43 Clifton Avenue
Paul Kent	Jul 8/11	1 Northwestern Ave
Clara Beinish	Jul 9/11	50 Westover Hill Road
Betty Orenstein	Jul 10/11	2 Clairtrell Road
Mortimer David Goodman	Jul 10/11	484 Steeles Ave. West
Malvina Fuerth	Jul 11/11	6161 Bathurst Street
Ida Zwicker	Jul 11/11	1925 Steeles Avenue
Harold Fine	Jul 11/11	111 Avenue Road
David Azran	Jul 7/11	400 Walmer Road
Judy Goldman	Jul 13/11	44 Charles St. West
Harold Seigel	Jul 13/11	9 Oxbrow Road
Shirley Trim	Jul 13/11	20 Blairville Road
Sol Rakoff	Jul 16/11	131 Beecroft Road

HEBREW BASIC BURIAL

Ludwik Flicker	Jul 8/11	22 Norfinch Drive

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Linitzer Society Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of
JOLAN KLEIN ז"ל
will take place
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Bathurst, South of Steeles
Shlomei Emunah Section #40
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

BULWA, ABRAHAM (Abe) ז"ל

passed away Tuesday, July 5th at North York General Hospital at the age of 95. He is survived by his wife Martha, his son Joe, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
SAMUEL SIDLOFSKY, Ph.D ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 7th at 11:00 a.m.
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Gourmet cookie book provides a peek into the past

Norene Gilletz
Special to The CJN

Reading cookbooks is one of my favourite ways to relax and explore the wonderful world of food. I have cookbooks piled up in nearly every room of my house, and summertime provides me with some leisure time to catch up on my reading. One advantage of browsing through cookbooks is that you can read a page or two and then put down the book until you have a few minutes to pick it up again and continue your culinary journey.

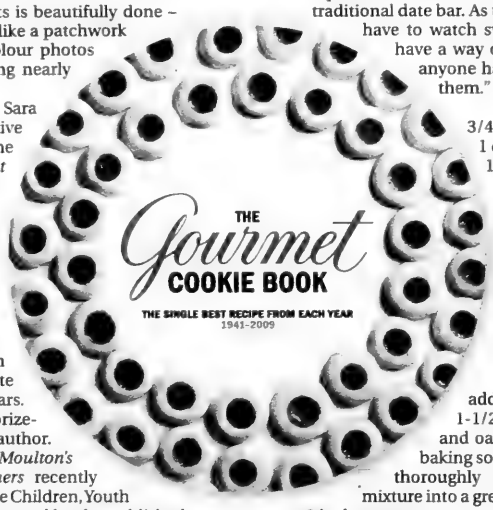
Baking books are always a fun read, and I love to fantasize about nibbling on all sorts of scrumptious sweets, minus the caloric consequences, as I peruse the pages, deciding what to bake.

One of my favourite finds is the *Gourmet Cookie Book: The Single Best Recipe from Each Year – 1941-2009* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt). It features the best cookie recipe from each year of *Gourmet* magazine's existence. Not only is this a fabulous collection of cookie recipes, it also provides a peek into the past. This book would not have been possible without *Gourmet*'s devoted readers, who sent in their favourite cookie recipes and their comments for so many years.

Printed exactly as they originally appeared in the magazine – with abundant tips from *Gourmet*'s test kitchen and headnotes describing their cultural context – the recipes present a fascinating bite-by-bite history of how our appetites evolved.

The table of contents is beautifully done – it was designed to look like a patchwork quilt, with gorgeous colour photos of each recipe, spanning nearly seven decades.

I was thrilled when Sara Moulton, the executive chef for 23 years of the now defunct *Gourmet* magazine, came to my home several months ago to talk about some of the cookbook's highlights. We sat around my dining room table and shared cookies and conversation.



Moulton has been one of my favourite celebrity chefs for years. She is a TV host and prize-winning cookbook author. Her latest book, *Sara Moulton's Everyday Family Dinners* recently won an IACP award in the Children, Youth and Family category for cookbooks published in 2010. I've always loved watching her cooking shows on the Food Network and often watch her guest appearances on TV on *Good Morning America*.

Moulton is very down to earth, and we shared many stories about our families. She's married to "a nice Jewish boy from Detroit" and is the mother of Sam and Ruthie, who are in their 20s. Moulton prepares family meals five nights a week and the family eats together. To save time, she orders her groceries online, buying lots of organic and local foods.

Moulton explained that *The Gourmet Cookie Book* is actually a history of cookies, and the language is exactly as it was written. "People knew how to cook and life was simpler back then. In the '80s, recipes became much more detailed, and ingredients and instructions became more complicated. Pistachios and macadamia nuts became mainstream items at the supermarket, and the '90s brought designer chocolate to the forefront. For example, the Mocha Cookies (see recipe below) call for chocolate, chocolate chips and espresso powder. In 2000, there were more cookies in *Gourmet* magazine than in the first whole decade!"

Gourmet closed its doors in October 2010 and the cookbook was produced to "keep the brand alive."

Moulton explained, "Cookies are the first thing you learn to make with your mom." The recipes in the *Gourmet Cookie Book* are ideal to make with your children as a fun project, summertime or any time of year.

Cookies first baked with mom

Yes, you'll have to turn on your oven, even wash a few dishes – but it will be worth it. A just-baked cookie, still warm from the oven, has a soothing scent and is true comfort food. It's one of the easiest ways to say, "I love you."

APRICOT CHEWS (September 1966)

In the September 1966 issue, the editors of *Gourmet* published this much-improved version of a traditional date bar. As the editors noted, "You have to watch sweets like these. They have a way of disappearing before anyone has had a chance to eat them."

3/4 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
1 1/2 cups each of flour and oatmeal
1 tsp. baking soda
3/4 lb. dried apricots
1 cup water
3/4 cup sugar
1 tbsp. apricot liqueur
1/4 cup grated coconut (optional)

Melt 3/4 cup butter; add 1 cup brown sugar, 1-1/2 cups each of flour and oatmeal, and 1 teaspoon baking soda. Mix the ingredients thoroughly and press half the mixture into a greased baking pan about 9 inches square.

In a saucepan, simmer 3/4 pound dried apricots with 1 cup water and 3/4 cup sugar for 30 minutes, or until the apricots are soft. Add 1 tablespoon apricot liqueur after the mixture has been cooking for 20 minutes.

Spoon the apricots over the crumb mixture in the baking pan, sprinkle them with 1/4 cup grated coconut, if desired, and cover them with the rest of the crumbs.

Bake the mixture in a moderate oven (350 F) for 25 to 30 minutes, or until it is golden. Cut the mixture into squares while it is still warm and turn out the chews from the pan when they are cold and set. Makes 3 dozen squares.

Recipe Notes:
- For the best flavour and colour, use California dried apricots.
- Use apricot brandy.
- Puree the apricots in a food processor after cooking.
- Grease the baking pan with butter, line it with two criss-crossed sheets of foil, and then butter the foil.
- Make 36 squares by cutting the bars into 6 rows each lengthwise and crosswise.

MOCHA COOKIES
(October 1990)

The '90s were the chocolate decade in America. This recipe – from the Bakery on Melrose Avenue in Los Angeles – has no subtlety: It revels in its rich chocolate decadence. The fact that it is reasonably easy to put together is a bonus. You begin with melted chocolate, a ton of chocolate chips and a spot of espresso powder – and you end up with a cookie that everybody adores. Make these cookies once, and you'll be making them for the rest of your life.

4 oz. unsweetened chocolate, chopped
3 cups semisweet chocolate chips
1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter, cut into bits
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. double-acting baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
4 large eggs, at room temperature
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 1/2 tbsp. instant espresso powder (see Recipe Notes, below)
2 tsp. vanilla

In a metal bowl set over a saucepan of simmering water, melt the unsweetened chocolate, 1-1/2 cups of the chocolate chips and the butter, stirring until the mixture is smooth, and remove the bowl from the heat.

In a small bowl, stir together the flour, baking powder and salt.

In a bowl, beat the eggs with the sugar until the mixture is thick and pale, and beat in the espresso powder and the vanilla. Fold the chocolate mixture into the egg mixture, fold in the flour mixture, and stir in the remaining 1-1/2 cups chocolate chips. Let the batter stand for 15 minutes.

Drop the batter by heaping tablespoons onto baking sheets lined with parchment paper and bake the cookies in the middle of a preheated 350-degree oven for 8 to 10 minutes, or until they are puffed and shiny and cracked on top.

Let the cookies cool on the baking sheets, transfer them to racks and let cool completely. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

Recipe Notes:
- Err on the side of underbaking these cookies. They are meant to be soft and rich.
- Cool for 1 minute on the baking sheet before transferring the cookies to racks.
- Insider Info: No espresso powder? Substitute fine ground regular coffee.

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Life Coach Corner

Judy Siblin-Librach

And then there's just being "in the flow" of your life. I am on a list through which Oprah Winfrey sends me newsletters about upcoming shows on her television network, OWN, and I suspect it is a list that many people are on. One of my best friends, Sari, however, seems to be on an extra special mailing list that Oprah sends out to her VIP readers and friends, and she recently started sending me these letters that Oprah writes to her "special friends"!

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FIRST WEDDING

B'nai Shalom Congregation of Halton and Peel marked a milestone on July 3, when it celebrated its first wedding. Stuart Tisnower, 43, and Belinda Kligman, 39, daughter of shul president Jack Kligman, were the first members to wed since the congregation's establishment in 2003. B'nai Shalom, an egalitarian, Conservative congregation that serves 24 families and runs out of a rented room at the Monte Carlo Inn in Oakville, Ont., celebrated its first bar mitzvah in 2008, and its first baby-naming ceremony in 2010.

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Jewish leaders reject Norway killer's pro-Zionism

Toby Axelrod
JTA

BERLIN — The confessed perpetrator in the attack in Norway that killed as many as 98 people espoused a right-wing philosophy against Islam that also purports to be pro-Zionist.

Anders Behring Breivik is charged with detonating a car bomb outside Oslo's government headquarters, which houses the office of Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg, and of shooting and killing at least 85 mostly young people at a political summer camp on nearby Utoya Island. The July 22 massacre reportedly was the worst attack in Norway since the end of World War II.

In numerous online postings, including a manifesto published on the day of the attacks, Breivik promoted the Vienna School or Crusader Nationalism philosophy, a mishmash of anti-modern principles that also calls for "the deportation of all Muslims from Europe" as well as from "the West Bank and the Gaza Strip."

According to the manifesto, titled *2083: A European Declaration of Independence* and published under the pseudonym Andrew Berwick, the Vienna School supports "pro-Zionism/Israeli nationalism."

Breivik listed numerous European Freedom Parties and neo-Nazi parties as potential allies because of their anti-immigrant, anti-Muslim stance, and mentioned that right-wing populists like Dutch politician Geert Wilders "have to condemn us at this point, which is fine. It is after all essential that they protect their reputational shields."

European right-populist parties increasingly have been waving the flag of friendship with Israel, as well as expressing vehement opposition to Europe's multicultural society.

In postings on the website Document.no that appear to be by Breivik, the poster pondered whether one could "accept the moderate Nazis as long as they distance themselves" from the extermination of the Jews.

Stephan Kramer, general secretary of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, told JTA that "in the recent years we have witnessed the phenomenon of radical rightists proclaiming their sympathy for Jews and their support for Israel, also in Germany," adding that "in many cases, it is clear that this is no more than a PR manoeuvre to create an air of respectability."

"Whatever 'support' for Israel Anders Behring Breivik may have had in his abominable mind, it is not any kind of support we want," Kramer said.

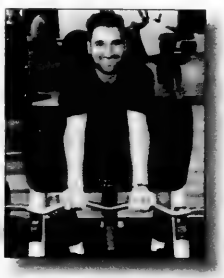
One day after the attack, members of Norway's small Jewish community gathered at the Synagogue of Oslo to pray for the survivors. "We also pray that the authorities will be less naive on security issues and threats," businessman Erwin Kohn, newly elected head of the 750-member Jewish community, said in a telephone interview from Oslo. On the reports about Breivik's online postings, he offered his concerns. "You have many others who are in the same ballpark, being scared of multiculturalism," Kohn said, adding that Breivik's alleged pro-Zionism is a sham. "We don't need such friends."

Serge Cwajgenbaum, secretary general of the European Jewish Congress, in a call from France said that Breivik "is not pro-Israel – he is anti-Muslim. "It is a national catastrophe," he said, "and we share the sadness of the sorrow of the families."

Meanwhile, Israel on Saturday night condemned the attacks in Oslo. Israeli President Shimon Peres called the king of Norway, Harald V, to express condolences. "Your country is a symbol of peace and freedom. In Israel we followed the events over the weekend in Norway and the attack on innocent civilians broke our hearts. It is a painful tragedy that touches every human being. We send our condolences to the families that lost their loved ones and a speedy recovery to the wounded. Israel is willing to assist in whatever is needed." Kohn noted that antisemitism in the country remains a serious problem. A recent study of 7,000 Norwegian teens showed that more than half of youth of all backgrounds, whether Christian or Muslim, use the word "Jew" as an expletive.

New Beit Halochem Centre in the South for Israel's Disabled Veterans

Three years after construction began, the Beit Halochem Centre in Beer Sheva opened its doors to over 3,200 disabled members and their families living in southern Israel. Shimon Ohana is just one of our brave heroes who will benefit from our new Centre; here is his story ...



At 18, I followed in my father's footsteps and chose to do my military service as a border policeman. Within six weeks, my life changed forever.

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While they were putting me into a body bag, the doctor miraculously discovered a faint pulse and rushed me to the hospital. Hovering between life and death for 21 days, I received 138 blood transfusions.

Of that fateful day, I only remember being put into the body bag. I was just not ready to die so young.

My first time at **Beit Halochem**, I stood at the swimming pool, embarrassed to take off my shirt revealing my scar-covered body. Around me were people without limbs, burned, blind — but happy to be alive. **This gave me the strength I needed to start living again.**

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Israeli experiment lands with final shuttle

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

When the space shuttle Atlantis touched down in Cape Canaveral, Fla., after its final voyage last week, it returned with three Israeli experiments.

After the landing, crews at NASA's Kennedy Space Center unloaded the Israeli scientific payloads, which included microgravity experiments on telomeres – DNA sequences that protect chromosomes from erosion – another study on bone cells, and one on water purification.

All three experiments were organized by Israel's Fisher Institute for Strategic Air and Space Studies, a nonprofit organization that receives funding from the Israeli Ministry of Science and has worked with NASA and other space agencies to bring Israeli experiments into space.

Atlantis' crew retrieved the bone cell study – a joint project between the institute and Hebrew University – from the International Space Station after it had been left behind by the space shuttle Endeavour on NASA's penultimate May shuttle mission. It was the first time an Israeli experiment had been kept on board the station.

NASA's shuttle program was mothballed after Atlantis' last mission to the ISS.

The institute posits that its telomere experiment might lead to better ways of dealing "with cellular aging processes and their harmful products," the Institute said in a statement.

The telomere study is being done in co-operation with Dr. Elizabeth Blackburn, winner of the 2009 Nobel Prize in Physiology for her work on telomeres and DNA.

American astronaut Sandy Magnus works on the middeck of Atlantis to secure all the life science experiments conducted in space during the shuttle's final mission. ***[Fisher Institute for Strategic Air and Space Studies photo]***

Dr. Eran Schenker, head of the Fisher Institute's Aerospace Medicine Research Center, was at the shuttle landing in Florida last week to supervise the retrieval and analysis of the Israeli experiments and help transfer them to partner laboratories worldwide waiting to analyze the data collected in space.

Speaking to *The CJN* from Florida last week, Schenker said he didn't regard the end of the shuttle program as an obstacle for future Israeli-American space ventures. Rather, he said the future now lies with emergent "commercial" space programs in the United States.

He said results from the telomere experiment should be published in about one year.

Beyond that, Schenker confirmed that Israel had already secured a spot on an upcoming 2012 Russian mission to the ISS and was looking forward to continued partnerships with space agencies around the world.

In a statement, Brig. Gen. (Res.) Asaf Agmon, head of the Fisher Institute, said he attached "great importance" to Israel's participation in experiments conducted in space.

"As the final shuttle lands, it is a nice summary to Israeli activity in the shuttle program, to be bringing back an experiment which has been circling the Earth."

Agmon said the results of the water purification experiment, done in partnership with the Strauss Group, Israel's second-largest food and beverage company, could potentially "affect all human life all over the globe.

"The research tests a new water purification technology under zero gravity in space. [It] is a polymer-based bio-medical technology designed to purify drinking water by effectively removing bacteria and viruses," he said.

Israel is one of nine countries with space-launch capability. The others are the United States, Russia, Ukraine, France, the United Kingdom, Japan, China, India and Iran.

Ilan Ramon, the first Israeli astronaut, perished along with the rest of the space shuttle Columbia crew when the craft exploded on re-entry from orbit on Feb. 1, 2003.

Israel Briefs

Knesset rejects NGO inquiries

Israel's Knesset voted down a bill that would have established inquiries into human rights groups. The bill was defeated last week by a vote of 57 to 28. Two members of the governing coalition parties, Danny Danon of Likud and Faina Kirschenbaum of Yisrael Beitenu, sponsored the bill. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who heads the Likud Party, opposed the measure. Many Diaspora Jewish groups had pressed the Knesset to reject the bill. Netanyahu was already being criticized by Jewish groups for supporting a bill that allows people who live in the West Bank to sue those who call for a boycott of goods made in West Bank Jewish communities.

Flotilla participants deported

The activists aboard the lone Gaza-bound flotilla ship, intercepted by Israel, were deported. Some 15 activists, journalists and crew members were deported last Wednesday, a day after the French-flagged Dignity al-Karama was boarded by Israeli commandos near Gaza waters and towed to Israel's Ashdod port. One activist was an Israeli journalist and was not deported. The ship reportedly had declared a port in Egypt as its final destination in order to be able to leave Greek waters. At least seven other flotilla ships were detained and remain in Greek ports for safety violations. After boarding the ship, Israeli troops checked the condition of the passengers and offered them food and drink, according to the Israel Defence Forces. The deportees could be denied entrance to Israel for the next 10 years.

Paul Simon performs

American music legend Paul Simon performed at the Ramat Gan Stadium last Thursday. It was his third show in Israel. The 70-year-old singer and songwriter – once half of the folk duo Simon and Garfunkel – told journalists that he brought no political messages and that, as an artist, his sole aim was to play and sing the best he could. Simon received a shofar at a press conference the day before the concert.

– Files from JTA

Device gives a window into workings of the brain

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Chebat, 32, who grew up in Montreal, heard about Amedi's research while working on his doctorate at Université de Montréal, at the school of optometry in neuropsychology.

"I was working with a different sensory substitution device, and I was interested in navigation in blind people using sensory substitution," said Chebat, an Azrieli post-doctoral fellow in the department of medical neurobiology at Hebrew U. "I wanted to continue exploring this fascinating topic of sensory substitution and brain plasticity after finishing my PhD [in 2010]. I had heard of the amazing research Dr. Amir Amedi had been doing... and I quickly realized that this dynamic and creative lab was the very best place in the world for me to pursue my scientific aspirations and ambitions as a researcher.

"Israeli universities are reputed to be on the cutting edge of science and constantly searching to apply this science to everyday life."

Chebat – along with other members of Amedi's team – demonstrated how to use the Yes-Eye-Cane at the recent Israeli Presidential Conference in Jerusalem. The device was unveiled as part of a larger exhibition presented by Yissum, the technology transfer arm of Hebrew U.

"Dr. Amedi's promising invention can endow visually impaired people with the freedom to freely navigate in their surroundings without unintentionally bumping into or touching other people and thus has the potential to significantly enhance their quality of life," said Yaacov Michlin, CEO of Yissum. So, here's how it works:

Users point the hand-held unit, which emits an invisible focused beam, in the direction they are walking. The cane incorporates several sensors that estimate the distance between the user and the object it is pointed at. That information is then relayed to the user by a series of vibrations, allowing the blind person to reconstruct an accurate image of the surroundings and navigate safely.

The virtual cane is easy to carry, can function for up to 12 hours and is easy to charge. It is also highly intuitive, and a user can learn to handle it within just a few minutes.

Scientifically, the device has given researchers a window into the workings of the brain.

"The amazing thing about these devices is how the brain of someone who is born blind reacts to them. The visual parts of the brain treat this information as if it were real vision coming from the eyes," said Chebat.

There are nearly 200 million visually impaired people globally, 40 million of whom are legally blind. According to the National Coalition for Vision Health, there are 278,000 Canadians who are visually impaired and 108,000 who are legally blind.

The Yes-Eye-Cane device is designed for people "who are completely blind from birth, people who became blind later in life, and people with low vision," said Chebat. "The low cost of the device (about $30 Cdn) makes it affordable to everyone and it is Dr. Amedi's dream to be able to distribute this device to all blind people in Israel who would like to use it, and eventually in the world."

Yad Vashem school fosters remembrance and knowledge

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

JERUSALEM — The International School for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem is a beacon of remembrance and a disseminator of knowledge.

Through its professional development seminars for Israeli and foreign teachers, as well as its programs for youth and Israeli soldiers, the school performs two vital tasks.

While preserving the darkest chapter in the annals of the Jewish people, it combats the universal scourge of antisemitism, the wellspring of the Holocaust.

"We're trying to create a network of educators dedicated to telling the story of the Holocaust," explained Ephraim Kaye, who has headed the school's International Seminars for Educators department since 1993. "Our objective is to keep the memory alive."

"It's about education, education and education," said Joe Gottdenker, a Toronto-based Holocaust survivor, businessman and vice chairman of the board of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, which is officially known as the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority.

Nestled on a wooded ridge in the green hills of Israel's capital, the school is an integral component of Yad Vashem, which has been dedicated to commemorating and documenting the Shoah since 1953.

The school has brought about 3,000 educators to Israel since the launch of the teacher training program 16 years ago.

Interestingly enough, most of the teachers who have taken courses have been non-Jews, while a few have been Arabs from Israel, the West Bank, Jordan and Morocco.

Last year, the school hosted foreign delegations from as far away as China and Argentina.

The Chinese delegation of 22 educators, the first group from China to be invited by Yad Vashem, came from Beijing, Shanghai, Nanjing, Shang Dong and Kaifeng and included university department heads, a high school principal and the translator of Amos Oz's novels into Chinese.

The 40 Argentines, on the other hand, were recruited from the country's 23 provinces.

Working on the assumption that education fosters tolerance and builds a resistance to racial, ethnic and religious hatred, the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, with executive director Yaron Ashkenazi at its helm, has sent more than 100 educators to the school in the past five years.

A well-oiled and superbly managed model of its kind, the school supplanted a small and rather obscure department of education; said Avner Shalev, chair of Yad Vashem.

"We had to change our priorities," he stated, suggesting that education is Yad Vashem's chief priority today. "We needed to deal with the Holocaust systematically and thoroughly."

According to Shalev, interest in the Holocaust has grown immensely in recent years, particularly in Europe. "There is a feeling that the Holocaust is an integral part of their history and culture," he said, adding that more and more European schools now offer courses on the Holocaust.

Ephraim Kaye
[Sheldon Kirshner photo]

In Israel, where Holocaust education became compulsory in schools only in the 1980s, Israeli youth were in the forefront of generating nation-wide interest in the Holocaust, he observed.

At the International School for Holocaust Studies, seminars are led by experts in Holocaust education, scholarship and research, and are built on three major pillars: academic, pedagogical and experiential.

The academic component is on the history and culture of Jewish communities in the interwar period.

The pedagogical aspect provides participants with the means to translate academic content into suitable pedagogical materials.

The experiential segment puts a human face on the Holocaust, enabling teachers to meet survivors.

"We want to shed light on the human spirit of survivors," said Kaye.

"We have to teach the Holocaust as a human story," noted Shulamit Imber, the school's pedagogical director. "We have to rescue individuals from the pile of bodies. The victims had names, identities and spiritual lives."

And while the Holocaust reinforces an enduring "Never Again" message that Israel promotes, the Holocaust should not be used exclusively to build Jewish identity, she warned.

In a lecture to Canadian journalists invited to Israel on a study tour by the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, Imber said that an interdisciplinary approach best conveys the magnitude and complexity of the Holocaust. In an aside, she added that age-related teaching materials are of the utmost importance in reaching hearts and minds.

Bob Rozett, a historian and the director of Yad Vashem's library, observed that the Holocaust has become the avenue of choice in understanding the concept of evil.

Regrettably, a competition for victimization has broken out, resulting in the "politicization" of the Holocaust.

"People are using the Holocaust to frame their own tragedies," he said, citing the Irish and the potato famine and the Ukrainians and Joseph Stalin's collectivization campaign.

Some scholars are placing the Holocaust within the wider context of genocide and attempting "to flatten it out," said Rozett. "This is a new thing."

Yad Vashem's library, consisting of 154,000 titles in more than 50 languages, is the world's largest repository of Holocaust literature.

"We try to collect everything, from great scholarly works to Holocaust denial screeds. I buy everything. I have all kinds of stuff. I collect."

In his view, the five best books on the Holocaust are, in ascending order, *Nazi Germany and the Jews* by Saul Friedlander; *Ordinary Men* by Christopher Browning; *The Jews of Warsaw, 1939-1943* by Yisrael Gutman; *If This Is Man* by Primo Levi, and *The Lost* by Daniel Mendelsohn.

Kaye recommends, among other works, Raul Hilberg's *The Destruction of European Jews*, Eberhard Jackel's *Hitler in History* and Omer Bartov's *Hitler's Army, Soldiers, Nazis and War in the Third Reich*.

Yad Vashem currently invests close to 20 per cent of its annual budget to digitize its gigantic mountain of archives, reported Michael Lieber, the chief information officer.

"Everything here goes digital," he said, referring to Yad Vashem's 138 million pages of documentation, thousands of films, 400,000 photographs and 102,000 survivor testimonies.

Noting that Yad Vashem uses social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter to publicize its mission, he said, "The new generation is getting information in different ways. We're trying to plug into this audience."

Shalev admitted that Yad Vashem embarked on computerization a little late. "We were not into this process until the start of the 1990s."

But Yad Vashem.org received 11 million visitors last year, Lieber pointed out.

The major challenge facing Yad Vashem today, Shalev said, is to build better accessibility to its bank of data bases so that information about the Holocaust reaches the greatest number of people throughout Israel and the world.

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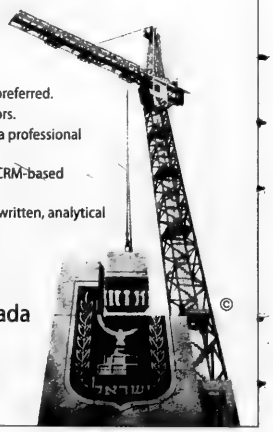

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Winehouse family 'bereft' at singer's death

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LONDON — The family of troubled singing star Amy Winehouse, who was found dead in her London home, has asked for privacy to grieve.

Winehouse, 27, a five-time Grammy winner who was admired by music critics and beloved by celebrities, was plagued by drug and alcohol addiction, but officials at this point are saying her death is "unexplained." An autopsy to determine the cause will be performed early this week. She was found in her apartment last Saturday.

"Our family has been left bereft by the loss of Amy, a wonderful daughter, sister, niece," read a statement from the family. "She leaves a gaping hole in our lives. We are coming together to remember her and we would appreciate some privacy and space at this terrible time."

Winehouse's father, Mitch, returned to London immediately from New York, where he was performing.

"The bad girl with the pin-up tattoos, soul style and Marilyn Monroe mole piercing was born to Mitchell and Janis, a Jewish couple in north London," according to a report in *Moment Magazine*. "Not everyone is surprised to hear that Winehouse is Jewish. Referencing her Semitic-looking visage, Sarah Silverman once quipped, 'She is Jewish, right? If she isn't, someone should tell her face.'"

Writing earlier this year for the online magazine Tablet, Dvorah Meyers asserted that the singer's "unrepentant behaviour... signals Winehouse's place in a very different line of Jewish women – not the

Amy Winehouse

'nice' ones who make you chicken soup when you're sick or assure their sons that they're the smartest boys in the world and any woman would be lucky to marry them."

Instead, Meyers wrote, "Winehouse's ancestors are the biblical vixens: Dina, who slept with Shechem; Deborah, the biblical heroine; or, more recently, Monica Lewinsky, the 'portly pepperpot' (as the *New York Post* dubbed her) who nearly ended Bill Clinton's presidency."

In January 2009, with hostilities raging between Israeli and Hamas forces, Winehouse was one of several prominent Jewish figures identified by an Islamic extremist website as potential targets for "reprisal" attacks.

Winehouse was booed off the stage during a comeback performance in Serbia last month after staggering around.

BUSINESS

Israel considering five-day workweek

Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Could Israelis be heading for a Saturday-Sunday weekend? Not if the Finance Ministry has its way, though Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised to consider the proposal.

Among the public, the proposal has garnered mixed reviews. Haredim and teachers are appalled, tourism managers are rubbing their hands in glee, and the Histadrut Labor Federation is treading on eggshells.

The Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce showed unfettered enthusiasm: "Sunday off will boost the private sector," it stated.

Industrialists were muted: "The move's success depends on the government's ability to enforce a full working day on Friday."

The Finance Ministry refused to comment on the establishment of a committee headed by prime ministerial economics adviser, Eugene Kandel, to study the proposal, but recent comments demonstrate firm opposition, on the grounds that it would stunt economic growth.

Opponents argue that people would have to work longer hours on other days, which would impair productivity and widen social gaps.

Kandel's committee will have representatives from the relevant ministries and the Bank of Israel. It will study the implications of the proposal, tabled by Deputy Prime Minister Silvan Shalom, which extends the Friday workday to 2 p.m. and tacks extra hours onto workdays from Monday to Thursday.

"I'm in shock from the proposal to force people to work Friday and take Sunday off," said Mali Green, a reporter, author and haredi mother of 11. "It won't pass the reality test. Friday is the day we prepare for Shabbat. How can we work until 2?"

She represents the opposition to the proposal in haredi circles, and doesn't appreciate suggestions that people could use their Sundays to "travel and shop." "Who has the money for that?" Green says, adding that mothers with just three children say the same thing.

The haredi members of the coalition have not stated a position yet. Interior Minister Eli Yishai told the haredi radio station Kol Hai that Rabbi Ovadia Yosef opposes the concept, but called to wait until the committee has delivered its conclusions.

At the other end of the rainbow, Ami Federman, chair of the Hotels Association, thinks the two-day weekend would benefit the economy, not to mention encourage Israelis to spend more time at hotels. He is concerned, though, that hotel workers will demand Shabbat rates for working Sundays. Half the respondents to a survey conducted in 2010 for the Tourism Ministry said that if given longer weekends they would travel more; 40 per cent said they wouldn't.

Teachers are also among the opponents, largely because they can choose one day off each week. Often that day serves for further study to advance their careers. Now teachers fear they'll lose their day off if not taken on Sunday. The proposal isn't good for children, either, especially ones in poor neighbourhoods, argues Teachers Union chair Yossi Wasserman: They'll just roam the malls and get into trouble, he said.

The Bank of Israel refused to comment on the establishment of the committee headed by Kandel, saying only that it is studying the issue.

"The idea is lunacy," said Prof. Omer Moav, formerly an adviser to Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz. "Friday is an inefficient working day because it's only four to five hours, and it takes time to get to work. It simply won't pay for some employers."

In 2009, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics, the average working week was 39 hours, Moav said. The proposal's authors say that won't decline, but Moav argues it will: People will work fewer hours less efficiently.

Uriel Lynn, president of the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce, begs to differ. "It will stimulate the private sector, mainly services and businesses," he said. Sunday will come to be characterized by shopping, culture, entertainment and sports, which will all be operating flat-out. But making sure that work continues until 2 p.m. on Friday is crucial, Lynn said: "That has to be solid. Workers can't start leaving at 12:30 p.m."

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Short stories provide glimpses of postwar Europe

Mavis Gallant, now almost 90 years old, is arguably the best short story writer this country has produced. She is a child of a prewar Montreal divided along language and religious lines, and has lived in Paris since 1950, when she abandoned a career as a journalist with the *Montreal Standard* in favour of the challenge of writing fiction for a living.

Though she published two novels early on, the bulk of her output is made up of stories, the earliest of which appeared in *The New Yorker*. This placed her at the forefront of the then lucrative and influential short story market, where she would remain, even as magazine stories became an increasingly rare sighting.

Gallant's most recent Canadian collection, *Going Ashore* (McClelland & Stewart), appeared to too little fanfare, possibly because of the attentive reception given her much larger 1996 collection, *The Selected Stories of Mavis Gallant*. But *Going Ashore* reveals aspects of Gallant's career not on view in previous volumes, and provides wonderfully evocative glimpses of postwar Europe unavailable in the work of other Canadian writers.

Reviewed by Norman Ravvin

The editor of *Going Ashore* has shuffled the stories, so Gallant's earliest output appears alongside work from the 1980s. But it is the early pieces that make *Going Ashore* a great literary and historical offering. Stories from the 1950s reflect Gallant's broad interest in Europe at the time. *A Day Like Any Other* (1953) begins with two children looking from their hotel dining room at the Rhine, a winding "line, as thin as a hair" sunk in a mountainous valley, which one of the children promptly calls "Hitler's mountains."

Gallant has a fine eye for the ironies of the ongoing American occupation of Germany and elsewhere, and she addresses themes related to the aftermath of the war that drew silence from major writers of that period. She approaches the postwar moment in a darkly sardonic vein. American army officers are out of their depth in their effort to forge links with, even to speak the language of, the people they occupy. Army wives face aimless days, which Gallant may have viewed through the prism of her own youthful independence.

In *Autumn Day*, one of the magnificent, novelistic stories in *Going Ashore*, a young wife takes self-conscious account of her marriage as she rejoins her husband, who has been posted with the Army of Occupation in Salzburg. Once she "got down from the train at Salzburg Station" she "waved at Walt, smiling, the way girls do in illustrations. I could almost see myself, fresh and pretty, waving to someone in uniform. . . . When Walt took me in his arms, right in front of everyone, I was so engulfed by the idea of the picture it made that I thought I would cry. But then I remembered my luggage and turned away so that I could keep an eye on it. I had matching blue plaid suitcases, given me by my married sister as a going-away present, and I didn't want to lose them right at the start of my married life."

Autumn Day makes use of one of Gallant's trademark narrative strategies: a wise but still young narrator takes the measure of a host of idiosyncratic characters, all of whom pass through her otherwise mundane life like players in a dark comedy.

Billeted at the same farmhouse as Walt and his newly arrived wife is a group of postwar strays, each one emblematic of some strange and undisclosed aspect of the European collapse. "I didn't mix with the people on the farm," the narrator tells us. "They didn't want to mix with me. There were six boarders besides us: a Hungarian couple named de Kende – dark and fat with gold teeth; and a family from Vienna with two children... Sometimes I smiled at the two children, but they never smiled back. I wondered if they had been told not to."

The attentive reader may guess at some of these people's secrets, though it's impossible for us to know whether the average suburban *New Yorker* subscriber, in 1950s Scarsdale or Oakville, could do the same. Gallant develops her theme with a hint of Chekhov and a touch of off-kilter comedy, when the young army wife finds herself drinking tasteless coffee in the disordered rooms belonging to the "Hungarian couple named de Kende." There, Mrs. de Kende, suddenly and as if by strange compulsion, reveals: "My husband is a Jew. . .. Do you realize what would happen if it were known? We wouldn't be welcome in this house ... My husband would lose his clients... Look at my life, at the way I am forced to live. I am the daughter of an Army officer. God is punishing me for having married a Jew."

The moment and place – the European countryside a few years after the Holocaust – flares into view, just as Gallant's narrator realizes how little interest there is among her compatriots in talking openly about such things. *Autumn Day* shifts, at its close, back to domestic miseries, but Gallant's narrator tells us what such encounters felt like. "I felt an almost unbearable nostalgia," she tells us, "for the figure I was leaving behind, the shell of the girl who had got down from the train in September, the pretty girl with all the blue plaid luggage. I could never be that girl again, not entirely. Too much had happened in between."

These short passages convey the remarkable mastery of tone, subtle irony and characterization in Gallant's earliest published work. This is in contrast with the early work of Mordecai Richler or Hugh Garner, where energetic, often funny prose might, at times, have profited from a sharper editorial knife. Gallant teaches us how to write well, just as her early work broadens our sense of how one lived through the challenges of postwar recovery.

Norman Ravvin's recent publications include a novel, The Joyful Child *(Gaspereau Press) and* Failure's Opposite: Listening to A.M. Klein *(McGill-Queen's), which he co-edited with Sherry Simon.*

Debut CD has roots in Hebrew school

Laura Fixman
Intern

Jordan Fine, a.k.a. Fine Canadian Forces, said the title of his first full-length album, *Hebrew Lessons*, is connected to the time he spent studying at Beth Tzedec Congregation's Hebrew school.

"A lot of people find music to be a religious experience, and that's where the title came from," he said.

Fine, a 29-year-old Toronto native, specializes in loop-pedal music (repetitive, rhythmic musical patterns or dense layers of sound) and covers a variety of songs by artists such as Steve Winwood, Rick Springfield, the Beatles and the McGarrigle sisters in *Hebrew Lessons*. He spent three years on a cruise ship as a guitarist, and when he came back home to Toronto, he wanted to work on his own album.

Fine began recording *Hebrew Lessons* in late 2009 and finished it in May 2010.

"It took a lot longer than I expected, and it was more work than I thought it would be," Fine said.

He added that as he isn't represented by a music label, he had more to do than record, including co-ordinating the cover art with the CD manufacturer and arranging recording time in the studio.

"My favourite part was having a CD in my hand, but spending time in the studio is always fun, too," he said. "I love just playing music."

He said that the CD didn't turn out exactly as he had envisioned it. The songs have remained basically the same, he said but the sound changed a little.

"One of the things I try to do is I write music that I like to listen to," he said. "I write something that I like, and I hope other people will like it, too."

Fine said that he's considered himself a musician since his parents enrolled him in piano lessons when he was six or seven years old. He also plays trombone, and was involved in music throughout high school and university.

He said that his goal with his music has always remained the same. "There's always been a sort of a steady goal to keep evolving as a musician and to have people listening to the art I make."

Now that he's finished the album, Fine is rehearsing and promoting his CD. He also has a day job and plays trombone for the rock band Five Star Trailer Park and lead guitar for the band Lake Country VHS.

Fine said his influences include yacht rock, progressive rock, glam metal and grunge.

"I'm very inspired by other music," Fine said. "I'm a very enthusiastic musician, and I want to get that across to others."

Jordan Fine

Hebrew Lessons features electric guitars and effects and a Korg synthesizer, and organic music, including vocal beat-box percussion, brass and vocals.

For more information on Fine, go to www.finecanadianforces.ca.

Personal stories from across Canada

Laura Fixman
Intern

When Irene Davis proposed the idea of publishing an anthology to a group of writers she kept in contact with by e-mail, and was volunteered to be the book's editor, she didn't anticipate the four months of intense work that lay ahead.

The anthology, called *Prose to Go: Tales from a Private List*, is a collection of 34 personal stories from 18 contributors from across Canada. The contributors are members of a private e-mail list who share their writing. Davis said getting to know the contributors, many of whom she had never met in person, was one of the things that made her hard work worth it.

"The stories themselves are actual glimpses of people," she said. "You actually get to know these people."

Davis contributed three stories to the anthology. One of her stories, *Places of the Heart*, recounts her childhood memory of Kensington Market, from about 1940. She writes about her grandmother choosing the chicken they would eventually have for Shabbat dinner and how her grandfather would come home from synagogue with a kiss for her grandmother. Davis, who's still a Toronto resident, said that she often writes about her childhood.

"Sometimes I need to write because it's a way to get down my feelings and memories," she said. "I often write just for myself, and it ends up getting published."

Irene Davis

She said the anthology's writers were easy to work with, and she had to make very few changes to their work. The anthology is separated into categories, including "misadventures," "what in the world" and "exit laughing." Davis said these categories arose naturally from the stories that were submitted and that she found it easy to switch from the role of a writer to an editor.

"I was always looking at it with an editor's eye, but I was also enjoying it," she said. "Without an editor, you get to close to your work and you don't see it in the same way."

Davis was the primary editor of the anthology, Barbara Florio-Graham was the managing editor and Fred Desjardins was the acquisitions editor. The three editors live in different provinces and communicated mostly by e-mail. Although they rarely met, Davis said that they got very close.

"It was this technology that allowed us to do this," she said. "It's a real relationship and we become quite close."

Davis said that as they had no budget and they were volunteering their time, they had to work around their other commitments. She said putting the book together was the most challenging thing she had ever done.

"I had no idea what it was going to be like," Davis said. "We kind of just went at it."

Davis said she would love to work on a second anthology someday, but for now is teaching a grammar course online.

She said that her love of writing may have started when her father taught her to read when she was three years old. She added that she started writing professionally later in life, after raising three children. She also took a creative writing course at Seneca College, which she said taught her a lot about the craft.

As a writer, she enjoys the challenge of starting out with facts and turning them into something people would be interested in reading.

"I like doing interviews and putting it all together," she said. "I like making a real story out of it."

Davis has some advice for people interested in becoming professional writers.

"Read a lot, read the magazines and publications you want to publish to and get to know the audience," she said. "Send queries, and you want to show them you can write. Be prepared for rejection, and when your story does finally make it, learn from it."

The stories in *Prose to Go* were originally published in *The Jewish Magazine*, the *Globe and Mail*, the *Ottawa Citizen* and others.

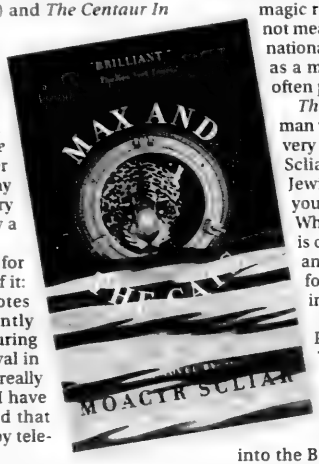
For more information about the anthology, visit www.bridgeross.com/prosetogo.html.

EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

SUMMER LITERARY COLUMN, PART II: MOACYR SCLIAR, MAGIC REALISM & *MAX AND THE CATS*

Brazilian writer **Moacyr Scliar**, who died earlier this year at 73, was a proponent of "magic realism," a category of fiction prevalent among South American writers and especially evident in two of Scliar's best-known novels, *Max And The Cats* (1981) and *The Centaur In The Garden* (1984).



As it happens, the phrase "magic realism" aptly describes something that happened to me recently. Walking home from synagogue, I got into a conversation with a friend about *Max and the Cats*. When I admitted I had never read the copy on my bookshelf, my friend urged me to read it that very day, saying it would require only a couple of hours.

At home, as I opened the book for a cozy read, something fell out of it: five pages of my handwritten notes from an interview I had evidently conducted with Scliar in 2003 during the International Authors Festival in Toronto. I was astonished: Had I really spoken with Scliar? How could I have forgotten? (Eventually I realized that we had never met, only spoken by telephone.)

Reading the interview felt strangely like getting a personalized preface to a book from a writer situated beyond the grave. Even so, Scliar was articulate, lively and thoughtful. When I got to reading *Max and the Cats*, it seemed similarly robust with Jewish concerns and pulsating with vibrant, albeit nervous, life.

Max, the novel's central character, is forced to escape Berlin in the late 1930s after his affair with a married woman is discovered. His steamship sinks in mid-ocean, however, and he shares a lifeboat with a jaguar, who stares menacingly at him but mysteriously forbears from eating him. Paralyzed with fear, Max catches fish to keep both himself and the jaguar alive.

Eventually the lifeboat reaches the shores of Brazil, the jaguar bounds into the forest, and Max is rescued, ultimately supposing the cat may have been a hallucination. But the various Nazis that turn up in postwar Brazil are no hallucination and no less threatening than the jaguar: they haunt his life and destroy his peace.

Scliar, a medical doctor who devoted all of his spare time to writing, was the son of immigrants from the Russian province of Bessarabia who came to South America during the period of Jewish mass migration a century ago. Unlike many writers within the tradition of magic realism, his use of its conventions was not meant as a political metaphor for snarling national dictators with sharp claws, but rather as a means to reflect upon the fearful and often paranoiac modern Jewish sensibility.

The Centaur in the Garden focused on a man who has a double identity as a centaur, very much like the Jew in Brazilian society, Scliar told me. "In your home, with your Jewish meals, you follow your tradition, you keep Shabbat, and you speak Yiddish. When you go on the street, the language is different and the customs are different, and you feel divided. And this is not bad for writers. In my case it was a source of inspiration."

Scliar and his wife and son lived in Porte Alegre, a city roughly the size of Toronto, where he said he felt comfortable living as a Jew within a tolerant society. "I am very proud to be Jewish," he said, noting that only the week before he had been admitted into the Brazilian Academy of Letters, a prestigious cultural institution. "I said on that occasion that for me it was a great honour because I was there as a member of the Jewish community, as a writer of Jewish influence."

His own literary influences included **Sholem Aleichem**, **Y. L. Peretz** and, as astute readers will quickly deduce, **Franz Kafka.** "**Isaac Babel**, the Russian novelist and short-story teller, is one of my favourites," he said. "There are some stories of his that I've read at least 20 times."

The main question I had for Scliar, and perhaps the very question that had brought him to Toronto, had to do with the similarity of the 2002 book *Life of Pi* to *Max and the Cats*, a situation that had generated a literary controversy. The commercially successful novel by Canadian writer **Yann Martel** had seemingly borrowed from *Max and the Cats* the central situation of a man and a great cat on a lifeboat.

Although Martel has always denied reading that novel before writing his own, Scliar said the duplication had troubled him. "I would prefer that the publicity came out of the novel itself. I'm a little bit sad because the publicity came from the scandal, which is the case with many Latin American authors. That is, you are noticed when there is something with a book, not the book itself — a political situation, or the writer is under arrest. I would prefer that the novel would be noticed because of the novel itself."

Martel, who won the Man Booker Prize worth $75,000 for *Life of Pi*, has always claimed that he purposely avoided reading *Max and the Cats* because he wanted to lessen its influence on him; however, he admitted that he was "indebted to Mr. Moacyr Scliar for the spark of life" he had given *Life of Pi*.

Perhaps it's a good thing that I put *Max and the Cats* aside in 2003, so that I could come back to it and read it now on its own terms, recognizing it as the fine and memorable short novel that it is. Let's hope Scliar isn't entirely overlooked next year when director **Ang Lee's** planned film treatment of *Life of Pi* is due in theatres.

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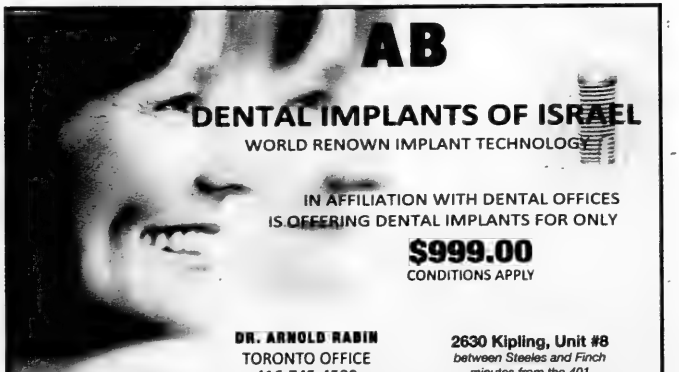

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Joe Montana delivers pep talk at Y dinner

Harvey Rosen
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WINNIPEG — NFL Hall of Famer Joe Montana wowed the crowd of 1,300 worshippers recently at the 39th "Y" Sports Dinner at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

His inspirational talk dealt primarily with how he managed against all odds to reach the pinnacle of his career. "Preparation, work ethic, and trust" were key themes of his presentation.

Montana said that it's the little things that count in life. There are small things we learn along the way that appear to be trivial and of little significance but later on prove to be unpredictably beneficial.

The assembled throng clearly idolized the gifted athlete who is probably among the top three signal callers of all time. (Discuss among yourselves.)

In his 16-year-career (two of which he played with Kansas City Chiefs), "Joe Cool" led the San Francisco 49ers to four Super Bowl victories and won 70 per cent of all the games he started. Not to mention that he is the all-time NFL leader in quarterback ratings at 93.4 per cent.

Oh, he also brought excitement to the gridiron! The man who has endured countless injuries (torn elbow tendon, broken fingers, cracked ribs, a separated shoulder, and a ruptured disc) while on his merry way to being honoured in the hallowed halls of Canton, Ohio was famously the author of the late-game comeback.

Montana, who retired from pro football in 1995, had barely begun to speak when he was welcomed with applause by his rising devotees. Montana strolled, or was it paced nervously back and forth with microphone in hand, upon a raised platform and delivered, essentially, what resembled a motivational speech at a conference of jaded teachers, surgeons, or lawyers.

Montana explained that no matter where you work, it is important to treat the people next to you with respect and to show loyalty whether you like them or not.

Team play wins football games. "Head coach Bill Walsh taught us that this is what the game is all about. He brought on all people who thought alike. We didn't have a lot of 'me' people. You all had to believe in the same thing; 80 per cent is mental preparation and the remainder is athleticism," he explained.

Montana also said that Walsh, who called most of their plays, changed his whole thought process during a game. "I tried to run the plays, about 150 kinds, through my mind and we used only about 35 of them in a game."

Montana never failed to appreciate where he had come from and where it got him.

"Sunday afternoon in the fall is one of the most exciting days of your life. Why do you think (20-year-veteran quarterback) Brett Favre wanted to play so long?"

According to Montana perhaps the best QB he has seen play in his time was Dan Marino who could make all kinds of plays, but he didn't really like to compare the signal callers "because they're all different."

Both of Montana's sons are quarterbacks, but he had to hire a coach "cause they didn't want to listen to me," he laughed.

In a surprise revelation, Montana shared that in his first year at Notre Dame, he was only the seventh stringer. "You get a little bit disheartened," he said. "It takes (however) just one play (to get you noticed) and you have to prepare yourself all the time (to be ready) when it happens because you just don't know when it'll come again."

Montana was preceded on stage by American comedian Alonzo Bodden, who challenged the legendary QB for top banana status with his wit and delivery.

He described his own material as "cynically good-natured, in an angry black suburban kind of way." He also tells us in his bio: "What can I say, the stupid out there is wearing me down." The former teacher of airplane mechanics was once laid off, attended comedy class in the interim and went on to make a stage name for himself.

A former winner of NBC's *Last Comic Standing*, who also had roles in several movies, Bodden soon had the audience in the palm of his hand. His jokes showed that he was familiar with the province's goings-on plus other current events of the day.

Joe Montana

"The Vancouver [hockey] riot? I watched it on TV. I thought it was cute; I'm from Los Angeles."

Standing with his back to the seated Montana, he noted: "First time a black man is standing in front of Joe Montana and not protecting him!"

Then there was the barb about Jewish Congressman Anthony Weiner from Brooklyn, the latest politician who had to resign due to a sex scandal after exchanging nude photos of himself with women.

"What was Weiner thinking? QB Brent Favre was an NFL quarterback and it didn't work for him.

"What's the big deal," continued Bodden, "If I had turned on my computer and saw that a woman sent me a nude photo of herself, "I'd have shouted, 'There is a God after all!'"

And so it went for at least a half-hour, ending in a standing ovation.

From an entertainment standpoint, call it a draw between Bodden and Montana. The former made them laugh and the latter has people pondering life's lessons. My informal straw vote following the proceedings gave the funny man a split-decision. Go figure.

Post Patter: The 2011 Jewish Athlete of the Year award went to wrestler Caleb Rutner, 16, who prevailed over three other gems: Mitch Billinkoff (table tennis) a former winner, golfer Mindy Lichtman, and marathon runner deluxe Reesa Simmonds.

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Canadian actor converts to Judaism

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The star of the Canadian supernatural series *Lost Girl*, Anna Silk, said that converting to Judaism brought her closer to her husband, actor Seth Cooperman.

When she started dating Cooperman, who's originally from New York, Silk would frequently ask him questions about his religion. They celebrated Jewish holidays together, and when she made the decision to convert, they decided to take the classes together.

"It was a really nice experience growing and learning together," Silk said. "It was a very fun and emotional process for us."

She added that the conversion was easy for her because she wasn't raised with any organized religion. Instead of converting from another religion, she said it was more like simply becoming Jewish.

"It all felt very natural to me, and it's an important part of his life."

Silk said that she enjoyed the classes she had to take before converting because they were not only about learning facts. Questioning what she learned was encouraged, and that was something she didn't expect.

"I really liked how things could be questioned, and I was surprised to be able to do that," Silk said.

Silk converted to Judaism in February of this year, and she said her husband was very happy about it and her family was very supportive. Since then, she has celebrated Passover with friends in Toronto, and she has several favourite Jewish holidays, which she likes for different reasons.

She said that she likes Chanukah because it has a very celebratory mood. She likes Passover because even though it's always the same story, she feels like she learns something new every year. She said that Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur may be more intense than the other holidays, but they're the most important.

"I feel like they act as a very good reminder to reflect," Silk said.

In addition to bringing her closer to her husband, the conversion class allowed her to meet other couples with one non-Jewish partner, who made up most of the class. Her husband would help her with the homework she'd get, and she said that he often joked that he didn't want her to know more than him. She added that it was very important that they experienced the conversion together as much as possible.

Anna Silk

"I had already made the decision to convert before, but these classes were to make myself more informed," she said.

Silk now wears a gold necklace with a Star of David on it, and she said that where she got it is significant for her. It had belonged to her grandmother, who wasn't Jewish but had gotten it from a friend. Her grandmother died more than 10 years ago, but Silk feels as if she ended up with the necklace because somehow her grandmother knew what was going to happen.

"I like that it came from part of my family," Silk said. "Even though they're not Jewish, it's like they were a part of it."

She added that she's very happy to have converted to Judaism, and it was an easier decision and process than she had expected.

"It was just amazing," she said. "It was just the most obvious and natural thing in the world for me."

Silk is from Fredericton, N.B., and moved to Toronto in 1999 to pursue acting after graduating from St. Thomas University with a degree in psychology. Her mother is a theatre actor in Fredericton, so she has been involved in acting for her whole life.

Silk was nominated for a Gemini award for her appearances on the show *Being Erica*. She returned to Toronto for filming *Lost Girl*. In *Lost Girl*, she plays Bo, a type of "fae," or supernatural creature, called a succubus, who feeds on sexual energy. Although she plays a supernatural character, Silk said she related to Bo in many ways.

"I relate to her in that she grew up not realizing she was part of this world, and now she understands where she belongs," Silk said.

She enjoys playing Bo for many reasons, including the fact that she's a supernatural creature and she slowly discovers her part in a hidden supernatural world.

"I love it. It's such a fun world to play in," she said.

Silk added that she feels that she's learned and grown at the same pace as Bo. She said that in the second season, which she's currently filming, Bo has grown significantly.

"At first she was very scared and vulnerable," she said. "She's always been a very tough character, but she's not tough just for the sake of being tough."

Silk has also appeared in the shows *Ghost Whisperer* and *Billable Hours*. She gained some recognition playing a stressed-out flight attendant trying to quit smoking in a NicoDerm commercial.

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Visitors' day is very important to me. The problem is, her dad and I are divorced and we don't get along. Most of our communication about our daughter is through e-mail or lawyers. We do everything possible to avoid speaking to or seeing each other. He is going to want to see Emma too, and the thought of sharing her with him and his new girlfriend at camp is not something I fancy.

Ask Ella

Ella Burakowski

Emma is used to our doing things separately. We celebrate birthdays, holidays and any other special occasion separately, and she has accepted this as normal.

He let me take her to the bus when she left, because he had to work anyway, but we have not even discussed visitors' day. I'm sure he could care less if I'm there and he will just go, with no regard to my feelings or my daughter's. This should be a fun time for her, and I don't want anything to spoil her memory of her first year at overnight camp. Should I take the high road and just let him go?

Lonely Mom

Dear Lonely Mom,

Overnight camp is a milestone in your daughter's life. It's a bittersweet time for you, but you put your feelings aside knowing Emma is going to have a wonderful time. At overnight camp she will build independence and social skills, and make new, lifelong friends. It's a new experience for her, too, so it's extremely important that her first experience without her parents is a positive one.

If there is the slightest chance that you and your ex will argue, or even give off negative energy, around Emma, then you can't go to visitors' day together. Kids pick up on fake smiles and tension in the air. This is her time and you must both put your needs aside.

Staying away on visitors' day is not the answer. Emma will miss you and want to see her mom as much as her dad. I agree that visiting together may be uncomfortable for all. You are not the only divorced family at camp, and many camps have adjusted and added a second day. If Emma's camp is not one of those, then speak to the camp director, and he/she will accommodate your situation.

The next hurdle is who gets the "real" visitors' day and who gets the extra day that has been allocated for Emma. Visitors' day is not always easy on kids, and some camps with a shorter duration have eliminated this tradition. Two days could cause emotional feelings twice. You might consider splitting up the day so that one of you is with her in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

You and your ex have some choices to make. Whatever you decide, remember you must do what's best for Emma. Your priority must be to make sure your daughter is happy in this new life experience.

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN, *e-mail: ellacjn@gmail.com. But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

APPLE CRANBERRY CRISP

1/2 c flour
1/2 c rolled oats
1/2 c brown sugar, packed
1 tsp ground cinnamon
dash salt
5 tbls unsalted butter, room temperature
1/2 c chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 325°F. Grease 8" square baking dish. Combine flour, oats, sugar, cinnamon, salt and butter in bowl. Work together with fingertips until crumbly. Stir in nuts; set aside.

4 Mutsu or Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, cut into ½" dice
1 c fresh or frozen cranberries
1/3 c sugar
zest and juice of 1 small orange

Toss apples and cranberries with sugar, orange zest and juice. Spoon into prepared baking dish. Sprinkle topping evenly over fruit. Bake until bubbly and apples are tender, about 30 min. Let cool slightly. Serve warm, topped with ice cream or cream.

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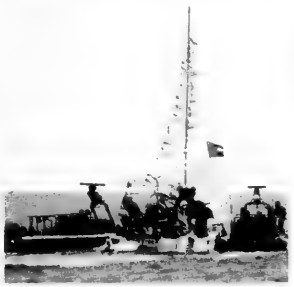

Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, Public Diplomacy and Diaspora Affairs Minister Yuli Edelstein, cabinet secretary Tzvi Hauser and many other dignitaries participated in a July 10 reception at the Israel Museum marking Canada Day and celebrating Canada-Israel relations.

A place for yogurt in your life?

There has been enormous media coverage lately about "superbugs," and a number of hospital deaths have been reported, many of which have occurred in older patients.

One of the culprits is a micro-organism (bacteria/germ) called C. Difficile, and although quite ubiquitous in nature, it can develop into a more virulent strain that can cause life-threatening illnesses often associated with severe diarrhea.

Senior Side of Life

Michael Gordon

There are powerful antibiotics that are potentially useful in treating C. Difficile. It would be preferable, however, to prevent the infections from occurring, especially in those who have received antibiotic therapy for any infection, trivial or serious. In addition to preventative hygienic approaches such as scrupulous, careful and frequent hand-washing by all members of the health-care team to avoid transmission of the infectious bacteria, there has been a recent resurgence in exploring the beneficial effects of the consumption of "probiotics," bacteria that are harmless to humans but can prevent the C.Difficile from colonizing an individual and causing a serious infection.

As a young medical resident in Jerusalem in the 1970s, I recall the older east European physicians routinely giving their patients on broad-spectrum antibiotics yogurt, as a means to combat the often observed diarrhea that accompanied the antibiotic therapy. At the time, there was no scientific evidence supporting this, but anecdotally that was their belief, and it made it into my own practice, informally, since those years.

As the prevalence of antibiotic-associated diarrheal illness has become better recognized and the role of C. Difficile better understood, there are many medical specialists who are researching the issue and already recommend probiotics to patients who are receiving antibiotics. Probiotics can be given as tablets or by eating yogurt, a rich source of these bacteria. I recommended this for my late father during the times he received antibiotics. Whether because of or despite the yogurt, he never suffered from a diarrheal illness or C.Difficile infection despite many courses of antibiotics at home and when he was hospitalized.

A recent *Toronto Star* headline read, "Hospitals should use probiotics to fight superbug, scientist says." They quote Dr. Karen Madsen a University of Alberta professor of medicine, who does research on probiotics. She said, "It's such a cheap thing to do and there is increasing evidence that it is very effective. Any elderly patient going into the hospital on antibiotics, I think they should be getting this stuff." She cited a recent study published in the *American Journal of Gastroenterology* that showed a 95 per cent drop in the number of patients who contracted C. Difficile after being given two doses of the probiotic Lactobacillus acidophilus, which is found in most yogurts.

The history of yogurt goes back centuries and was touted for all kinds of health benefits, some of which may be spurious. But as an inexpensive and potentially beneficial way of decreasing the risk of antibiotic-related diarrhea, including the potentially serious C. Difficile, this seems to make good sense.

If, for some reason, the question of a need for an antibiotic comes up, you should first ascertain how important the use of the drug is. If your physician feels you should take the medication, have a cup or two of yogurt (many kinds are available that have substantial amounts of probiotic) each day for the days of treatment and a few days afterward. With a bit of luck this might help you avoid antibiotic-related diarrhea and perhaps the more dreaded C. Difficile infection – and when combined with fruit, yogurt is a very tasty and nutritious dish.

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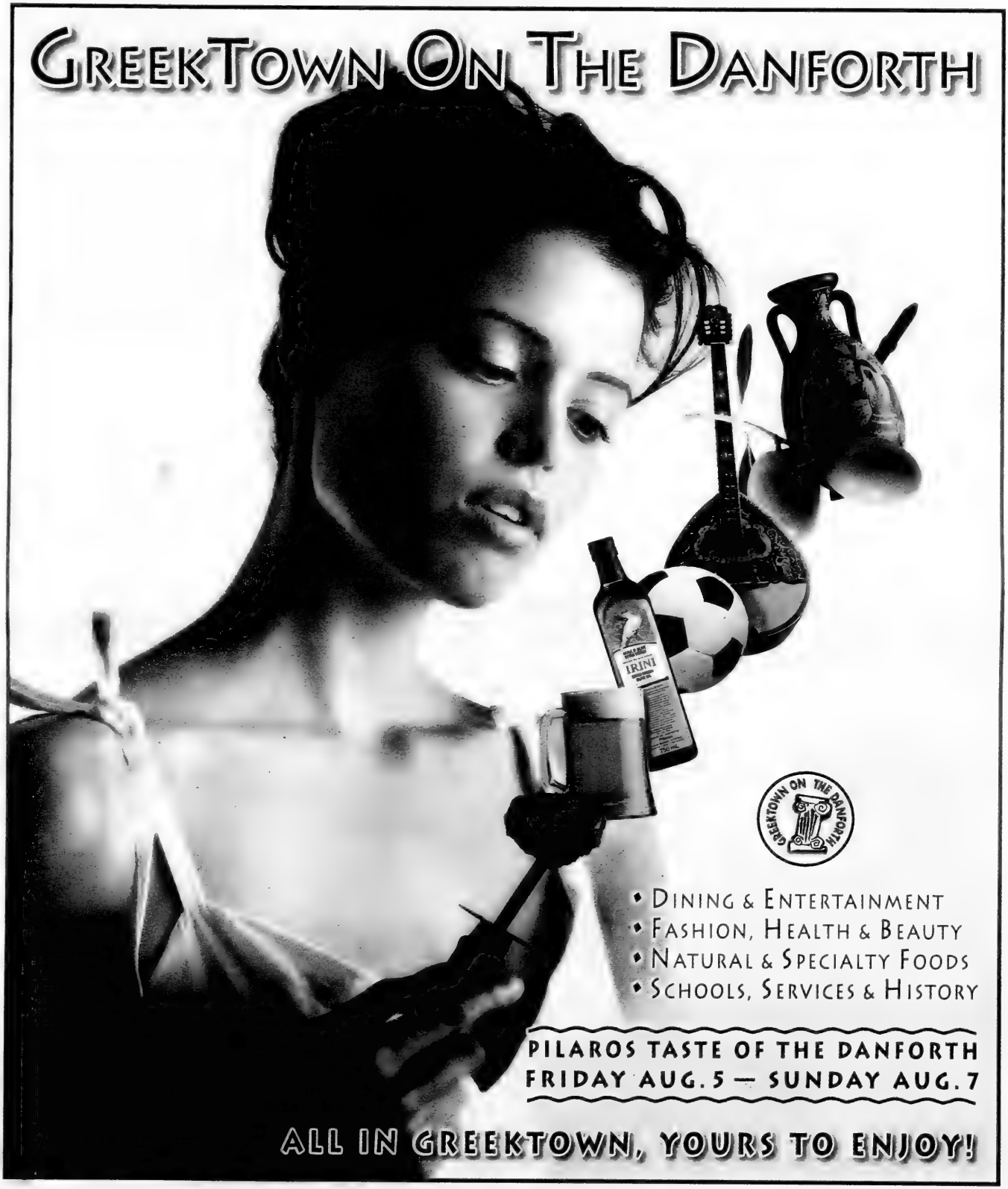
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Toronto's favourite street festival has a whole new way to celebrate the fun and flavours of Greece and summer in the city. Every year in August, the city of Toronto flocks to GreekTown on the Danforth. Now celebrating its 18th year, the

Canada's largest street festival is favourite event of GTA residents

Pilaros Taste Of The Danforth is Canada's largest street festival, welcoming approximately 1.3 million visitors. A Decima Research poll reported that 90% of respondents identified "The Taste" as their favourite GTA festival event — beating out such iconic events as the Toronto International Film Festival, Caribana and Pride Week.

The GTA has more than 200,000 residents of Greek ancestry, the third largest Hellenic community outside of Greece, and between August 5th and August 7th, 2011, everyone who comes to the Danforth gets to be Greek for the day.

This year, as in 2009 and 2010, Pilaros International Trading Inc. is proud to be the Title Sponsor of the Taste of the Danforth. Pilaros is a leading importer of Mediterranean food products, primarily olives and olive oil — what the ancient Greeks referred to as "The Essence of Life".

As always, this year's Pilaros Taste Of The Danforth has loads of free fun, family-friendly activities for your entertainment and enjoyment. For highlights refer to page 9; for a complete list of events, performers and showtimes, visit www.tasteofthedanforth.com.

But when you visit the Taste, you're not just having fun; you're also helping to save lives. To date this event has raised well over $1 million in support of Toronto East General Hospital Foundation. How's that for a win-win?

With singing, dancing and entertainment galore, the Taste has always had theatrical flair. This year, Alliance Films helps take it to a whole new level with their sponsorship of many themed events geared towards their upcoming releases *The Immortals*, *One Day*, *Spy Kids 4*, and *Don't Be Afraid of The Dark*.

The Immortals, to be released 11•11•11, is an epic 3-D battle film loosely based on Greek mythology. For more details see page 9.

Over $1,000,000 raised in support of Toronto East General Hospital

The Alliance themed events — *"Powered By The Immortals"* — include the Spy Kids 4 Zone, the Don't Be Afraid Of The Dark Haunted House, and the One Day Photo Souvenir Zone.

When you're at the Taste, make sure to pick up a festival brochure at one of the many onsite TORONTO.COM booths. On the back of that brochure is a Secret Code that will give you a chance to win a Trip For Two To Glorious Greece, courtesy of Transat Holidays.

And of course there will be free music and entertainment galore, including the most incredible Greek music this side of Greece, rap, blues, dance routines, a Kids' Fun Zone, and much more. On the Celebrity Stage, enjoy performances by Second City, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, and Tributes To Elvis and Elton John that must be seen and heard to be believed.

With great food, great entertainment and great family fun, a splendid time is guaranteed for all.

We look forward to seeing you at the Taste. Opa!

This year, Montreal-based Pilaros International Trading is once again gratified to sponsor the 18th Annual Taste of The Danforth. To President Miltiadis ("Milton") Antypas, the Taste is much more than a branding opportunity.

"When we were approached two years ago about sponsoring the Taste, we were aware of its history, and excited at the chance to be involved. We knew it was a wonderful cause. Now that we've come aboard, we are even more impressed at the community's participation and the passion they bring to the event, at all levels.

We share that passion. Our entire team is focused on ensuring that this year's Taste is the best ever.

We are proud to associate our name with such a prestigious event. But it's much more than a marketing opportunity. It's a chance to help save lives. We'd like to thank everyone involved — the Toronto East General Hospital, the merchants, and especially, you the public — for helping to make this a reality. Opa!"

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Christina's Greek cuisine rivalled only by...its brunch

The sea is prevalent in Greek photoscapes for a reason. It isn't just a geographical detail, it's integral to the Greek state of mind.

"Fresh catch of the day" is therefore more than just a menu item in most Greek restaurants; it represents a

way of life. Nowhere is this more evident than at **Christina's,** where market-fresh fish is brought in daily, prepared and served as it typically is in a Greek fishing village.

Stuffed lamb is another yardstick by which Greek restaurants are measured. The preparation is meticulous, and Christina's version — with Spinach, Sautéed Onion, Pepper And Fresh Herbs — shows the attention to detail that a discerning clientele demands. The grill and seafood platters are other examples of Christina's ability to deliver a level of refinement and subtlety of flavour that few restaurants can.

But Greek cuisine is only part of the Christina's story. If you haven't enjoyed their weekend brunch, you're missing a whole other side to the grand old girl.

The brunch now rivals the lunch and dinner menu in positive customer feedback. An irresistible combination of traditional breakfast fare with Mediterranean-influenced items has placed Christina's in the same conversation as a select few restaurants reputed for their brunch. Christina's introduced theirs in response to the Danforth's increasingly cosmopolitan appeal, with a menu featuring an eclectic mix of traditional continental favorites like French Toast and English muffins along with nine 3-egg omelette choices, both western and Greek-inspired, all served with rosemary home fries and seasonal fruit or toast.

The best part? This elegant fare, enjoyed in Christina's relaxing ambience, is priced comparably to a standard eat-and-run breakfast special.

Regardless of the mealtime or the occasion, the consistency on which Christina's reputation was built has never wavered. Every item on the menu is treated with consummate respect.

Complimenting the dining experience is a selection of wines (Greek in particular) that would rival some private collections. Wine connoisseurs gravitate here, and all guests can count on their server to recommend the appropriate vintage.

Live Greek music and belly dancing on Friday and Saturday evenings is still a mainstay, and GreekTown's only year-round heated patio ensures your comfort when Mother Nature doesn't.

Christina's management seems to have thought of everything, but like the perennial honours student, they never stop striving for excellence.

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Pantheon: at last, a true fish story

The term "fish story" probably traces its origins to an early fisherman's wild exaggeration of the size of his catch.

Unlike the foregoing, Pantheon has a *true* fish story — not about size but about freshness. If you've heard that it has the absolute freshest fish you've ever tasted, then your source is reliable. In 13 years since dropping anchor on the Danforth, Pantheon has "netted" a reputation that extends far beyond the bounds of GreekTown.

Freshness is only Chapter One of the Pantheon story, however. Chapter Two unfolds with chef Nick Parousis exhibiting the perfect timing required to maximize the inherent flavour and freshness of each variety of fish.

Chapter Three: Decisions, Decisions. For many Pantheon-goers, the question is not *Should we have fish,* but rather *Which fish?* Red snapper, Atlantic salmon and sea bass are here in abundance, but so are many other exotic selections you're unlikely to find elsewhere. Pantheon eliminates the need to call around to see who has what; if it resides in the ocean depths, it's here. Baby sea smelts and fresh anchovies are imported directly from Greece. Striped bass, orange roughy, black porgy, red mullet, sea smelts, and many others, impeccably prepared and seasoned, gratify the most discriminating fish and seafood lovers. At Pantheon, you could dine on a different fresh fish every day for a fortnight.

But don't assume that fish and seafood are Pantheon's only strengths. The overall excellence

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across the entire menu and the gracious hospitality that allow a newly-minted restaurant to double in size after only six years in business are also in evidence. Parousis' partner John Troupis and his son Bobby Troupis understand that food is not merely sustenance, but art and soul. In that spirit, they do their utmost to ensure that each customer's visit is a sensory expenence.

Embodying that spirit are two bright, spacious dining rooms. Semi-private dining with a comforting fireplace is available in the east room. Best to reserve to avoid wait times.

In a demanding business where turnover is the norm, Pantheon's continuity stands out. The same head chef and most of the same wait staff present when it opened are still in place. People enjoy working here, they like the clientele, and the clientele likes them. Continuity fosters loyalty, and vice versa.

Conclusion. No meal is complete without Pantheon's honey cake. Its flavour, texture, and moistness are to die for. Even that description falls short, however. Words don't do it justice. You simply must taste it to believe it.

The Olympic Pantheon was blessed with the opportunity to sample the Ambrosia and Nectar of the Gods. Unlike the Olympics which happens ever four years, here you can indulge in those same taste sensations whenever the mood strikes you.

And that's no fish story.

Astoria's second location more of a good thing, say customers

How do you duplicate a one-of-a-kind? You don't. You make a second one in the general image of the first, retaining its best characteristics and adding a few proprietary tweaks of its own — then invite the former's fan club to discover the latter.

To say that Astoria's Mississauga location was an overnight success would be misleading. True, it was instantly embraced by Greek food lovers. Many who live or work west of the 427 were gratified to trade in traffic jams on the 401 and the QEW for quicker access to their favourite restaurant. Some Astoria regulars east

"We measure our success by customer satisfaction"

of the 427 have found it to their liking simply as a change of pace, or for the novelty of free parking. And, says Company Director Peter Kerasiotis, the expansion was carefully coordinated with major renovations to the GreekTown location to ensure a slow, smooth transition to a new, brighter and bolder Astoria.

"Any art critic knows a cheap reproduction from the original. It's the same with food. You don't take a brand with a 40-year history of success and give it a quick facelift, nor do you cookie-cutter it." Lifelong Astoria customers, he says, have developed such a proprietary relationship with Astoria that "they consider it theirs — and it is. Their loyalty and support over four decades gives them an ownership stake. It may not be on paper, but as a bond and a partnership it carries equal weight. Everything that's been done has been done with our customers in mind, and in response to their

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wishes." Responding to customer feedback is a constant, he says. "We're not expanding so much as growing the brand. In some people's minds, expansion implies dilution. That's not our m.o. We felt the way to achieve that and maintain quality control and consistency is by doing it slowly. We're not a fast food restaurant charting growth by how many franchises we can open in a year. We measure our success by customer satisfaction, one meal at a time."

The cornerstones of successful restauranteuring — freshness, quality, and friendly personal service — are unfailingly apparent at both locations. Astoria still imports staples such as feta cheese, olive oil and olives in small quantities directly from Greece. Their staggering portions still quell the most outrageous appetites.

While customer feedback is Astoria's #1 barometer, a little third-party corroboration never hurts. Judged **"Best of the City"** by *Toronto Life* and **"Best of Toronto"** by *Now*, Astoria is also a multiple winner of the **Toronto Sun's Readers' Choice Award** as Toronto's favourite Greek restaurant, and was rated "Best Greek International Restaurant" by *Where*.

New generations of Greek food lovers with increasingly sophisticated palates have prompted many restaurants to overhaul their menus. Astoria has resisted sweeping changes in favour of subtle tweaks, while retaining the favourite dishes beloved by young and old alike. If it ain't broke, don't fix it; Astoria's souvlaki, moussaka and grilled fresh fish taste as good today as they did four decades ago. It's hard to improve on perfection.

"Best of the City"
Toronto Life

Greek appetizers like grilled calamari and creamy homemade tzatziki are a welcome prelude to your feast, if you can keep your Astoria-induced souvlaki craving at bay long enough to sample them.

It's no accident that the first signs of an upcurve in the popularity of Greek cuisine coincided with Astoria's opening, nor is it coincidental that Greek food's continued growth in popularity parallels that of the Astoria we know today.

It's too early to tell if Astoria's Mississauga location is the start of a GreekTown West. Some old customers for whom the Danforth location will always be the Mother Ship wouldn't go elsewhere if you paid them. For others, the new location is like having a favourite relative in another city: something to look forward to when you travel. Either way, there's more of Astoria to love.

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Taste buds dance with anticipation at Mezes

You can feel the positive energy as you approach the patio. You can hear the buzz as you enter. Your excitement builds as you're seated. Your taste buds dance with anticipation as you're handed a menu.

It's magic.

Most of the fine Greek restaurants on the Danforth will give you a pleasant dining experience. **Mezes** has far loftier goals. Here, even the most casual meal becomes a festive occasion. You'll experience such joie-de-vivre (the Greeks call it *kharisma*) that you'll find yourself wondering what special event you're celebrating.

Just another meal? At Mezes, there's no such thing. They never take food for granted.

Mezes makes every meal an event. If it's your first time here, you're inclined to inquire: Whose birthday is it? Is there a graduation party going on? Is someone celebrating their anniversary?

It could be any of those things. But more often than not, it's just families or friends enjoying a convivial meal, in the same lively and animated style as they would at home.

Kharisma.

Here, they treat food with consummate respect. The mere act of serving it is a sacred trust. And sharing isn't an option here, it's Plan A. The namesake, appetizer-sized *mezes* are meant to be ordered in multitudes and collectively enjoyed by the table. This communal style of dining — as authentically Greek as the gastronomy — isn't just sharing, it's a form of bonding.

"It makes for a convivial meal," says Mezes proprietor Sue Zindros. "It stimulates conversation, sharing good feelings as well as food, and it encourages people to try new things."

Be prepared to explore Greek cuisine as you never have before. Unlike most restaurants which offer a handful of appetizers, Mezes' list goes on...and on...and on, item after delicious item. It's like a book you can't put down — until your whetted appetite compels you to.

It's become commonplace for dining establishments to advertise their cuisine as "authentic" and "fresh from scratch", but Mezes has quietly been fulfilling both these mandates since Day 1. If anything, at Mezes these claims are *understated*.

Mezes pays top dollar for all their ingredients to ensure you enjoy the best of everything. But that added expense is not reflected in their prices.

"Our customers can taste the difference freshness and quality make. We believe in rewarding them for that, not penalizing them," says Sue.

The consistent excellence menu-wide makes it difficult to pick favourites here, so most customers start by ordering a large assortment of appetizers. They're all first-rate, but don't just fall back on old favourites like hummous and tzatziki; no visit to GreekTown is complete without sampling Mezes' *Gigantes* and *Dolmades*. When it comes time to order your entrée — if you can manage to get through the cornucopia of mezes — there's an equally compelling array of home-cooked meat, poultry, fish and vegetarian specialties to tempt your palate.

Mezes offers one of the most extensive Greek wine portfolios not just in Toronto, but nationwide, and can recommend the ideal accompaniment to your meal.

Since the Mezes first opened its doors, it has distinguished itself not only by an unwavering commitment to excellence, but also by recognizing that the simple pleasure of enjoying a meal with friends and family isn't just one of life's important things.

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Ouzeri: Danforth's most relaxed dining

A splash of vibrant colour, sweeping sky-blue awnings, and a festive patio beckon you inside. It's as if you stepped straight off the sidewalk onto the beach. **Ouzeri** has the unique ability to relax you in seconds — a valuable asset when you consider that the enjoyment of any meal hinges first and foremost on the absence of stress. This is the one GreekTown restaurant that feels like one giant patio. Even when you're seated inside, the open, airy ambience gives you a sense of freedom, of letting go.

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Like their pride and joy, brothers Chris and Alex Trahiotis are bright, cheery, welcoming people whose love of the restaurant business comes naturally, since they grew up in the business.

Marrying European fine dining with Greek cuisine, Ouzeri's eclectic menu is focused on quality, not volume. The kind of quality that will stir your fondest memories of home cooking. Sacrilegious though it sounds, Ouzeri's Avgolemono Soup will have you drawing favourable comparisons with your Bubie's chicken soup — high praise indeed.

Famed for their appetizers, Ouzeri also offers a number of intriguing entrées. *Strydia Ouzeri* is topped with spinach, tomato, kaseri cheese and Ouzeri's special sauce, then baked to perfection. Lamb rosemary pie, offered in your choice of lamb shank and feta or chicken with a rosemary and mushroom sauce enveloped in filo, is warmly recommended. The moussaka — both meat and vegetarian — is as good as it gets in GreekTown, and the seafood richly deserves the"authentically Greek" label you'll encounter everywhere on the Danforth. Fresh fish is available daily, and may feature Red Snapper, Sea Bass, Salmon, or whatever catch happens to be freshest on the day you visit.

Ouzeri's extensive Greek wine list has a selection that will perfectly complement any of the entrées, or stand on its own as an afterwork or after-dinner libation.

The service is friendly and extremely thorough, with ample wait staff to keep pace with your needs. Like the awnings, they're dressed in an extremely comforting shade of blue.

Whether you're looking for a quick bite or a long, pleasurable meal, Ouzeri's three levels of dining all convey the same gentle message: Relax. Relax. *Relax*.

"One of my favourite summer patios" — *Saul Korman*

"What do you think this is, a restaurant?"

If your mother's never issued this sharp retort, then either she's the best-natured matriarch on the face of the earth, or you're the child from heaven.

At Zorba's, owner and chef Kosta Carasoulos plays the role of Mom. But he's far too nice to pose this question — nor would you ever give him cause to.

Like your Mom, he cooks whatever he feels like cooking on any given day. What he puts on the table is what you get. Like an artist setting a fresh canvas, he goes wherever his brush takes him — cooking not from a formula, but from the heart.

Here it's easy to play the model customer. You're not limited you to one or two choices. The prolific Carasoulos gives you 10 to 20 selections, enticingly arrayed on a steam table. You choose what you're in the mood for and are generously served by one of seven or eight Carasoulos family members. "We have an informal family reunion here every day," jokes son Bobby.

They have menus here if you insist on à la carte, but unless you're ordering a fresh salad, a shish kebob or hamburgers and French fries for the kids, you can do just as well without them.

Heavenly scents beckon from the steam table. Today, there's lamb shank, lamb fricassee, roast chicken, roast potatoes, moussaka, pastitsio, green beans with zucchini, carrots, or cauliflower, soup, and a variety of other specialties. Tomorrow? Only Carasoulos knows. This is less a restaurant than a home kitchen feeding a huge extended family, of which you are now a de facto member. You can call ahead to see what's available, but why spoil the fun? Most of Zorba's customers just show up with an appetite and a smile.

Having each dish on piping hot display makes deciding what you want a lot easier; your taste buds respond better to these visual and aromatic stimuli than to any menu. Coming to Zorba's for the *katsarola* (Greek for "pot", a metaphor for home cooking) is like coming home to a holiday dinner that's ready to eat. You don't "order", you just pick out what you want from the steam table, sit down and tuck in. You can ask for a lot of this, and a little of that, and that's exactly what you'll get. If you don't specify quantities, however, you might need help carrying your plate.

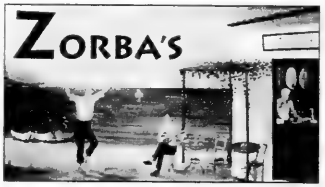
That's the good news. The bad news is that once these mouthwatering homemade specialties are gone, they're gone. (You thought this was a restaurant?!) With an eager clientele weaned on home cooking, it's best to arrive early for best selection.

The service is courteous, but there are no grand formalities here — just the unassuming warmth of people who, like an old friend who never changes, are always easy to be with.

The prices are modest, to say the least. Rarely will you enjoy so much food for so little. That may explain why during the week, the take-out lineup sometimes rivals the sit-down crowd. You just can't cook at home for less.

Eating here will, however, rekindle all your good memories of home cooking and of a simpler time and place — before that age of innocence was eradicated by the inexorable march of time. It's a place most of us would dearly love to get back to, if only for an evening.

Here, you can.



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Select Bakery marries past with present

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Its resplendent array of baked goods will evoke your fondest childhood memories, but it can also take you forward in time with a futuristic cake design.

The Katsamakis family — father Emmanuel, sons Kosta and Nick, and daughter Areti — lead a cheery staff of skilled bakers and pastry chefs. A full range of traditional Greek, European and continental pastries (baklava, *galaktoboureko*, petits fours et al) is complemented by European breads, specialty cakes of the highest order, and sublime specialty coffees.

Row upon row of freshly-baked perfection awaits. You're in GreekTown, so try Select's signature Kalamata Olive bread. Get there early before it sells out. The European Village Bread — crusty on the outside, buttery soft on the inside — is also highly recommended.

What makes a baker tick? The good ones know their livelihood is more than a vocation, and understand its symbolism. The joy of providing sustenance at this elemental level has inspired poets and playwrights for thousands of years.

The baker's not the only one to appreciate the symbolic value of the process, however. For many, the act of buying bread has a meaning that transcends mere grocery shopping.

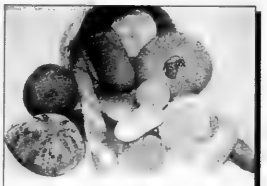
"There's a shared reverence," says Kosta Katsamakis. Inspiration alone, however, won't sustain a baker through the long hours and constant vigilance required to ensure that this bounty goes from conception to creation in a timely manner.

"Our customers keep us going," says Katsamakis. "In most bakeries the feedback is direct and continuous, particularly here with our open concept. Many restauranteurs and chefs don't get that feedback until well into the meal or after. Baked goods tend to produce an immediate reaction even before they're eaten, and that appreciation gives us a shot of adrenalin. Your customers' smiles of anticipation tell you they know their goodies will taste as good as the last time and the time before."

In addition to a wealth of baked goods, Select offers a repertoire of prepared foods. Moussaka, *pastitsio*, and many other entrées — plus the full gamut of Greek dips and sauces — are made fresh daily. Many entrées are available fresh or frozen, and most are suitable for freezing. Need to entertain on short notice? Select is a one-stop destination for party trays, rolls, and related comestibles. And its ultraconvenient location on Donlands just south of O'Connor has ample, inexpensive meter parking at the front door.

If breadmaking has symbolic significance, wedding cake making often denotes urgency and last-minute heroics. As the fitting conclusion to a wedding reception, the cake is often left to the end of the planning process. That may be the logical order of business for some couples and wedding planners, but for the baker it can be challenging. "Maximum creativity with minimum turnaround time," grins Katsamakis. Filling a wedding cake order can play out like an episode of *24*, but saving the day against all odds "comes with the territory," he grins.

Spoken like a true baker.



GREEKTOWN ON THE DANFORTH

Kalyvia's food or home cooking? Same thing.

Those who take issue with describing restaurant food as "home cooking" haven't eaten in Greek-Town lately. And they *definitely* haven't eaten at Kalyvia.

This apparent oxymoron is easily explained. "Home cooking" is not just the standard most restaurants aspire to: it is, in large part, the reason they exist. Go back one or two generations in any Greek restauranteur's family, and you'll find a home cooker who was famous in his or her home town or village. Go back 400 years, and you'll find a home cooker who wouldn't even know the meaning of the word "restaurant." Wouldn't even understand the concept.

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What he or she *might* understand is that this "restaurant" is your only way of preserving the family legacy of home cooking in a world that's now too busy for many of us to pick up a frying pan, let alone use it.

In the case of Kalyvia and the Tsafatinos family, pride of ownership goes beyond upholding the family standard. It's about bragging rights. The World Cup of soccer's in an off year, but equally intense regional rivalries are ever-present in the culinary arena. Like, Kalyvia, Greece vs. Kalyvia, Greece, with the winner advancing to the next round vs... Kalyvia, Greece. That's right: with several towns of the same name, each boasting their own regional specialties, you've got to prove your mettle on the domestic front before you can represent your country.

The competition is good-natured, of course, but underpinning the friendly banter is genuine pride. Coming from the Tsafatinos' home town and being unable to cook is like coming from Venice and being unable to stay upright in a gondola.

The high esteem in which the Tsafatinos family is held by their customers is mirrored by the respect from their peers. Like most GreekTown restauranteurs, they adhere to the unwritten rule that mutual support trumps oneupmanship.

"Is our souvlaki good?", says Jimmy Tsafatinos. "Yes. Is our moussaka great? Yes. Are our dips amazing? We like to think so. But we can say our food is good without putting ourselves on a pedestal, or saying we're better than our neighbours. It's up to the customer to decide who's best. If you're too busy pounding your chest, then you're not spending enough time listening to your customers. And no one likes a prima donna."

Humility is an important part of the GreekTown restaurant psyche, he explains. "We're happy to be one of many good restaurants with something to offer. We work together to create a family environment, an area that everyone will enjoy coming to. One night they might eat here, the next night at our neighbour's. As long as they come to GreekTown, we're happy."

Kalyvia gives GreekTown-goers plenty of reasons to choose them. Their main dining room affords comfort and privacy, and is a great spot for milestone events. Their lively patio is always in demand. Dining in? Their take-out orders receive the same care and attention to detail as their sit-down dining, and they offer local delivery.

Now, as to which town of Kalyvia cooks better than the next town of Kalyvia...that's a case where humility may take a back seat to oneupsmanship. It's a rivalry everyone can get with — a tasting competition in which no holds are barred, no one takes themselves too seriously, and the customer always wins.

Exactly as it should be.

Culinary art worthy of the Louvre at Pappas

"The art of Mediterranean cuisine" is a ubiquitous phrase in culinary circles. For Pappas Grill it's doubly relevant.

In 1988, founders Bill and Meropi Klianis were sourcing a new location for their art gallery (Williams Gallery at Yonge and Eglinton) when they stumbled on a sprawling space in the heart of GreekTown. Too large and too ambitious for their small gallery — but too loaded with restaurant potential to pass up — the serendipitous space wooed the Klianis family from one art form to another.

A lengthy and painstaking transformation ensued under the direction of architect Robert Chan of Hirschberg Design Group, with considerable input from Bill and Meropi. The breathtaking result instantly captured the fancy of a dining public eager for an eclectic departure from traditional Greek menus.

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"We didn't want to open just another Greek restaurant," says daughter Jane Klianis, who with brother John now oversees all of the restaurant's day-to-day operations. "There was no point in duplicating what was already being done by our neighbours." In the art world, if you bring nothing new to the table, you're either uninspired or a copycat. Clearly, the Klianis family's art experience transmuted to their restaurant ethos.

Pappas' winning mix of elegant Mediterranean dining in an airy, light-filled, tri-level dining room has captivated GreekTown goers since Day One, not only for the quality of its cuisine but also for its unique ability to adapt to any occasion or mood. It's fine dining, yet casual and relaxed. It affords privacy, yet provides sweeping sightlines. It's the epicentre of GreekTown activity — letting the outside in like a beautifully landscaped public square disguised as a restaurant — yet it's a secluded shelter in which to pause and reflect.

Jane and John keep close tabs on all aspects of the business, but are careful not to micromanage — especially with their chefs. "Artistic people need artistic license," smiles Jane. "If you take that away their freedom, you stultify their creativity. We buy market fresh ingredients every day, give them to our chefs, and tell them to make something wonderful."

The result is always novel and often spectacular, she says. "Our customers look to us for new taste experiences. That doesn't mean changing the menu every six months, it means creating a complete new set of dinner specials every week."

These take the form of a seven-day Prix Fixe menu which revitalizes your palate without devitalizing your portfolio. $25 gets you a choice of hot or cold soup, two appetizers, and four entrées. That's exceptional value for any fine restaurant, let along one that racks up awards like others rack lamb.

Speaking of this Mediterranean staple, there's more care and attention to detail in Pappas' Oven-Roasted Lamb Shank than in some entire menus we've seen. Slow roasted for eight hours in Greek oregano, fresh garlic and spices, it stews longer in its own juices than your mother-in-law after a putdown of her cooking. The Pappas Rigatoni (spicy homemade Greek sausage, sweet peppers and garlic with feta, parmesan and kefalotiri cheese in a rich white wine cream sauce) has seen more than one Italian chef add Opa! to his vocabulary. The Mediterranean Shrimp sautéed in white wine is a seafood relevation.

Pappas cooks most of its dishes in extra-virgin olive oil, but the extra cost of this and other premium ingredients like white wine is not reflected in its prices. "Using fresh, pure ingredients isn't a "bonus," says Jane, "it's standard. You don't like a contractor cutting corners on your house; we don't cut corners in creating your meal."

All Pappas' dishes are made fresh from scratch on the premises. No MSG, additives or preservatives are used — ever. "Mediterranean cuisine in its pure state is intrinsically healthy," says Klianis. "We keep it that way."

Drtto for the Saturday and Sunday continental Brunch, where you can enjoy eggs in any style imaginable. Try the three-egg Omelette Onassis filled with artichokes, topped with smoked salmon, drizzled with avgolemono dill sauce, and served with Greek salad.

Fame may be fleeting, but not at Pappas Grill. If so, its cameo appearance in *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* would be long forgotten. Truth is, Pappas' cuisine had made a lasting impression on the Toronto dining consciousness long before its foliated frontage lit up the silver screen.

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Can you bottle and sell relaxation? 521 has.

To the naked eye, 521 Danforth Avenue (corner Ferrier) is an attractive bar café with dual patios. Once seated and warmly greeted by your server, however, you sense there's more here than meets the eye. A half hour into your visit, it dawns on you. Relaxation isn't just a byproduct of the experience here; it is the experience. So much so that you'd swear it's being bottled and sold on the premises. In a tizzy? 521 will extract you from it. Got troubles? 521 will chase them. However challenging your day, 521 will smooth out its rough edges.

This relaxation landscape is no accident; Lambros and Frank Babatsikos planned it that way. From the layout to the colour scheme to the architectural design, 521 breathes relaxation from every pore. 521 is far too down to earth — and its prices too modest — to offer valet parking. One thing they *do* guarantee, however, is a happy ending to forgot-where-you-parked syndrome. You'll park your stress at the door when you arrive, and you won't find it when you leave.

Most Danforth establishments have a loyal core clientele. This is particularly true of 521. Over the course of several visits, you'll see a lot of familiar faces here. Engage the regulars in conversation, and they'll give you 521 good reasons to make this your destination of choice. (Saul Korman may give you 569). The best beverages money can buy, at prices that are easy on your pocketbook. Delicious light meals prepared fresh to order. And an ambience that wouldn't let you tense up even if you tried to.

Since opening Café 521 in 1999, the Babatsikos brothers have renovated it twice. The most recent iteration, courtesy of George Foussias of Hirschberg Design, has elevated the trendy spot to iconic status. It comines diverse elements into a harmonious whole. The bar and seating area at front, the dining area midway, the back patio and private lounge at rear are connected by three huge portals. The resulting depth perspective affords guests a telescopic view of the street.

The Danforth on a warm summer day is reminiscent of many European cities. On such days, 521 feels a bit like Venice: hot and cool at the same time. In the modernesque front lounge you can feel the city's heartbeat. A few yards away on the more traditional back patio, you might as well be beachside. It's as close to perfect relaxation as this imperfect world gets. Toronto's finest scotches, martinis and specialty mixed beverages — as well as the tasty fare — make 521 an ideal gathering spot. It's hard to spend a fortune here given the prices, but what you *do* spend will give you a better return on your investment than any Fortune 500 company.

For small groups seeking total privacy for their party or business lunch, the rear lounge provides the required seclusion.

Whether you're looking to enjoy a quick lunch or an after-dinner drink — or turn a relaxing dinner into a very relaxing evening — this hot spot gives you 521 reasons to chill out.

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Sun Valley a paradise for food shoppers

If you value quality, hate spending hours schlepping through faceless supermarkets and need more than the corner store can offer, **Sun Valley Fine Foods** is tailor-made for you.

Larger than a neighbourhood European food store, yet small enough to navigate your way through quickly, Sun Valley is boutique food shopping at its very finest. Just about every sought-after brand name is here, from gourmet grocery items to breads, cakes and pastries. And if there's a hot new product on the market, you'll find it here first.

The produce here is simply spectacular. The fruit has fewer blemishes than the average Hollywood actress. The meat, fish and poultry are exquisite, a boon to homemakers and BBQ enthusiasts alike.

Unlike most supermarkets that include high-end brand names and quality as part of their overall mix, Sun Valley sells nothing *but* quality. You won't have to sift through five brands to find one good one. And the layout of the store lends itself to ease and efficiency, with the produce, bakery and grocery areas surrounding a central meat department. You'll find exactly what you need for your family and special occasion dining with friendly, knowledgeable personal service.

It's these attributes which keep customers coming back — not only the locals, but shoppers from North York, Thornhill, and even Richmond Hill, armed with the temperature-controlled bags that have become standard equipment among shoppers willing to go the extra mile for the very best.

People come from outside GreekTown to shop Sun Valley "for the same reasons they patronize the restaurants," says Spiro Aravantinos: "quality, freshness, flavour, and value."

Ah yes, value. What Aravantinos doesn't mention — but what's common knowledge among Sun Valley shoppers — is that they've resisted "snob appeal". In true GreekTown spirit, they've kept their prices affordable even as their reputation has continued to grow.

The bottom line is that under this one roof you'll find exactly what you want in less time — yet at a more leisurely pace — than in the "big box" supermarkets. And, if you're a husband who'se been "commissioned" to bring home the groceries, your chances of getting a glowing report card on arrival are better here than just about anywhere else.

The reason is simple. Sun Valley just doesn't sell anything that won't get the spousal seal of approval — no matter how hard that may be to come by in your household.

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Peter Hadjis, wife Stella, sister Olga and son John don't just operate a family business, they preside over a Danforth institution. "Don't say that," laughs John. "That puts me in the wrong age bracket." They have held court over this Kingdom for almost 30 years.

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The Palace is like no other GreekTown restaurant. How does it differ?

It's off the main drag, a few steps north of Danforth on Pape. As you'll soon discover, it's not just the location that sets it apart.

Its seafaring décor — complete with fully functional structural wooden posts and beams — emits a cocoon-like calm that envelopes you the moment you enter. More of the same in the upstairs party room, which flings open wide the shutters of its many windows to admit a flood of sunlight.

And what royal fare will you be served in this Palace?

This is indulgence to make King Henry VIII blush. You'll dine like Kings and Queens, but without the pomp and ceremony.

Nor is royal impatience recommended. A feast of this calibre takes time to prepare, and time to enjoy. The only food to arrive almost immediately is a complimentary plate of appetizers. For the rest, you'll have to wait — and the wait is worth it.

The Palace is not a place to dine and dash. If you do eat and run, be prepared for some hurt looks.

Amid the changing seasons and the transition from one generation to the next, the Palace is a Danforth constant. It is, in the words of a famous Anonymous poet, "as perennial as the grass."

In the quality of food served here; in the care with which it's prepared; in the gratitude shown for even the smallest acknowledgement; the Palace embodies, like no other Danforth establishment, the spirit of GreekTown.

Here, time stands still, in the best possible sense.

Overnight sensations come and go. The Palace is forever.

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Love your menu: at Pan, every dish is a favourite son

Traditional or nouveau? Light or filling? Spicy or mild?

The culinary preferences of your family or party generally determine where you dine. Unanimity is rare. Concensus rules. Inevitably, someone will have to compromise.

Pan, however, doesn't believe in compromises. Its universal appeal stems not from a huge menu or from a middle-of-the-road approach, but from an ability to render each item on its menu appealing to diverse tastes. This means injecting flair into traditional dishes while respecting tradition in signature offerings.

In practical terms, that means Pan's moussaka never tastes "same old same old", its lamb chops are always prepared and presented with panache, while its signature Santorini Chicken appeals even to diehard traditionalists.

Says Chris Christodoulou, "In this business, you're only as good as your last dish. Every dish you make is the most important one you've ever made." It also means treating every item on the menu like it's the chef's special. "You can't recommend one dish and hope the customer doesn't pick something else. A menu is like a family with many children. You must love, respect and stand behind each one equally."

So adept is Pan at "nurturing" its menu that you can probably order any item at any given time with full confidence that it will shine.

And in order to encourage their always-steady traffic flow to continue unabated, they continue to offer their popular Pan Fest specials (lunch $19, dinner $25). Live music and belly dancing Friday and Saturday complete the sensory experience.

Like the menu, the décor achieves maximum impact from each diverse element. More is accomplished here in less space than in any other restaurant we know of. It's cozy and intimate, yet never feels crowded even when full. Its regular clientele is loyal not only to its high standards, but also to Chrstodoulou and wife Soula, whose youthful appearance belies the fact they've served GreekTown-goers since the year Aleph.

The Christodoulous attribute their fountain of youth to perpetual motion. "You know what they say, grins Chris: "Don't look back; something might be gaining on you."

With a menu that all members of your dining party can look forward to, this is one restaurant where you won't need a rear view mirror. Pan doesn't just serve Mediterranean food; they bring it to life.

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New digs, great food get life back on the Rails

Len Grammenopoulos

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And, if you're proprietor Lenny Grammenopoulos, your dual-hat life of restauranteur / sports reporter just got crazier than ever.

The new Rails And Ales at 1106 Danforth Avenue, just west of Donlands, is a significant upgrade. A deep wooden patio sets a welcoming stage. The interior is predominately dark oak, from the strip hardwood flooring to the comfortable chairs and tables (solid enough to drive a truck over), flanked by an exposed brick wall. A strategically-positioned giant-screen TV allows you to keep an eye on the game, if you want to. A solitary billard table adds a touch of gentility to an aristocratically panelled ante room. The south-facing frontage bathes the strong, dark interior in a gentle glow.

The colour scheme was carefully planned, says Grammenopoulos, to offer calm seclusion from life's storm. "Whatever edge you might bring in with you, this will take it down a notch," he smiles.

The menu is traditional pub casual with a few Greek twists like Greek Wings and Greek Fries, as well as mainstream Greek dishes like souvlaki and salads, and of course their famous juicy home-made burgers. But, says Grammenopoulos, "there is nothing casual about our approach to food. This is GreekTown. Whether you're coming for a few drinks and a snack or a family dinner, you expect quality and value and that's what you'll get. Just because it isn't so-called "fine dining" and just because you may be paying less doesn't mean you expect less, nor should you."

As a fan of Toronto sports teams we've become used to diminished expectations, so this is a welcome change.

As its name suggests, Rails And Ales offers a terrific variety of both domestic and imported beer, both bottled and on tap. So you'll rarely have to settle for second or third choices here, as you often must in traditional restaurants. Odds are Rails And Ales will have your first choice.

The long hours involved in running a restaurant are already challenging without a media career added to the mix. So it's somewhat ironic that the recently-married Grammenopoulos might be the last person able to kick back and enjoy the relaxing ambience he's created. But the dual demands are "all good", he says.

"For my lifestyle and personality, the restaurant business and sports media are a perfect fit. I've always been a people person so I feed off the interaction. It's work but it's also play, if you let it be." Besides, he says, his father and partner Alkis is "traditionally Greek. In other words, he doesn't cut me any slack, and working two jobs is no excuse for taking an off day. If anything, it just creates more pressure to perform."

If he's suggesting that managing Rales And Ales is like a being in a permanent overtime game, it still beats being a Leaf fan.

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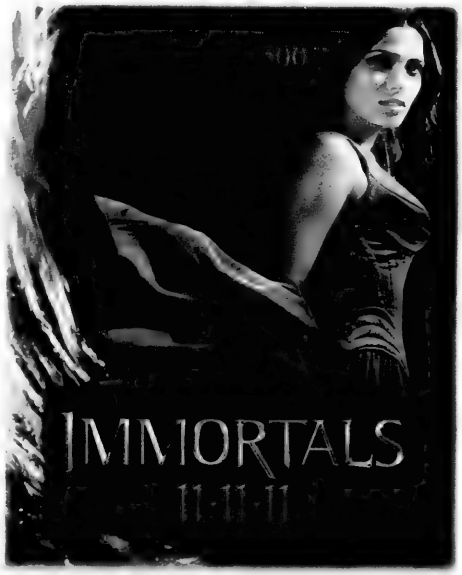

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Eons after the Gods won their mythic struggle against the Titans, a new evil threatens the land. Mad with power, King Hyperion (Mickey Rourke) has declared war against humanity. Amassing a bloodthirsty army of soldiers disfigured by his own hand, Hyperion has scorched Greece in search of the legendary Epirus Bow, a weapon of unimaginable power forged in the heavens by Ares.

Only he who possesses this bow can unleash the Titans, who have been imprisoned deep within the walls of Mount Tartaros since the dawn of time and thirst for revenge. In the King's hands, the bow would rain destruction upon mankind and annihilate the Gods. But ancient law dictates the Gods must not intervene in man's conflict. They remain powerless to stop Hyperion...until a peasant named Theseus (Henry Cavill) comes forth as their only hope.

Secretly chosen by Zeus, Theseus must save his people from Hyperion and his hordes. Rallying a band of fellow outsiders — including visionary priestess Phaedra (Freida Pinto) and cunning slave Stavros (Stephen Dorff) — one hero will lead the uprising, or watch his homeland fall into ruin and his Gods vanish into legend.

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After some deep meditation and non-linear thinking, the solution dawns on you. Who says you have to expand into adjacent premises? Find the closest available spot you can inject with the same sparkle and way-cool vibe. A place within a stone's... er, *hairbrush* throw.

Once the solution revealed itself, bringing it to fruition was child's play. Before you could say "Paige cut". Frank and partner Violet Volovik had staked their claim on a cool spot a few blocks away, and the twin sister of bob + paige was conceived.

Delivery is scheduled for early September. "That's the perfect-world solution", laughs Vi. "We won't open until everything is right — hopefully before the holidays."

Without a dedicated staff richly deserving of the opportunity to spread their wings and fly solo, "this expansion doesn't happen," affirms Frank. "We'll take a bit of the credit for hand-picking our assistants based on their passion for haircutting and the right attitude. But given the opportunity, they still had to take it and run with it."

"They sprinted", interjects Vi. "In this business, talented employees often leave to start their own shop. From Day One, we tried to create a working environment that would encourage good people to stay on the farm. Now, thanks to their dedication and our great customers, we get to be their greener pastures."

And where exactly is this verdant meadow?

The new digs are already taking shape a few blocks west of their current location. The same team that made the existing bob + paige a stirring design success is hard at work dressing the twin sister to ensure she shines with the same radiance. "This is the only way we could do it," says Frank. "We vowed never to become a factory, never to dilute ourselves. This allows us to get bigger while remaining small. We are still a boutique shop."

The salon may be in expansionary mode, but the trend in today's haircutting is contractional. Shorter cuts are in now, from shoulder length right on up to pixie and Pompadour cuts. Having a smaller volume of hair to work with shifts the onus from styling to precision cutting, says Frank. "There's less margin for error. You can't "hide" a mistake on a shorter cut."

Bob + paige has always sourced the market for the healthiest, most nourishing hair products available. This year, they hit the mother lode in the new Sojourn line by Elan Sassoon. These shampoos and conditioners boast a purity level and a scientifically defined PH balance unprecedented in the industry. They are free of paraben, formaldehyde, gluten, alcohol, and artificial colour and are thus 100% biodegradable. What's more, unlike many commercial hair products nebulously labeled "balanced PH" (a scientifically meaningless term) — each Sojourn product is formulated in hair's optimum PH range, 4.5 to 5.5.

For bob + paige and their customers, having a twin sister in the same neighbourhood is a best-case scenario. We can hardly wait to visit her.

Fit, quality and style harmonize at Blue Shoe Box

Long. Slender. Elegant. The picture of classicism. A perfect fit.

That's the *store* we're talking about; we haven't even slipped on a shoe yet!

Fortuitously, the shoes offered here are the aesthetic equal of the shop that sells them. In 2002 proprietor Eliséo (Tony) Staffiere opened **The Blue Shoe Box** at 499 Danforth just east of Logan. In a highly competitive market, it has earned a reputation not only for the quality it carries, but also for its ability to ensure a glove-like fit. Jeanne Beker ranked it among Toronto's top 100 fashion stores (clothing or shoes) for 2010.

Staffiere isn't just a shoe salesman; he's the youngest in a family of Italian shoemakers dating back three generations.

Drawing on this experience, he designs and fabricates his own lines for women and men under the FAST and Eliséo Staffiere labels, respectively. Made in Italy to his exacting specifications, these seductively stylish shoes and boots offer exquisite quality and style at hundreds of dollars less than comparable designer shoes. If you enjoy wearing the best without the high price tag, check them out. No one will know they're not Bloor Street trophy shoes unless you tell them.

The superior construction and workmanship of these private label shoes is immediately apparent. With soles double stitched inside out and kid lining, the men's shoe is as rugged outside as it is gentle inside. Ditto for the ladies'. You couldn't wear these out even if you wanted to.

In addition to its private label, The Blue Shoe Box carries a number of leading name brands for men and women. For a small store, the selection is amazing.

Today's men and women, notes Staffiere, want it all: quality, style, and comfort at reasonable prices. "You wear a pair of shoes more than any outfit. Most people put more miles on their shoes than on their car," he smiles. "All the more reason to be good to your feet."

Without quality built in, says Staffiere, a shoe that fits perfectly today may not hold its shape tomorrow. And without the perfect fit, "even a shoe made of spun gold won't help you."

"The margin for error in fitting a shoe is zero," he smiles. "It's not like a shirt or a dress where you can get away with a quarter inch. It also bears your weight, which your clothing doesn't. Every time you take a step or move your feet, your shoes are flexing to accommodate you. They're like a personal limousine."

The Blue Shoe Box occupies a diminutive space, but its design is magical. The elongated, reed-thin premises — a metaphor for a long, slender foot perhaps? — house an intricately moulded 120-year-old copper ceiling, cappuccino spaccoed walls, exposed red brick, butterscotch oak shelving and a gleaming hardwood floor. It's a soothing environment in which to test drive a new limo...er, pair of shoes.

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"Beauty is truth, truth beauty — That is all / Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know."

Sam Sciarrino of Horvath Photography understands the simple eloquence of this principle. He lives it. The portraits which grace the walls of his studio attest to it. A true photographic artist, his credentials include Master's degrees in photography from both Canada and the U.S. as well as numerous awards (most recently, the 2010 SWPP Wedding Traditional Photographer of the Year and the 2010 Award of Excellence, Wedding & Portrait Photographers International). Sciarrino has also lectured on photography at major universities on two continents.

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He's been the go-to guy for some of Toronto's highest-profile weddings, yet he's sufficiently down-to-earth that his fees remain highly competitive. As long as his work speaks to his clients, he's happy. "Each piece must tell a story," he muses. "A good novel tells a story. A photograph should be held to the same standard."

Good special event photographers are unobtrusive; the great ones are virtually invisible. Apart from the posed shots, you hardly see them, and that's how it should be, says Sciarrino. "On your wedding day, you and your guests don't need to see your photographer doing cartwheels," he says. "If he's quietly going about his business, hopefully *you'll* be the one doing cartwheels when you see the proofs."

Scarrino has a special affinity for ethnic weddings and other ethnocultural ceremonies. "It's a privilege to photograph the milestone events of people from other cultures," he says. "It means they judge you on merit. I've always made a point of doing my homework to vindicate their trust. You have to know the steps and timelines in each ceremony and prepare accordingly."

The rapid advances in digital technology have tempted some clients to pay less by hiring "weekend warriors" or by taking their own pictures. The regret factor is frequent and irreversible, says Sciarrino. "Your wedding, bar mitzvah or baptism is not a dress rehearsal," he sighs. "You don't get a do-over. There is no consolation in learning that you get what you pay for when you're left with bad photos and bad memories."

Those memories are only as good as the eye behind the lens. What does the artist's eye see that ours doesn't? The distinction lies not so much in the perception as in the ability to frame, capture, and commit to memory the visual beauty that unfolds in the twinkling of an eye.

Sciarrino's greatest satisfaction is when the shots that move him the most are also the ones that resonate with his clients. "When you connect on that level, it's magic."

Beauty is truth, truth beauty. On that score, Scarrino and a score of satisfied customers clearly agree.

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Little David *asking* for a haircut? Believe it.

If waving a magic wand could make little David brush his teeth without being asked, take a bath voluntarily, and relish getting his hair cut, would you wave it?

So would we.

At Melonhead on the Danforth, you don't have to. They do it for you.

They achieve this presto change-o effect by creating a styling environment that's so much fun, little David will remind *you* when he needs a haircut.

Is is a salon or an amusement park? It's both. The fun begins with the vintage 1952 carousel horse out front, gathers momentum with a wildly colourful interior reminiscent of jumbo jelly beans, and peaks with theme seats in lieu of chairs. There's a space ship, a police motorcycle, a carousel horse, two airplanes, and a highly coveted Thomas The Tank engine. Once the kids are safely ensconced, they can watch TV on wall-mounted screens.

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Elliptical mirrors and counters that are also suggestive of jelly beans — and caring licensed stylists who may sing to your kids, blow bubbles or both — further escalate the fun fest.

Hard-pressed to find a good children's salon for her own son and daughter, Rosanna Spina opened Melonhead in November 2010. Her assumption that other parents shared her salon-hunting blues was quickly confirmed. To date she's enjoyed a steady flow of the youngest clientele this side of a nursery.

What's been even more gratifying than the business success is the ear-to-ear smiles occasioned by the Melonhead experience. "My goal was to offer a fun setting that would provide a calming distraction," she says. "But the sheer joy of the kids has exceeded my expectations. They love coming here."

Not every child readily goes with the flow, of course. For those who don't, for toddlers who need to be held or supported, and for older children, there's an adult chair. Spina's expert staff will also style parents' hair on request, provided their children's approval is secured first.

Melonhead's haircutting prices range from $21 for a wash, blow dry, cut and style to $35 for party hair. They also use and sell their own line of natural shampoos, conditioners, gels, and an incredibly effective detangler that is popular among all ages.

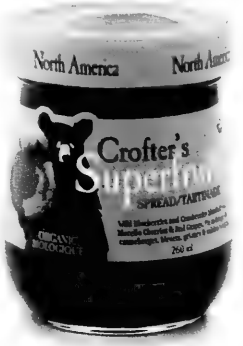
The Danforth has always been family-friendly, with an abundance of great restaurants and a ubiquity of ice cream. With Melonhead, it's friendlier still. Whether you've come to dine, to shop, or just to stroll, your child's haircut can now be part of a family outing rather than a chore.

At most salons, getting your children into the chair is half the battle. At Melonhead on the Danforth, it's getting them *out* that's challenging.

Crofter's: pure gold in a bottle

So simple, yet so refined. So sweet, yet so subtle. So much a part of growing up and, as we age, a timeless reminder of the simple pleasures of youth.

Among the foods ubiquitous in Western culture — crossing all age groups and ethnicities — jam ranks right up there with butter. Many of us were practically reared on peanut butter and jam sandwiches, both as a lunchtime staple and anytime snack. For some, toast without jam is unthinkable. Afternoon tea without fruit preserves to slather on our biscuits and scones? Unfathomable.



Enter **Crofter's**, a manufacturer with an old-world penchant for homemade goodness and a new-age commitment to health and the environment. In their state-of-the-art plant in Parry Sound, Ontario, Crofter's turns nature's fanciest, freshest hand-picked fruit into pure gold in a bottle.

Even to call Crofter's a manufacturer, however, is to somehow diminish their boutiquey attention to detail and quality. One half expects to turn a corner and find Mom hard at work, hand-bottling each jar.

It takes all of two seconds to taste the Crofter's difference. Nothing in life is perfect, but in the realm of jam, jelly, or "fruit spreads", as Crofter's calls them, this is close. Not too tart, not too sweet, fairly bursting with flavour, they bring out the best in everything they cover — bread, crackers, and scones — even a dab on your grandmother's sponge cake, when she's not looking.

There's a very practical reason for Crofter's superior taste and "Superfruit Spread" moniker: ***more fruit***. While conventional manufacturers often label their products "more fruit", "double fruit", and so on, that simply means more than or double the fruit in their own or other conventional products, which often contain scads of refined sugar and very little actual fruit. When Crofter's says "fruit spread", they mean *Fruit*. Each jar of Superfruit spread is stuffed with one pound of premium organic fruit. There are four unique flavour combinations, sourced from around the world. Each certified organic spread is sweetened with fair trade sugar and contains one-third less sugar than jam. Experience these different cultural tastes while getting your daily dose of antioxidants.

Add to this exquisite natural taste the comfort zone of certified organic production, and you have a gem of a product. Yet Crofter's jams are generally priced *lower* than competitive organic brands and, in some cases, even lower than conventional, non-organic brands.

Sold at The Big Carrot and other better health food stores, and in the health food section of selected supermarkets and specialty food stores, Crofter's fruit spreads are pure gold in a bottle.

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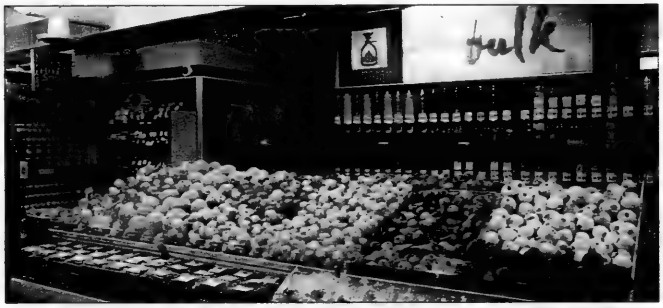

If you have a favourite store that gives you great service, you tend to keep shopping there — especially when part of that service is the expert advice needed to make an informed purchase. The Big Carrot has become that destination store for an entire generation, and its customers have reciprocated with a level of loyalty unparalleled in the retail food business.

If you shop at The Big Carrot, you'll understand why it doesn't "feel" quite like any other store: it isn't. It's businesslike, but in no way "corporate"; the personal touch is ever-present. Because it's a worker-owned co-op, its members have an all-for-one and one-for-all attitude and never lose sight of the big picture: putting the customer first.

The Big Carrot is really three stores in one: a health food store and market; a holistic dispensary; and an organic juice, coffee and sandwich bar. It caters to a loyal clientele that embraces both its ethos and its products: minimally processed, organically grown, cruelty free, environmentally safe and, increasingly, non-GMO. Many of these products are also Kosher-certified.

Health-conscious customers seek out The Big Carrot for its extensive organic fruit and vegetable department (over 100 varieties at peak season) and its unmatched selection of organic bulk foods, dairy products, frozen foods, and packaged goods. Its extensive paraben-free body care department boasts Canada's widest selection of personal care products for the entire family, including baby.

On June 30, 2009, the Organic Products Regulations (OPR) came into effect, making the new Canadian Organic Standards (COS) mandatory. The OPR legally requires organic products to be certified according to the COS if they are traded across provincial or international borders or use the long-anticipated Canada Organic Logo. This label is your assurance that the product bearing it has met the Canadian government's regulatory requirements for organic products.

The Big Carrot is Ontario's first retailer to certify to the new Canadian Organic standard, underscoring its 27-year commitment to good organic stewardship. Ecocert Canada has certified The Big Carrot to process and package over 700 organic products in its juice bar, bulk, spice, cheese and produce departments. The vegetarian deli is also certified to offer more than 30 fresh organic dishes and baked goods daily.

Retailer certification is not required by the CFIA, but at The Big Carrot it is seen as an important part of preserving the integrity of the entire supply chain. "We see our certification as our responsibility, to both our producers and our customers, to ensure that the hard work of the organic farmer is being preserved," notes Big Carrot Standards coordinator Maureen Kirkpatrick.

For natural and organic pastas, breads, buns, bagels, flatbreads, cookies, muffins, and other wholesome nosherie, no other store — or bakery, for that matter — even comes close. There are literally dozens of choices here, many of them wheat-free, dairy-free, Kosher-certified — or a combination thereof. Rudi's organic Kosher breads have been a hit for their incredible flavour and moisture.

Other Kosher-certified products, to name but a few: Sunflower Kitchen dips, pesto and soups; Imagine Foods Tetra Pack Dairy-Free Soups (the ultimate in convenience); Nature's Path Organic Cereals; Organic Meadow Yogurts & Pressed Cheese; Amy's soups, pizzas and frozen entrées; Italian Volcano Lemon Juice; Enjoy Life Nut and Gluten Free Cereals, Cookies and Snack Bars; Camino Chocolate Bars; and an immense variety of chips and other snack foods.

The Big Carrot houses Toronto's only certified organic juice bar. There are over 50 choices of juices, blender drinks, nutritional boosts, shakes, and Fair Trade, Bird Friendly organic coffees, as well as sandwiches and other treats.

The Big Carrot has remained the leader in an increasingly crowded field by offering products that are as good for the environment as they are for its customers, and by providing a level of expertise and personal service unmatched in the industry. It also demonstrates its environmental friendliness by heating its water tank with solar panels and reducing its carbon footprint with the creation of the Carrot Common Green Roof. This education-oriented community hub centre accommodates community groups wishing to learn and evolve where urban dwelling meets natural diversity. Visit carrotgreenroof.ca.

Through its ongoing expansion, The Big Carrot has retained the humility and friendliness of its early years. This is a store that's down to earth in every possible sense, and a real pleasure to visit. It's an oasis of calm amid the chaos of everyday life. A visit here isn't just grocery, supplement and cosmetics shopping; it's a balm to the spirit.

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Two generations of Kormans (who else?) expound or

Want to see a suit salesman riled up? Just ask Saul Korman about Casual Friday. "Tell me something," he barks. "You're going into the hospital for life-saving surgery. Your surgeon is wearing jeans. Are you okay with that?"

Like Al Pacino in *Scent Of A Woman*, he's just getting warmed up. "We're not all surgeons, but we're all professionals in our chosen field, and should dress accordingly. If you're an accountant for a major firm and one of the big banks is coming in, are you going to be wearing jeans?"

Son Shawn, while more measured, concurs. "You don't have to wear a suit for every client, but there's nothing wrong with looking your best for every client and every situation," he says. "Turn it around. When *you're* the customer and the person you're seeing is wearing jeans, maybe that says you're not as important to him as you'd like to be. Not exactly a message you'd want to receive, or give."

Ironically, the trend that has allowed a growing number of men to dress down in the workplace hasn't hurt Korry's suit sales. "More and more young men are coming in for suits," says Saul. "Casual wear has its place and our casual wear selection has never been greater. But nothing makes a statement like a suit. No matter what your business, no matter who you're seeing, you can't go wrong with a suit. Some people say suits aren't comfortable. Well, how comfortable is underdressing and then having to worry about what you're wearing? You put it on a suit, a nice crisp shirt and a tie, and you can forget about it. No matter who you meet during the course of your day, you're covered. That's what *I* call comfort. It also says that you're serious about your work. Dressing casually may suggest to those who don't know you that you take your work casually. Can you afford that?"

"And the compliments you get when you wear a suit can't hurt your confidence," adds Shawn. "You'll never go wrong dressing as if you were meeting your most important customer. And how about your colleagues? We sometimes take them for granted. If they're pleasantly surprised to see you in a suit, maybe you should wear one more often."

For Shawn, now into his third year as a full-time clothier, a previous career with the Teamsters Union seems like a distant memory, as does a stint as a CEO and celebrity bodyguard. "The only thing I'm capable of bodyguarding these days is our biscotti jar," he grins.

Slimming suit to the rescue. To that end, today's slim, tapered cuts are a friend in need to any man who's put on a few pounds.

"Many of us need help," says Shawn. *I* need help. I've put on a few and even with my background I'm not immune to weight gain. These slim fits accentuate a good physique and improve an average one. They won't take off 30 pounds if you're overweight, but they'll slim you down if you're borderline. If you're already trim they'll enhance your profile."

"There's no keeping a good look down. The suit is king"

But there's no thinning out the credit that's due Shawn's colleagues at Korry's, he owns. He's quick to acknowledge not only father Saul but also general manager Franco Gagliardi for their mentorship: the latter for his expertise and assistance on the sales floor, the former for his keen business acumen and ability to dispense advice on all aspects of the clothing business, no matter how small. From the pleat on a pant to the lie of a lapel, no detail escapes him. "That's a euphemism for micromanagement," chuckles Shawn. Saul deflects the barb with a dismissive wave.

On a serious note, Shawn says he's grateful to draw on his mentors' combined 100+ years of experience in the menswear trade. "If you can't learn from Saul and Franco, you can't learn from anyone."

And learn they do at 569 Danforth. This well-oiled menswear machine relies on each moving part for optimum performance. "Every member of our team is critical to our success, especially the unsung heroes — the tailors. Without them, nothing fits perfectly. Remember that old joke about the Shabbos suit? It's true. The small fortune we spend on advertising is wasted if customers walk out of here in ill-fitting garments. People wearing your product is advertising. It isn't "paid" advertising in the traditional sense but if you don't get it right it can be more expensive than any airtime or space buy."

Saul Korman flanked by so

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Speaking of "free" advertising, both Kormans scoff at the new-school notion that you can promote your brand solely through Facebook, Twitter, and word of mouth.

"There's no free lunch," says Saul. "Those who are unwilling to spend money to promote their business are either shortsighted or naive." Enjoins Shawn, "those vehicles are extremely useful, but they're the dessert, not the main course. If Dad hadn't aggressively promoted this business from Day One, he might still be the lonely Jewish tailor on the Danforth, waiting for customers."

Saul touched on the lonely Jewish tailor theme in a recent address to 1,000 attendees at the Toronto Congress Centre, where he was honoured by the Retail Council Of Canada with the 2011 Ambassador Award "In Recognition Of Your Remarkable Contribution To Your Community And The Canadian Retail Industry." It would be premature to call this award the icing on Korman's career cake, however. For a man who's been the subject of retirement speculation for ten years now, he's lost none of his passion for the menswear business. "Love your trade, and it will love you back," he says.

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ns Shawn (L) and Michael (R)

"If you're as excited about menswear as we are, you're a candidate to join our team."

"I *have* slowed down though," he winks. "I just keep talking fast so no one will notice."

The truth is, Saul's actually in better shape physically than at this same time last year, thanks to some corrective surgery on his neck. Can we safely assume that the surgeon shops at Korry's? "He'd better," cracks Korman, "or I'll take my neck across the street next time. I *can* tell you he's great at what he does, and he does *not* wear jeans — at least not in the operating room."

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Good thing too. There's nothing a surgeon needs less when scrubbing up than a Casual Friday lecture.

Colourful characters, colourful clothes. With Korry's still ablaze in summer shades amid the fall arrivals, an extensive palette ensures you'll never be red with envy or green with embarrassment. In the summer hues, purple is prominent — the full gamut from lilac through mauve into indigo. For fall, black, gray and blue are the headliners.

Notwithstanding the foregoing rant about Casual Friday, Korry's casual wear collection continues to expand. New additions include Sand from Sweden, an exquisite wash & wear shirt line in a rainbow of bold colours. In outerwear, Korry's is carrying the ruggedly stylish and toasty warm Canada Goose line for fall/winter. And, from the U.S., Paige Premium Denim (yes, jeans — for the right time, and place).

But on this day, the conversation comes full circle, back to the suit. "They say there's no keeping a good product down," says Saul. "But there's also no keeping a good *look* down. Suit and tie, jacket and tie is a great look. Twenties, 30s, 40s, pick any decade you want, any century — the suit is king. Always has been, always will be."

A video of an old Harbord graduating class has Saul waxing nostalgic. "You see how distinguished those kids looked?" he muses. "Suit and tie, jacket and tie. They're 18 and they look 30. Slowly but surely, we're getting back to that."

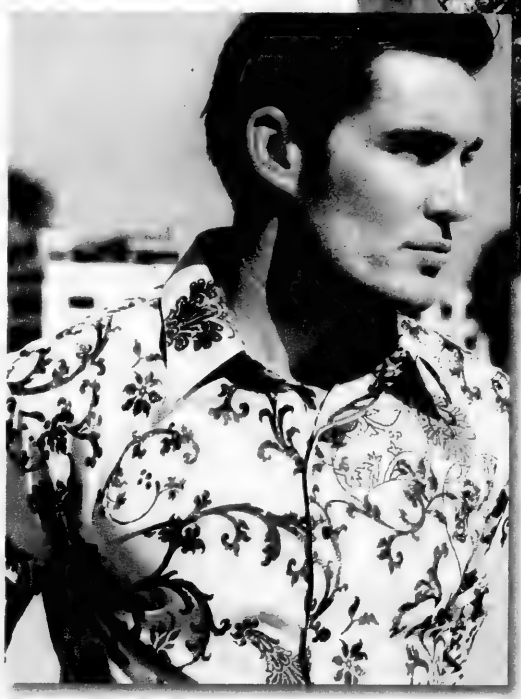
Full circle. What's old is new again. With a difference: there's infinitely more variety now, in fabrics, styles and patterns, and more freedom to mix and match. The possibilities are endless — making all the more valuable a store that can help you run the gauntlet of choices and pick what's right for you. A store that won't let you leave looking like less than a million bucks.

"If you look like 900 thousand, we've failed," chirps Saul. "The statement you make is important to us. We're not going to rubber-stamp anything that just looks OK."

Nor will they leave any stone unturned in conveying their message. Between them, Saul and son Michael extol the virtues of Korry's on five radio stations. Too much Korman content? Their detractors think so. "We won't hold it against them," shrugs Saul. "We'll still sell them a suit."

You'll be hard-pressed to find detractors on the Danforth, whose many shops and restaurants are grateful to Saul for talking up the street on his airtime dime. "What's not to like?" he queries. "A hundred good restaurants and cafés. Great neighbours. The Pilaros Taste Of The Danforth, doing so much good for charity. I'm just a kid from Rouyn-Noranda who landed on the Danforth — what did I know? It's almost like G_d handpicked the perfect street for me."

If you're looking to handpick a new suit, the Hugo Boss, Canali, Pal Zileri and Coppley collections anchor Korry's high end, while its own Roberto label dominates the midrange. But don't think that taking advantage of the Roberto two for one means settling for second best. "'Proudly made in Canada and Italy still means something,"



says Shawn. "That's what you get when you buy Roberto." Its quality, he notes, rivals that of imports costing double the price. "We don't sell a low-grade garment," he says. "It's not in our DNA."

Many wedding parties take advantage of the Roberto label's unbeatable quality-to-price ratio. It's an opportunity to invest in a permanent addition to one's wardrobe rather than shelling out for a tux that's here today, gone tomorrow.

In keeping with the old-is-new theme, French cuffs and cufflinks are back in a big way, adding elegance and flair to any suit.

Korry's contributions to the sartorial splendour of Toronto men are mirrored by its contributions to the community. Its annual golf tournament — hosted again this year by the Scarboro Golf and Country Club — raises significant funds for the Toronto East General Hospital Foundation, on whose board Saul serves. And his promotional efforts on behalf of the annual Pilaros Taste Of The Danforth, which to date has raised over $1,000,000 for the Toronto East General — are tireless. This, too, is part of the legacy Shawn is inheriting.

With constant reminders of Korry's location emanating from your favourite radio station, it's certainly not hard to find. But, like your mother's nagging you to wear a sweater, the reminders just keep on coming. "Where? In the heart of GreekTown. At five six nine Danforth Avenue. And it's called.... Korry's."

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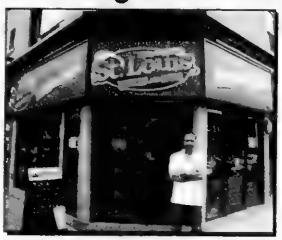
Sun shines in on wing & rib lovers at St. Louis



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For the occasional wing or rib eater, there are many Toronto restaurants to choose from.

For the wing or rib *lover*, there are only a handful that rate.

For the wing or rib *fanatic*, however — the person for whom a night out without wings or ribs is an impossibility — only one restaurant measures up.

The name **St. Louis Bar and Grill** has long been synonymous with the GTA's best wings and ribs. Yes, they have great sandwiches. Yes, they have wonderful salads. And yes, they have the juiciest burgers and crispest fries this side of heaven.

But it's their wings and ribs that make their fans drive clear across town to satisfy their craving. So powerful is the pull of this iconic destination that wing and rib fanatics set their GPS devices by it.

Reza Yazdani, confirmed wing fanatic and owner of the newest and brightest St. Louis at 561 Danforth Avenue, says the St. Louis philosophy of maximum value for your dining dollar makes it a natural for GreekTown.

"I wanted an affordably-priced family restaurant in a bright, spacious, corner location. When I found this place, I saw the light."

That's no mere figure of speech. This inviting spot (northeast corner of Danforth and Carlaw, three doors from Korry's) lets the sun shine in like few other restaurants. Four articulated garage-style doors, always rolled up in good weather, comprise the entire west face. The restaurant becomes a giant patio, open yet private, with a sweeping view of the street. You're in a sunny disposition even before the food arrives.

St. Louis has 16 (count 'em) flavours of wings.

Sixteen???! Is this a restaurant or a permanent Sweet 16 wingathon?

If you want to feed your hungry family without taking out a second mortgage, you've come to the right place. Their combos are over the top, especially the "Best Of Both Worlds", a mountain of Olympic proportions: five pounds of St. Louis signature wings with wing sauce and garlic dill sauce; two racks of side ribs; a platter of golden fries; coleslaw; and two 2L bottles of pop. At $99, it serves 8 to 10 ravenous people...or the entire Toronto Argonauts football team?

For many, wings and ribs without beer is like a beach without water. Once again, St. Louis is here to help with the lowest beverages prices on the Danforth. And though it's not a sports bar, it's a great place to take in a game, with ten big screens. Unless there's a major sporting event, however, they're kept on low volume.

Even though they're fully licensed, St. Louis is a family restaurant first and foremost, and extremely child-friendly, with kids' giveaways often on the menu.

As with their regular menu (and hearty daily lunch specials as low as $6.99), the St. Louis philosophy of family value reigns supreme, says Yazdani.

A Montreal native transplanted to Toronto, he and younger brother Mack come "from a melting pot in which we not only respected and befriended other cultures and ethnicities, but enjoyed their food as well. Our mother was, and is, an amazingly versatile cook who was always open to different styles of cuisine. We love this neighborhood because it mirrors our childhood environment."

So we posed this question: If you had to choose between your mother's home cooking and a heaping plate of St. Louis wings, which would you choose?

"You think that's a hard question, but it's an easy one. I take our Family Deal to go and mix and match with whatever Mom is cooking. We do it all the time. Mom loves our wings!"

What's good enough for Mom is good enough for the St. Louis customer. At 561 Danforth Avenue, the sun shines in on wing and rib lovers and their families.

Lashar: the little carpet store that could

They say good things come in small packages; you just don't expect one of those packages to be a carpet store. Insofar as Persian and Oriental rugs are concerned, giant showrooms with a dizzying selection are the norm.

By taking the opposite approach, **Lashar** — formerly one block west of Pape, now one block east — has proven that, when it comes to choosing a Persian or Oriental rug, sometimes less is more. "We don't have room for thousands of pieces," grins owner Hossein Rafat, "so we have to make every piece count."

Thanks to a trained eye for quality and exquisite taste, Hossein has demonstrated the merit of having a few hundred wonderful pieces as opposed to thousands of average ones. A native of Iran who moved to Canada in the late 1970s, Hossein honed his skills for many years in the carpet trade before opening his own shop, Silk Road Imports on Eglinton. He credits old masters of the trade for helping him develop not only his skills at assessing the authenticity and value of each piece based on origin, content, and workmanship, but also an eye for visual impact. Included among those mentors are a group of Iranian Jewish mentors from New York, of whom he speaks in reverent tones.

"We're talking about a handful of people with such knowledge and sense of aesthetics that I often purchase large quantities of rugs from them sight unseen. Those rugs are always my best sellers."

From an artistic standpoint, Hossein enjoys the satisfaction of helping a client find a carpet that ties together all of the pieces in a room. "It's the single most important element in your décor-, and it's a hardwood floor's best friend," he says.

Obviously price factors into the equation as well. Forget the massively-hyped rug liquidation sales we're forever bombarded with. You can walk into Lashar any day of the week and get an eye-poppingly low price on a Persian rug of exceptional quality in almost any size. And you'll get it with the kind of warm, friendly personal service that seems to be an intrinsic part of the Danforth experience.

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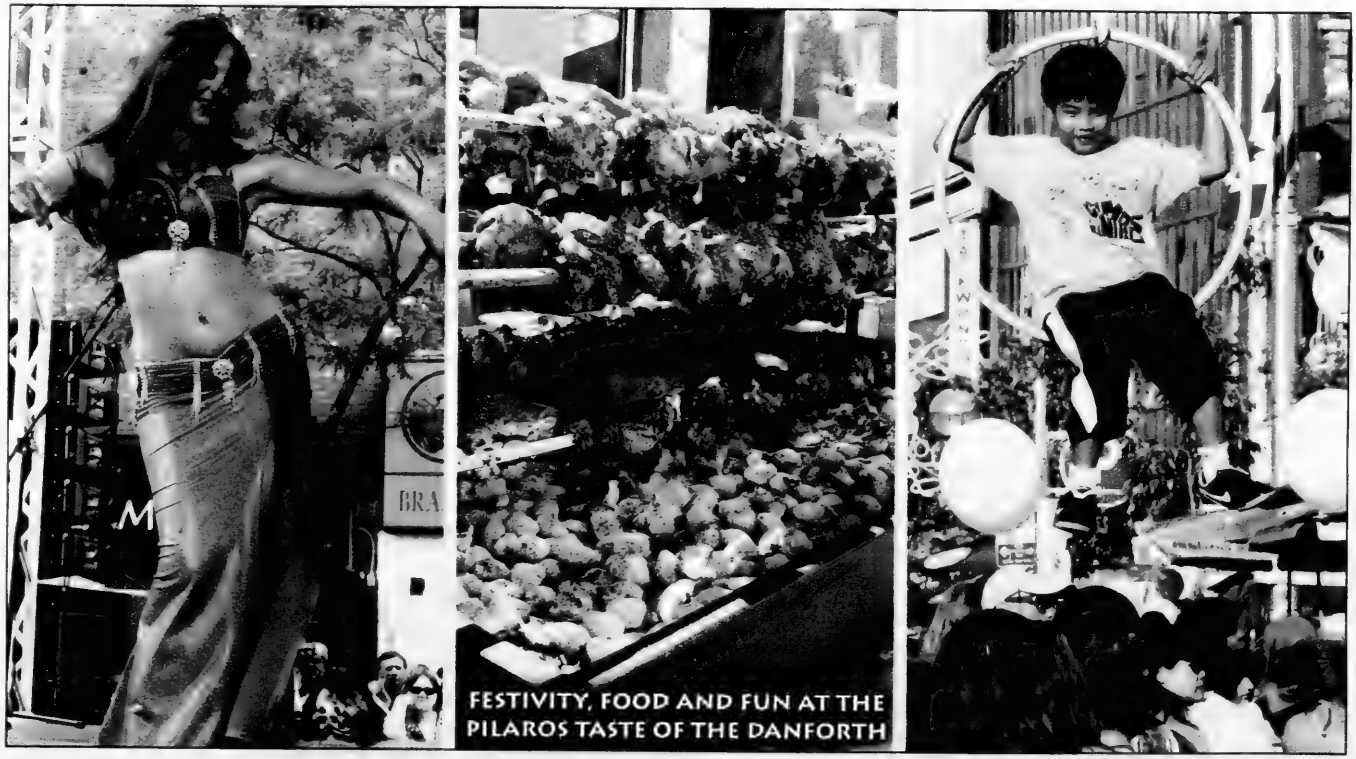
It's that conviviality, says Hossein, that attracted him to GreekTown in the first place. "In terms of a cosmopolitan atmosphere, it doesn't get any better," he says. "Besides, I love great food and great coffee. If I sell enough carpets to cover my coffee bills, I'm happy," he laughs.

In the three years he's been on the Danforth, Hossein has endeared himself to a growing clientele almost as much by his good nature as by his knowledge of carpets.

You can take all your previous conceptions of Persian carpet shopping and sweep them under the rug. Lashar on the Danforth will take you on a magic carpet ride that will beautify your home forever.



Toronto East General Hospital: leaders in community care

Leadership isn't just a role played by the Toronto East General Hospital; it's an integral part of their identity.

For years TEGH has demonstrated both leadership and innovation. The Hospital has a proud history of providing superb clinical care while never forgetting the human side of health care. Over the last three years alone, TEGH has been awarded numerous prestigious awards, established Centres of Excellence, demonstrated best practices in patient and staff safety, increased patient satisfaction scores beyond any other hospital, and has been identified by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care as an example of superb fiscal management.

"For hundreds of thousands of families, TEGH is the Primary Gateway to the Health Care System"
TEGH CEO Rob Devitt

A Community Hospital and More. As leaders in Community Care, TEGH serves a number of vulnerable communities, including new immigrants, single seniors, people with mental health illness and economically disadvantaged individuals, with 25% of the population classified as low income. New immigrants comprise 44% of the population in TEGH's catchment area.

New programs and initiatives. Time and again, TEGH has demonstrated its leadership in medical programs through initiatives such as its Thoracic Regional Centre of Excellence, Family Practice outreach to marginalized patients, its ground-breaking and nationally respected Prolonged-Ventilation Weaning Centre, and its sought-after medical resident education program.

TEGH's $210 million dollar Capital Redevelopment Campaign includes a new, state-of-the-art Patient Care Centre that will establish TEGH as the destination for health care excellence

The vital role of a community hospital. As health care becomes more specialized, the role of a community hospital is becoming more crucial. Community hospitals provide a strong medical and social support system for more than 90% of our society's health care needs. Community hospitals will be required to provide the lion's share of health care services, with academic research hospitals dealing with highly specialized care.

Says Teresa Vasilopoulos, President of the Toronto East General Hospital Foundation: "We are grateful to be a part of the Pilaros Taste of the Danforth and are thrilled with the generous support we receive from the many restaurants and businesses on the Danforth each year through this event. Funds raised this year will be supporting TEGH's $210 million Capital Redevelopment Campaign that will include a new Patient Care Centre. This new, state-of-the-art facility will improve access and infection control and establish TEGH as the Destination for Health Care Excellence for east Toronto and beyond."

"The generous support...will help establish TEGH as the Destination for Health Care Excellence"
TEGH Foundation President Teresa Vasilopoulos

It all starts with community support and involvement. Nowhere is this better exemplified than at the Pilaros Taste of The Danforth. There's no greater reward than knowing that your dining and entertainment dollars are directly responsible for saving lives. The new TEGH Patient Care Centre will be tangible evidence of your contributions.

The management and staff of TEGH look forward to seeing you at the Taste.

Help.

Toronto East General Hospital thanks the Pilaros Taste of the Danforth organizers and the many restaurants and businesses along the Danforth who support TEGH, at this event and throughout the year.

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To date over $1M has been donated to TEGH through the Taste of the Danforth.
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GREEKTOWN ON THE DANFORTH

Historical flavours come alive at Messini

When visiting most websites, you're tempted to "Skip Intro" as prompted. You want to get to the heart of the matter ASAP.

Visit Messini's website, however, and you'll find yourself engrossed in the historical introduction; at Messini, history *is* at the heart of the matter.

A sequence of richly-textured, sepia-toned photographs of the southern Greek village of Messini, circa 1930, set the historical stage for the taste treat you'll experience at 445 Danforth.

After 23 years of restauranteuring in Europe, owner Marinos Dafnas opened Messini with the singular goal of elevating gyros preparation to the lofty level it enjoys in Greece. If you know gyros only as meat on a pita, Messini will open your eyes — and your taste buds — to an exciting new dining experience.

So how does the Messini version of gyros rise above the rest?

- **Meticulous preparation.** Roasted to perfection on a spit, the gyros (pronounced *yee'-ros*, from Modern Greek *guros*, "turning") combines the finest marinated cuts of moist and dry meat to ensure that it retains its juiciness and tenderness throughout the cooking process. Unlike your typical fast-food gyros, Messini's are prepared fresh from scratch: no freezing, no precooking;
- **Quality and freshness of trimmings.** The tzatziki, red onions, parsely, spices, and French fries (as per Greek tradition), like the meat, are all up-to-the-minute fresh;
- **Pita made fresh daily on the premises.** As with any fresh homemade bread vs. mass-produced, there's simply no comparison.
- **Variety.** Messini caters to a wide range of palates and dietary preferences by offering chicken and vegetarian gyros in addition to the traditional meat.

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The result: a whole that's greater than the sum of its parts — a sandwich that melts in your mouth with a rich blend of subtly interwoven flavours.

The prices are more than reasonable, with gyros dinner entrées starting from $9.25, lunch specials from $6.50. The menu also includes mainstream Greek selections, but you'll do yourself a disservice if you don't at least try the gyros.

Messini's immaculate interior flanks an open kitchen. Pleasant brown and cream tones — gleaming ceramic tile floor, rich wood trim and comfortable seating — create an aura of casual dining elegance.

The beaches of Peloponessos may seem far away, but at Messini, some of southern Greece's best tradition and culture is right here for the sampling.

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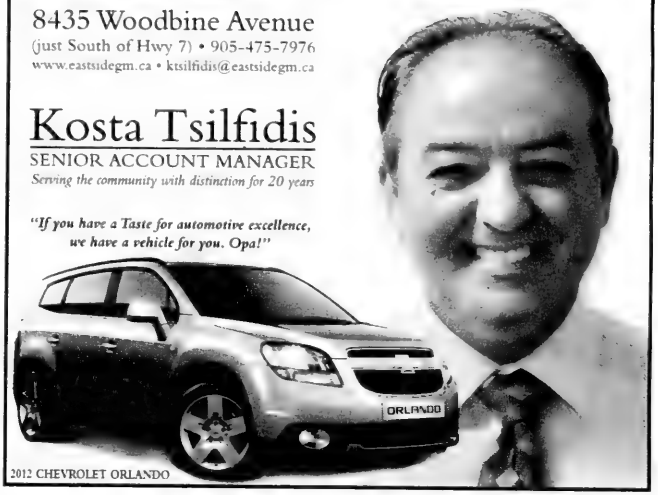

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Even Leaf fans wing it to Detroit Eatery

If you're a Leaf fan and the best burger in town is served at a Red Wing hangout, do you eat there?

Leaf fans — and fans of old-fashioned home cooking in general — have spoken. The answer is a resounding **YES.**

The incredible homemade burgers served up at **Detroit Eatery** have become the stuff of legend. The big chains should send their head honchos here to learn what a *real* burger tastes like.

These bountiful burgers would be much harder for a Leaf fan to appreciate if the proprietors were the rub-it-in type. But they're not.

On the contrary, Alex Antaras and his son Chris are endearingly humble and easy-going. When he's not serving, Alex can often be seen on the bench in front of the restaurant, holding court with customers, friends, and neighbours. His friendly banter is as much a part of the Detroit experience as wife Eva's delectable offerings that emerge, piping hot, from Detroit's busy kitchen.

If you're strictly old-school as far as your burgers are concerned, Detroit's your destination. The patties are individually hand-made from the finest lean ground beef; no freezing, no pre-forming, no fillers.

The Antarases inherited the name Detroit when they bought the business in 1987. Chris, 18 and still involved in hockey at the time, took it upon himself to festoon the walls with Red Wing memorabilia. The rest is history.

And what history! Members of the Detroit Red Wings not only visit (Kris Draper's a regular), they also bring the Cup with them when they win it — which is often. Will the Leafs do likewise, if/when? Good thing the Antarases are in it for the long haul.

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But hockey players aren't the only celebrities who do Detroit. On a given day you might see Jim Cuddy, Rick Mercer, Steve Paige, Gord Downey — or anyone who knows good home cooking when they taste it.

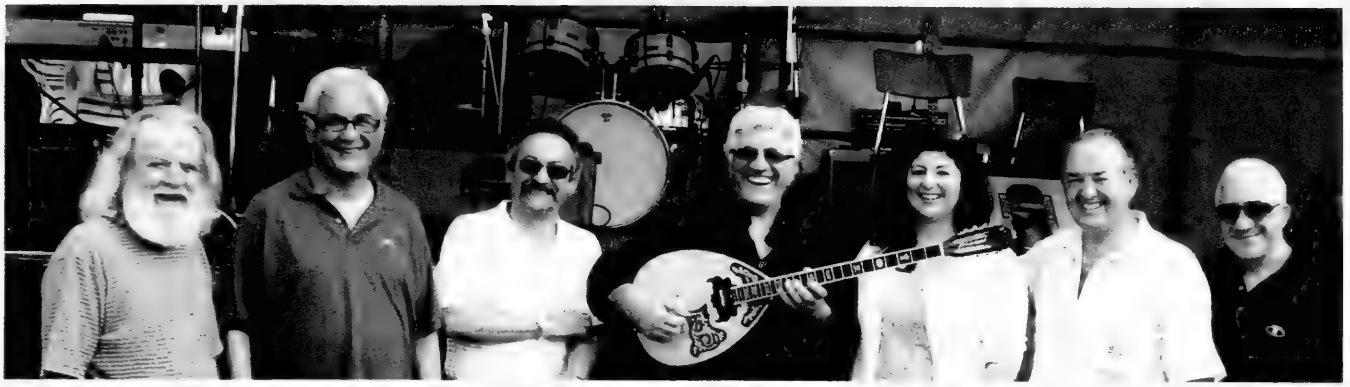
Detroit jumpstarts your day with a championship-worthy breakfast special that rivals the burgers in popularity. It's available all day long. Gargantuan sandwiches (steak, corn beef, roast beef and club) and steaming homemade soups hit the spot like a Gordie Howe slapshot. Old-school.

Open 8 am to 9 pm seven days a week and licensed, Detroit tames even the most ravenous appetites in an ambience so relaxed it's easy to forget you're in a restaurant.

There's not much more you can ask of an eatery.

Well, maybe one thing.

The next time Draper brings the Cup 'round for a visit, would you mind asking him if we can keep it for a year? We haven't seen it in ages.



Galaxy Orchestra (left to right): Ken Nitsotolis, guitar; Max Farmakidis, bass; George Ioanou, keyboards; Ken Kakoullis, bouzouki; Joanne Floropoulos, vocalist; Kosta Tsilfidis, vocalist; Chris Nikolau, drums

After 38 years, Greek bouzouki band still rocks the house

Somebody forgot to tell Galaxy Orchestra that after 38 years it's time to coast into the sunset.

How does this venerable bouzouki band keep "bringing it" like a bunch of teenagers auditioning for their first gig?

"I guess either nobody has told us to stop playing, or if they did, we haven't been listening," chuckles band founder and bouzoukist extraordinaire Ken Kakoullis.

Over the past 50 years, the traditional Greek folk music played by Galaxy and other bouzouki bands has slowly but surely made inroads into contemporary western folk music.

In part, bouzouki's growing popularity on this side of the pond stems from a unique sound that in a western-world musical context is neither folk nor rock. It occupiers an electrifying middle ground between the two genres. It's folk, but more than folk — the high-pitched exuberance of the bouzouki takes the tempo and the volume up a notch. It's rock, but never hard — the bouzouki doesn't jar the senses like an electric guitar on steroids.

There is, says Kakoullis, no other instrument that sounds quite like it, or evokes the same deep-seated feelings. It is that uniqueness — first experienced as an 11-year-old in his native Cyprus — that grabbed him and never let go.

"I heard a few minutes of it on the radio. I didn't know what it was, and when I asked my father about it, he discouraged me. He didn't like the idea of me doing the nightclub scene."

Six years later, having moved to Canada with his family, Kakoullis again heard the sweet sounds of the bouzouki calling his name. This time, he was not to be dissuaded.

The want ad read **Bouzouki for sale, $100.** "It was in terrible condition, but I had to have it," says Kakoullis. Only one problem: neither he nor his family could afford it. His father finally relented on condition that Ken save up enough to pay for it himself. In so doing, his father knew full well that with his budding bouzoukist remitting all of his earnings directly to the family piggy bank to help pay the bills, this purchase would be an impossibility. Confident that this wanton impulse would soon vanish into the ether, he greenlighted the purchase.

But where Kakoullis had a will, he found a way. After extracting a promise from the vendor to put it on layaway ("nobody else would have been dumb enough to buy it anyway"), he managed to siphon off $5 a month from his $25 earnings and give the family the remaining $20 as "full disclosure."

The rest, as they say, is history.

After two years of playing by ear and shadowing established bouzouki players, Kakoullis formed Galaxy Orchestra with a group of fellow musicians who, like him, were looking to make their way in the music world.

"Our first gig was a high school dance. We were just hoping to get through it without being pelted by rotten tomatoes," he laughs.

The audience didn't throw tomatoes, they threw roses. A band was born.

From that day forward, the phone rang off the hook. Galaxy Orchestra **rapidly became a household name** in the Greek community. If you had a dance, a wedding, or any special event that required live entertainment, Galaxy was your go-to band. Slowly but surely, their unique sound began to catch on with other ethnicities and in the general community.

A band is born: Ken Kakoullis (left) and two other members of the original Galaxy Orchestra in 1973

The years that followed saw numerous changes in personnel. Never losing sight of the teamwork that was required to stay tight both on and off the stage, Kakoullis was quick to jettison any band member who marched to his own drummer. Laying down the law was never easy, he says, but in hindsight it's the "family first" approach that has allowed the band to remain together as a going concern for almost four decades, with no sign of slowing down.

"I had my ego like any kid, he says, "but somehow I always knew that the music took priority over individual agendas. The music is the star — not us."

His ability to come to this conclusion at an early age is due in large part to the history and traditions of Greek folk music, he says. "Most of these old songs require a very specific interpretation," he says. "So there is less temptation to go off on a tangent. The best way to put your own personal stamp on them is to play with all your heart and soul, while remaining faithful to the original."

Some aspiring musicians might view that as self-limiting, but if so then they're listening to their ego, says Kakoullis.

"The bouzouki is a very pure instrument, and it's that purity of sound that first captivated me," he says. "That sound still thrills my soul, it sends chills up and down my spine even today. I always saw my job as being a conduit for that sound, to carry it to the ears of the audience. That is the beauty of bouzouki. You do not need to embellish. You let the music flow through you."

Over time, enough like-minded musicians got with the Galaxy program to form its current core group of seven. All have families or full time day jobs or both. Opportunities to go on tour have been resisted. "There's no wouldacoulda-shoulda", says Kakoullis. We're regular guys and a gal who love to make music." In that vein, Galaxy has never stopped accepting engagements to play weddings and any other special events for which their services are requested. "A lot of successful bands refuse these private engagements because they feel it's beneath them," says Kakoullis. "Each to his own, but what does that mean? Does that mean that if your music makes people happy it is beneath you to acknowledge that and honour it? We never thought so, and I hope we never will."

Despite his modesty, Galaxy's sterling reputation is a matter of record. They've played the Taste Of The Danforth every year since its inception, save last year when multiple concurrent commitments prevented them from participating. Says Dino Carambelas, longtime Artistic Director of the Taste, "in terms of Greek bouzouki bands, Galaxy's as good as they come. They are a pleasure to work with, and they play every set like there's no tomorrow."

For Kakoullis, one of the most gratifying aspects of his storied career is that for up and coming bouzouki players, there will indeed be a tomorrow thanks to his role in growing the genre. He not only gives private lessons, he has also developed a bouzouki teaching method that is in use worldwide, and maintains a workshop where he builds bouzoukis by hand.

"The bouzouki is more than a musical instrument", he rhapsodizes. "It's a living thing. It is culture — Greek culture — and it is history. My bouzouki and I are joined at the hip. I am very proud that bouzouki playing is now more popular in Canada than when I arrived, and I would like to think that in some small way I have contributed to that upcurve. When I finally lay down my bouzouki forever, I will do so in the knowledge that there are many, many talented young players to carry on the tradition."

For Kakoullis, the reverence for this ancient instrument and the music it creates clearly supersedes all other considerations. For any youngsters forming a band — not just a bouzouki band, but *any* band — he has this advice. "Nobody is bigger than the music, and there is no "I" in team. The band that plays together, stays together."

Galaxy's cohesion illustrates the benefits of a one-for-all approach, he says. "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts. We have a sound, and every member makes an integral contribution to that sound."

With close to four decades under its belt, Galaxy continues to thrill audiences at the Taste Of The Danforth and many other events and venues. They are regular guys and a gal, but after listening to their celestial sounds for a minute or an hour, you cannot help but feel that the Muse Terpsikhore has descended from heaven to touch them with her golden hand.

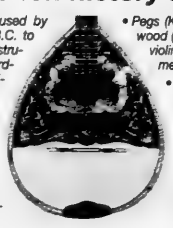
And, with gilded ears, stayed to listen.

The bouzouki in brief: history and construction

The name "tambouras" has been used by the Greeks since the fourth century B.C. to describe a series of stringed musical instruments resembling the "bouzouki", regardless of size, number of strings, fret distribution and positioning or tuning.

This series of instruments belonged to the Tamboura family based on the following similarities:

- *A small, usually pear-shaped sound box;*
- *A long, thin, straight neck;*
- *Frets that were originally adjustable, but are now customarily fittred permanently on the fret board;*



- *Pegs (Klidia) that were originally made of hardwood (ebony) and fitted similarly to those of the violin family have now been replaced by commercially made machine heads;*
- *Six strings supported by a bridge (kavalaris) and plucked with a plectum (penna) or with the fingernails. In recent years, eight-string bouzoukis have gradually supplanted the six-string version.*

The bouzouki is widely considered to be the forerunner of the lute family of instruments.

Photo courtesy of www.bouzouki.com

GREEKTOWN ON THE DANFORTH

World's flavours and aromas congregate at Tsaa

Would you travel around the world for a cup of tea? Luellie and Jonathan Ramos did.

Riding the crest of the tea renaissance that is sweeping North America, the siblings opened **Tsaa** (pronounced "chah", Filipino for tea) with a view to sharing their passion for the aromatic beverage produced from these ancient leaves.

Most of the actual travelling is done by a globetrotting tea buyer who goes direct to the farms in China, East India, Japan, and other countries where tea is cultivated. The research Luellie and Jonathan conducted before opening their shop, however, took them on a virtual journey to many parts of the planet. Convinced they could communicate their passion to others, they opened Tsaa one year ago in the heart of GreekTown with the blessing and full participation of their father Eligio and mother Luz.

Cool birch and oak tones, off-white walls and a cantilevered ceiling set the mood for a slow, soothing, sensory experience.

For the unsophisticated among us to whom a cup of tea always meant a cup of orange pekoe, the variety of new choices is eye-opening. To the tea connoisseur, our frame of reference is as limiting as defining a bouquet of wild flowers by a single petal.

How to entice and educate us? "Exposure to stimuli," says Jonathan. "We simply open the drawers of a treasure chest of hundreds of flavors that have existed for thousands of years. To those who are experiencing them for the first time, it is a revelation."

Your first visit to Tsaa may indeed result in a "tea epiphany". Having one of their hundred-odd containers of tea opened for an aroma sampling is an olfactory indulgence, and a wonderful prequel to tasting it.

To what do we owe the western world's sudden reawakening to a drink that for 5,000 years has been second only to water in worldwide consumption? The Ramos siblings attribute it to what Marshall McLuhan termed the "global village". Thanks to the internet, previously unseen far-off riches are now in plain sight. The child in us wants to reach out, touch them, taste them.

With tea, how is our curiosity rewarded?

With the realization that there's more to hot beverages than we ever dreamed.

With the gratification of a hundred new flavours and aromas to experience, in both pure and blended teas.

With new, caffeine-free options for hot days. Tsaa's Cranberry Autumn Lemonade blends black tea with orange peel, cloves, cranberry pieces and vanilla beans for a refreshing thirst-quencher with no sugary aftertaste. Their Apple Sencha is a crisp infusion of apple pieces, green tea and vanilla beans, sweetened to your taste with sugar, agave syrup or coconut palm nectar. These are but two of dozens of cooling options, served in exquisitely decadent towering flute glasses.

If the blended teas cool and refresh, however, it's the pure teas that delineate the flavor spectrum. Along with subtle differences in taste and aroma, the oxidation level increases as the colour darkens. From unoxidized white tea through yellow, green, oolong, black, and fully oxidized post-fermented tea, each step along the way opens up new vistas to your taste buds.

Though Luellie is a certified tea somellier, she says her education is by no means complete. "You could spend a lifetime studying tea and still have more to learn," she says. She looks forward to broadening her education by travelling the world to see with her own eyes and touch with her own hands the fruits of the tea harvest. Having already steeped herself in the history and culture of this ancient libation, she wants to go direct to the source.

For a full command of tea, as for languages, immersion is obviously *de rigueur*. For us neophytes merely wishing to enjoy, Tsaa is the perfect place to start.

Tsaa TEA SHOP

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Thuna's Sleeper a 123-year overnight success

It's a delightful anachronism-reminiscent of an old English apothecary shop. Fifteen hundred glass jars, each filled with a different herb or root, stacked high in orderly rows. The original creaking hardwood floor. A proprietor and manager who are all about knowledge and caring.

Established in 1888 (how's that for history?), **Thuna Herbals** is now run by Evelyn Dorfman, the granddaughter of founder Dr. Max Harriman Thuna, and herbalist Roger Lewis on the original turn-of-the-century premises at 298 Danforth Avenue.

Over the years, the Thuna family has seen the use of herbal remedies — once the *de facto* method of treatment for most medical problems — lose ground to the synthetic drugs that have flooded the marketplace.

More recently, however, the pendulum has slowly but surely begun to swing back, as more and more people seek alternatives to mainstream medicine.

One ailment they often attempt to relieve is sleeplessness. With stress levels ratcheting up both in the workplace and at home, many of us have succumbed to "busy disease" to such an extent that we no longer know any other way. A good night's sleep has become the exception rather than the rule.

Enter The Sleeper.

This completely natural, drug-free and chemical-free sleep remedy, several years in the development and formulation, has all the makings of a breakthrough product. Having undergone the most rigorous testing procedures available, it exceeds federal government minimum efficacy requirements by a whopping 860%, safety requirements by 59%. A miracle of modern science? Quite the contrary. It's the scientific product of an *ancient* science.

It is poetic justice that the product should be brought to market by Lionel Pasen, in the pioneering spirit of his father Saul Pasen and his grandfather Dr. Thuna. At 298 Danforth Avenue, the old, weather-beaten sign still proudly bears his name.

Pasen developed the formula with input from Lewis in order to serve a broader market than could reasonably be accommodated in these quaint premises. "We have the machinery and equipment to produce in large quantities the remedies my father and grandfather made up in small batches," he smiles.

"The fact that it's a pleasant-tasting liquid makes it more convenient, and the fact that it bears the federal government seal of approval makes it more palatable to the general public. But we have not reinvented their wheel. We've merely given it a modern spin. Our product is *their* product."

Available at Thuna's and a growing number of retailers, The Sleeper has received rave reviews since hitting store shelves three months ago. Says Pasen, "Each of its main components contributes positively to sleep induction, and the synergy of these components gives you a drug-free, restful night's sleep that leaves you feeling refreshed, with no after-effects or sluggishness."

Thuna's is a Toronto landmark that ties a storied past to a promising future. Yes, the Sleeper is an exciting new product. But it's rooted in the rich traditions of an immigrant Jewish herbalist whose ancient practise remains as relevant today as it was 123 years ago.

The Sleeper has its roots in the pioneering efforts of Dr. Max Harriman Thuna (top) and son Saul Pasen (middle).

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Lure of Danforth follows Roger Stefan-Wils from Café Brussel to Saucier Foods

Roger Stefan-Wils is living proof that you can take the chef out of the Danforth, but you can't take the Danforth out of the chef.

As founder and head chef of the venerable Café Brussel for 22 years, Wils developed an affinity for the Danforth neighborhood in which he worked and the clientele who came from all over Toronto and beyond to enjoy Brussel's inimitable cuisine.

Old-world approach: no shortcuts, no compromises

A decision to segue into food manufacturing was like leaving an old friend: "The hardest part was knowing I'd be interrupting relationships with customers who had become family."

A funny thing happened on the way to the factory, however. Though he moved his stock pot to an industrial location in Scarborough, he never really left the Danforth. Weekly participation in the Withrow Park Farmer's Market kept him umbilically connected to the neighbourhood, old customers and friends.

Going off like the novelist and emerging from seclusion with the world's next great chef-d'oeuvres worked in theory, but "I missed the human contact", he says. "I can't create in a vacuum."

The son of a Belgian chocolate-maker, Wils was weaned on an old-world, old-school approach: no shortcuts, no compromises. All his sauces are free of gluten, fillers, powders, MSG and preservatives. Many of his products are organic, and all of the meat and poultry used is hormone-free and antibiotic-free.

In addition to sauces, stocks and tortières, Saucier's product line includes soups, quiches, galettes, and patés.

At $7 and change, a small Saucier tortière is organic, free range, hormone-free and antibiotic-free. The taste is exquisite and the quality of the ingredients top-drawer; from a Wils kitchen you'd expect no less. But it's the sheer *quantity* of the key ingredients that strikes you.

Take the Steak And Mushroom pie, for example. Most conventional meat pies contain as little meat as the manufacturer can get away with while still calling it a "meat pie." Saucier's version is just the opposite. It's crammed with so many chunks of succulent, nourishing, free-range Grade AAA beef that you might as well be eating a small steak, with just enough gravy to achieve a creamy texture beneath a substantial flaky crust.

On balance, what you're getting for what you're paying is actually a bargain, but Wils doesn't want to overplay this. "Getting a pat on the back for giving people the quality they deserve in the first place doesn't sit right," he says. Though consumer acceptance of his products has triggered a major expansion to larger, state-of-the-art facility in Mississauga, he retains his ingrained boutique mentality.

"I've never really thought of myself as a manufacturer, and still don't. Of course at some point manufacturing implies volume, but nobody's sitting with a calculator figuring out how much we can charge per unit based on how little we can get away with including. That's not my deal. I got into this to produce the most nourishing, environmentally-friendly food I possibly can at a reasonable price. I'll sink or swim on that basis."

You wouldn't normally associate meat pies with a weight-control régime, but Wils' product has found favour not only with gourmets but also with athletes for whom high-performance food is a must. So much so that an Athlete's Performance Pack is currently in the works.

Wils' products are carried by better natural and specialty food stores across the GTA, like The Big Carrot (naturally), The Sweet Potato, and others. Visit saucierfoods.com for a complete list of products and vendors.

Organic, free range, hormone-free, antibiotic-free

The name "Saucier" is French for saucemaker. Traditionally subordinate to the Head Chef and Sous-Chef in the culinary pecking order, "the saucier is like the point guard in basketball. Without him, nothing happens," says Wils. He prefers to see himself as catalyst rather than captain.

And what of his legendary desserts? Any chance of them making an appearance in his product line?

"At the Farmer's Market only, for now. One good thing at a time."

If you've got a yen for fine food and savour the Danforth experience, who better to help you indulge it than the departing son who never really left?

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From herbalism to rock and back again: it all started on the Danforth

You'll never have a problem finding vitamins or herbal remedies on the Danforth, with its abundance of natural health stores.

And with the Taste Of The Danforth fast approaching, odds you'll hear a guitar or two (and plenty of bouzoukis).

But what are the odds of finding one person rocking both?

Lionel Pasen today: "I loved music, but I had no connections or credentials."

The original members of J.B. and the Playboys: Drummer Doug West, lead singer Allan Nicholls, rhythm guitar Andy Kaye, lead guitar Bill Hill, bass guitar Lou Atkins

Meet Lionel Pasen, President of Natural Products Consulting Corp.

No, you won't find a guitar slung across his back. Nor will you find vitamin supplements in his briefcase (well, maybe a herbal remedy or two. But that's a story for another day).

Let's take a walk with him down memory lane, and see where the worlds of nutrition and rock intersected.

Montreal, 1963. Pasen, 26, a herbal manufacturer, is doing what comes naturally for the grandson and son of three of Canada's herbalism pioneers (grandfather Dr. Max Harriman Thuna, father Saul Pasen and mother Gertrude respectively).

A hot summer afternoon at a local country club. Pasen is chatting with fellow horseback riding enthusiast and aspiring local musician Andy Kaye (aka Andurash Kajachanei).

Andy, 18, mentions that he and four other musicians have a band, *J.B. and the Playboys*, that is destined for big things — if only they can find a manager to take them to the next level.

"What level are you at now?" inquires Pasen.

Bottom line? No gigs, secondhand instruments.

"I sensed he was looking for advice, but what advice could I give him?" says Pasen. "I loved music, but I had no connections or credentials."

What he *did* have was a big, shiny black Pontiac. "He loved that car, and perhaps my wheels impressed him enough that he thought I could be a "big wheel" in music promotion," recalls Pasen.

Whatever thought processes were involved, the connection was to be serendipitous. Would Pasen be interested in managing the band, Andy wanted to know.

Flattered that anyone — even an uknown band — would see fit to offer him a managerial position based on his zero experience in the music business, Pasen gleefully agreed to audition them.

The next day, Pasen slid behind the wheel of his newly-relevant big black Pontiac and drove to Buckthorn, Quebec to hear the group perform.

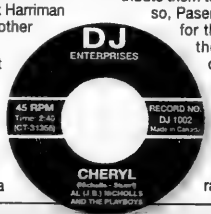
They sounded pretty good to his untrained ear. "They weren't the Beatles, but they were good enough for me to entertain the delusion that I could promote them."

Wasting no time reaching for this pie in the sky, Pasen began by cobbling together enough loose change to buy the band uniforms and better instruments.

This was huge progress. Having started with no gigs and poor instruments, the band now had the right getup, the right gear — and still no gigs.

The next step was to print up flyers and distribute them to local high schools. Having done so, Pasen crossed his fingers and waited for the phone to ring. "At that point there wasn't much more I could do except drive around to every venue, hat in hand, asking for an audition."

About two weeks later, in early November — just when making those rounds seemed a distinct possibility — the phone rang.



The conversation went something like this, according to Pasen.

CALLER: Hi there. I got your leaflet. Is your band good?

PASEN: Of course they're good. They're the best!

CALLER: We have a dance coming up November 12th.

PASEN: You mean *next* November 12th? We should be able to fit you in.

CALLER: No, *this* November 12th. Next week.

PASEN: Sorry. We're booked solid into next year.

CALLER: Oh, no! We really need a band. What is your fee?

PASEN: Five hundred dollars.

CALLER: Five hundred dollars. Are you *crazy*? Other bands charge $150 tops.

PASEN: I'm sorry, but we're not other bands. We're *J.B. and the Playboys*. We charge 500 dollars and I wish I could help you, but like I said we're booked solid.

CALLER: Look, we really need a good band. We'll pay your fee. Can't you fit us in?

PASEN: If I take your gig, I lose the other gig. Look...Give me your number and I'll call you back tomorrow. I'm not promising anything. If we can't do it, maybe I'll find you another band who can.

There was, of course, no "other band." J.B. and the Playboys had just secured their first engagement.

Fast forward many successful performances, to the spring of 1965. J.B. and the Playboys are now considered by many to be Montreal's answer to The Beatles. Recalls former Montrealer and popular musical history buff Leo Cook, now 64, "They were hot stuff. If you followed the Montreal rock scene, you knew J.B. and the Playboys."

April 23, 1965. The Rolling Stones are playing L'Aréna Maurice Richard in Montreal. And opening for the Stones is...

J.B. and the Playboys.

The band would go on to meet or work with many of the era's top bands and performers, including The Beatles, The Dave Clark Five, the Beach Boys, Herman's Hermits, and Sonny and Cher.

In 1965, they released their sole album, the self-titled *J.B. and the Playboys*, under the RCA label.

They were never again to reach those dizzying heights.

In May 1966, tired of being confused with Gary Lewis and the Playboys, they changed their name to the Jaybees. That moniker stuck until July 1967, when the band again reinvented itself as The Carnival Connection. It was to be their final incarnation.

During this three-year period, some of the original members left to pursue other musical or acting opportunities or interests, or were replaced for a variety of reasons. By late 1968 the group had disbanded.

Members of the original J.B. and the Playboys achieved varying degrees of success in the entertainment industry, perhaps none more than Nicholls, who went on to perform the lead role in Hair on Broadway.

And Pasen? He picked up his herbal manufacturing career where he'd left off. He went on to become one of the founders of the Canadian Health Food Association, on whose board he served for 38 years. At a spry 74, he continues to communicate the family teachings of healthy living as both a lecturer and consultant.

J.B. and the Playboys' first and only album, released in 1965 by RCA

His grandfather Dr. Max Harriman Thuna is long gone, but his legacy endures. Thuna Herbals at 298 Danforth Avenue, still owned and operated by his granddaughter Evelyn Dorfman, is the last remaining location of what was, at the turn of the century, Canada's first chain of herbal stores, ambitiously founded by Dr. Thuna.

Life after J.B. and the Playboys: Allan Nicholls would go on to play the lead in Hair on Broadway

The good doctor's vision of spreading the gospel of natural health nationwide was ultimately undone by a series of misfortunes stemming from "naiveté and excessive trust," says Pasen. "But to this day, his name is legendary. The children and grandchildren of those he served are still in awe of his desire and ability to heal."

Those words are, no doubt, sweet music to the soul of a Danforth pioneer.

Where it all began: original Thuna store, founded in 1888, still stands at 298 Danforth Avenue

WEEK OF MAY 14th

THIS WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST	LABEL
1	TICKET TO RIDE/FLIP	The Beatles	Capitol 5407
2	WOOLY BULLY	Sam The Sham	MGM 13322
3	SILHOUETTES	Herman's Hermits	MGM 13332
4	COUNT ME IN	Gary Lewis	Liberty 55770
5	MRS. BROWN	Herman's Hermits	MGM 13341
6	THE GAME OF LOVE	Wayne Fontana	Fontana 1509
7	REELIN' & ROCKIN'	The Dave Clark Five	Capitol 72332
*8	DANCE WITH ME	The Blendells	Reprise 0340
9	SHE'S ABOUT A MOVER	Sir Douglas Quintet	Tribe 8308
*10	HELP ME RHONDA	The Beach Boys	Capitol 5395
11	THE BARRACUDA	Alvin Cash	Barry 3338
12	IT'S NOT UNUSUAL	Tom Jones	Parrot 9737
13	WISHING WELL	The Shangri-Las	Red Bird 3329
14	TALK ABOUT LOVE	Adam Faith	Capitol 72231
15	MY DELIGHT	J.B. & The Playboys	RCA 8345
16	DO THE FREDDIE	Chubby Checker	Parkway 949

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GREEKTOWN ON THE DANFORTH

Navagio (Greek for "Shipwreck") Beach is an isolated sandy cove on Zakynthos island and one of the most famous beaches in Greece. It is notable because it is home to the wreck of the alleged smuggler ship Panagiotis; thus, it is often referred to as 'Smugglers' Cove'. At left you can see the metallic wreckage of the ship, half-buried in the sand.

Navagio is located on the north-west shore of the Ionian island of Zakynthos (Zante), in the Municipality of Elation. The area is defined by its sheer limestone cliffs, white sand beaches, and clear blue water. This strip of beach can be accessed only by boat, but you may also see it from above, standing on the high rocks that overlook it.

The half-buried ship is of recent vintage, however. In 1980 the Greek authorities, who suspected it of smuggling cigarettes and liquor, gave chase in foul weather in the open Ionian sea and ran it ashore in the cove, where it has remained ever since.

This beach one of the most photographed sites in Greece, rivalling the Acropolis of Athens and the Parthenon.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Navagio

GREEKTOWN ON THE DANFORTH

Thessaoniki, in northern Greece, is the country's second largest city and capital of Macedonia. It retained a Jewish majority for centuries and has rich Sephardic origins.

Greeks with a Taste for building something bigger than themselves

Circa 447–432 B.C., the Greeks built the Parthenon. Today, the same tradition of architectural excellence is alive and well in GreekTown, under the watchful eyes of Takis Liris, Adonis Artemakis, and their dedicated crew. The showcase of their efforts is a small, nondescript storefront at 921 Danforth Avenue.

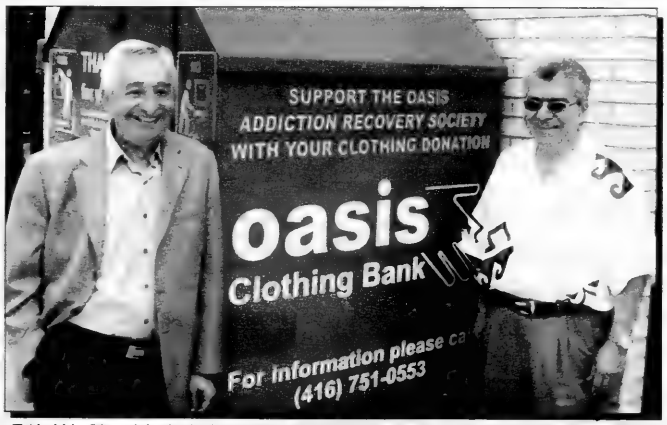
A storefront on Danforth Avenue? A showcase for architectural excellence?

No towering columns? No sculpted statues?

A different kind of architectural renaissance

If the venue seems odd, it's because this team of "architects" specializes in historical reconstruction — not of buildings, but of people. Under their direction, a team of volunteers helps those laid low by alcohol and drug addiction to rebuild their lives and self-esteem and become functioning members of society.

With financial assistance from Employment Ontario and the City of Toronto — as well as funds generated from the sale of clothing donations to the Oasis green bins throughout the GTA — the **Oasis Movement** acts as an umbrella organization for a myriad of programs designed to assist addicts every step of the way through the recovery process. There's an Employment Preparation Program, a Pre-Employment Personal Life Management Program, a Volunteer Program including participants from Toronto Social Services and the general public, a Job Development and Employment Placement Services Program, Casual Labour Placements, and the Oasis Employment Resource Centre.



Takis Liris (L) and Andonis Artemakis: providing a necessary Oasis for recovering addicts

Building is nothing new to Artemakis. A fireplug of a man, he has been instrumental in many important initiatives both inside and outside the Greek community. In 1993 he was involved in changing the name of the then Danforth Village to the current GreekTown On The Danforth. The following year, Artemakis and several other key players — including Stephane Abbat, Dr. Andy Syriopoulos, Sue Graham-Nuttier , and Saul Korman — spearheaded the creation of the Taste of the Danforth. The financial support of title sponsors Krinos Foods (1994–2008) and Pilaros International Trading (2009–2011) — plus the ongoing contributions of many others — has enabled the Taste to grow from a small festival with a first-year attendance of some 6,000 to what today is North America's largest street festival with an annual attendance in excess of one million.

Despite his key role in heightening the profile of Toronto's Greek community and its important contributions to the GTA's culture and economy, Artemakis sees the Danforth as "a multicultural community with a Greek character. The beauty of a cultural mosaic is that each culture or "tile" enhances the others," he says. "We have here a dynamic of mutual enrichment that all communities should be proud to be part of."

If the growth of the Taste makes him smile, the work he and Takis Liris are involved in at Oasis makes him positively light up. Says Liris, who founded the Oasis Movement in 1992, "To assist someone who is already on an upcurve is nice. But to help someone who's down pick himself up — now *there's* an accomplishment. We may think we know what it's like to hit rock bottom, but unless we've experienced it ourselves or seen it first-hand, we really don't know what it's like. When we can reach out to someone in that position and help him or her regain the ability to function, be gainfully employed, mend broken relationships, restore their faith — that's a success story for everybody."

The birth of an area, the Taste, a movement

Continues Artemakis, who's been involved with Oasis since 1992 in a supportive and Advisory capacity, "There's no stage here, no award presentations, no trophies. Everyone who is here is part of something bigger than themselves. People talk of "relationship building". Here, we are helping people rebuild their relationship with themself. No office tower, theatre or concert hall is a greater monument to a person's accomplishment than helping another human being get back on his feet again."

For more information on the Oasis Movement, call 416-461-7739 or visit www.oasismovement.org

GreekTown on the Danforth: Canadian heritage in the making

Alexander The Great Parkette at Danforth and Logan: a popular spot to pause, relax, and reflect

More than a tourist area, GreekTown on the Danforth is a community. In the summer, when the trees reach their full green and Toronto's restauranteurs put out their patio tables, GreekTown puts on its Mediterranean face.

Plenty to woo your senses

Here, when friends and acquaintances greet, you are as likely to hear *"Kall' imera! Ti kanis?"* as "Hi! How are you?" In the restaurants and cafés, you hear patrons converse in every language of the world.

While the music of Greek polysyllables will appeal to your ears, the most important thing is not the language, but the fact that people do greet each other. Bustling and busy as the community is, everyone — not just tourists, but everyone who lives and works here — is as liable to stroll as to hurry.

There is plenty on the Danforth to woo your senses, and make you want to slow your steps: bright color and exotic decor; the sounds of the bouzouki; the aroma of lamb souvlaki wafting from a grill; and the tastes of exotic foods. It is the restaurants above all — and the atmosphere they help create, at once lively and relaxed — which draw people from all over the city and beyond.

Many restaurants capture, in their décor, the pleasing colours and terraced style associated with the Greek islands and mountainsides. And while souvlaki is everywhere on the Danforth, its dining establishments take pride in offering the full range and flavours of Greek and other Mediterranean cuisines.

But the Danforth boasts many other fine ethnic restaurants as well. To name but a few, Japanese, Italian, and East Indian cuisine are well represented. And its cafés and dessert houses are unparalleled, both in number and quality.

GreekTown is also home to Toronto's finest natural and specialty food stores and many alternative health practi-

A solid community with solid values

tioners. And it's become a leading ashion destination, with a host of fine specialty boutiques for men, women, and children, as well as European-quality beauty salons and spas.

There is plenty of live entertainment here. At many establishments, audience participation is the rule, though after a fine, full meal, you may feel disinclined to dance on a tabletop.

There are a few other Toronto streets which are wider in actual metres, but the Danforth has an expansive feel about it which you don't find anywhere else. Majestic trees shade well-kept homes; here and there are streetside parks, where you can sit and rest your feet.

If you look closely, you see there is a solid community here. You see not only the tourists, but also the elderly and the children, as they shop, stroll or sit and chat in the cafés and parks. In the restaurants, waiters and bartenders offer everyone prompt, friendly service; there are plenty of regular guests whom they greet by name.

Nor is it just staff who do this. You will see the owners showing guests to their tables, greeting them warmly; in GreekTown, customers are family.

Also here are the institutions that belong in any healthy city neighborhood: schools, houses of worship, clubs, and community centres. People not only work here, they *live* here; and it is in great part because they keep GreekTown pleasant to live in, that it is pleasant to visit.

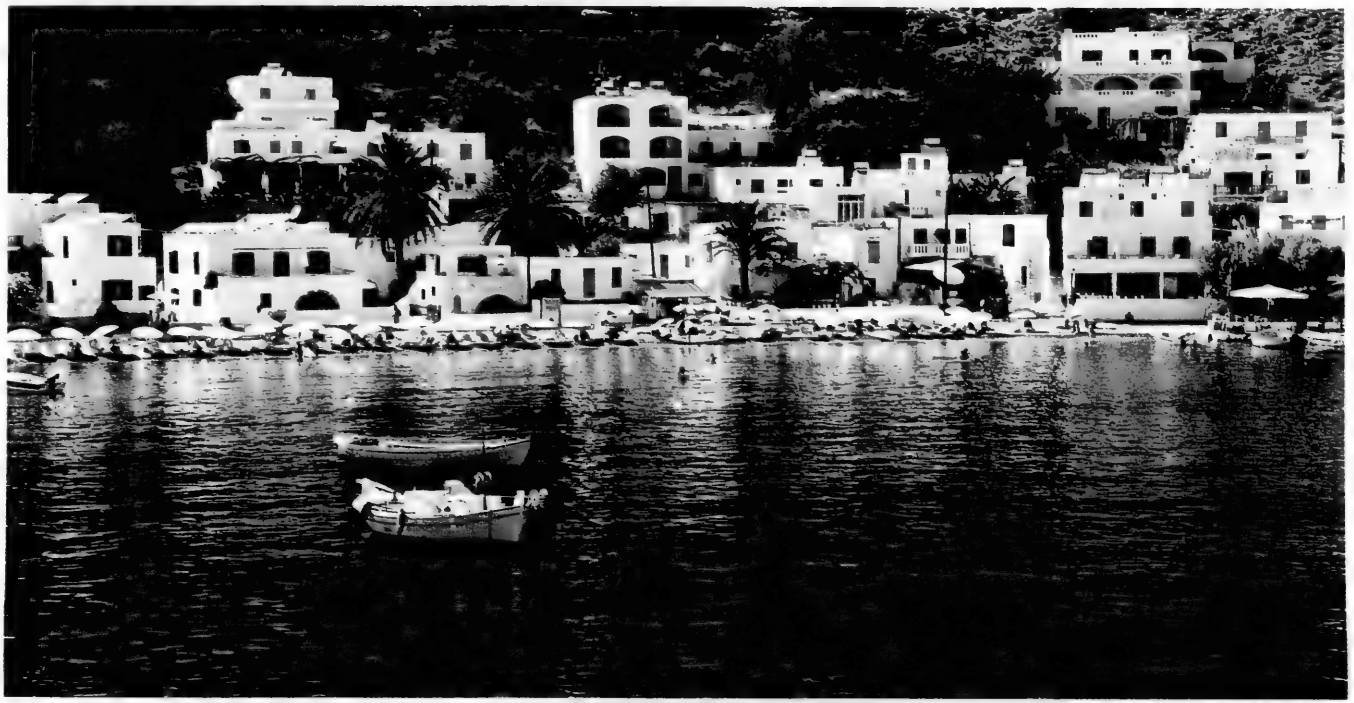
If you really want to get to know the community, chat a little with the staff members of different restaurants; you'll find that everyone knows everyone else. There is plenty of competition here, but it is friendly. To thrive, a restauranteur has to cherish the firm conviction that his or her establishment is the best; but in GreekTown, they do so without knocking the competition. If anything, the reverse is true.

It is from this wealth of restaurants that the "Taste of the Danforth" festival was born. This annual event has become so popular that GreekTown is closed to traffic for its duration. It's a great opportunity to sample the Danforth's culinary delights while enjoying its ambience, all in support of worthy charities like the Toronto East General Hospital Foundation.

While the Danforth is a community, it has never been a closed enclave. Saul Korman of Korry's Clothiers, an active member of the Jewish community, is also an enthusiastic promoter of GreekTown. Having been there for more than half a century — Korry's will soon celebrate its 60th anniversary — Korman knows the people of this community, many of whom started as dishwashers and short-order cooks in the '50's and '60's, then opened the first modest Greek restaurants in the '70's. Many of them came here seeking both prosperity and freedom; the late Andreas Papandreou (a recent Prime Minister of Greece) lived in Canada from 1969 to 1974.

Korman shares with the people who live and work on the Danforth their joy in the prosperity and freedom of Canada. If you come to GreekTown, you are breathing, hearing and tasting Canadian heritage — not in a museum, but as contemporary history in the making.

GREEKTOWN ON THE DANFORTH

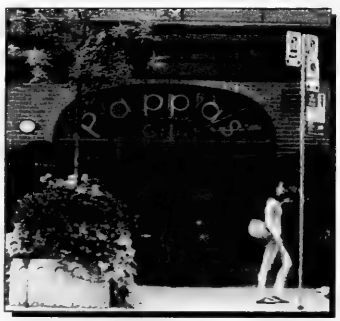


Loutro, a small, picturesque fishing village in southwestern Crete, evokes the tranquility of a simpler lifestyle. A visit to Toronto's GreekTown brings its warmth and values close to home.

Why good things happen in GreekTown

It's around this time, leading up to the Pilaros Taste of the Danforth, that some Toronto neighbourhoods not named GreekTown start exhibiting symptoms of mild discomfort. This malaise, first observed in 1994 — the year of the inaugural Taste of the Danforth — could best be termed *GreekTown Envy*.

If you're in business, it's only natural to admire the success of your competitors and attempt to emulate it. And make no mistake about it — neighbourhoods *do* compete for your shopping, dining and entertainment dollar. There are BIAs (Business Improvement Areas) all over Toronto racking their brains at this very moment in an attempt to attract you to their neighbourhood and secure your patronage.



From the Taste to ***My Big Fat Greek Wedding****, GreekTown's good mojo casts a welcoming net*

The resounding annual success of the Taste — Canada's largest street festival — speaks to GreekTown's penchant for making good things happen. It took a few big thinkers to get the ball rolling back in 1994, and it's taken plenty of sponsorship and grassroots support since then to sustain the momentum. Without the collective will of everyone involved, even the biggest of ideas goes nowhere.

Most other neighbourhoods give GreekTown its due. Those that don't — the GreekTown wannabees — will tell you that the Taste Of The Danforth could have happened anywhere.

That's not the point. The point is, it happened in GreekTown. It happened in GreekTown not only because of the energetic forward thinkers who conceived it, but also because of the fertile soil in which they planted their seed. It happened in GreekTown because the welcoming spirit of the restaurants and shops from Broadview to Jones is precisely the kind of environment that allows such an undertaking to flourish.

Street festivals are a source of food, fun, and family entertainment. When you can parlay all that into significant financial support for a community hospital (Toronto East General), you're accomplishing something special.

So, it's no accident that the Taste of the Danforth originated here. Nor is it surprising that the exuberant 2002 hit movie *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* chose to shoot some scenes here. The festive spirit of a community capable of lavishing affection on its guests — and laughing at itself — attracts positive energy. The area's increasing ethnocultural diversity and cosmopolitan flavour merely enhance its appeal.

It's a big world we live in. Whether you're five or 55, if you dropped everything right now and spent the rest of your days travelling this planet, you'd barely begin to cover it. Even if you confined your travels to a much smaller area — like Greece — you would experience a small part, at best, of its wonders.

You can't know the entire planet, but a visit to GreekTown will get you off to a running start.

In this *thouliamou*, they don't count the hours

Thouliamou. Parnosse. Livelihood. It's what most of us are lucky to have. And what most of us still complain about in our weaker moments.

The most common complaint is long hours. For many of us, 12- or 15-hour days mean overtime. For the average GreekTown restauranteur, they're standard time.

For most of us, one a.m. and unable to sleep means it's time to take a sedative. For the GreekTown restauranteur, it means it's time to serve another customer.

Long hours? Long days? These people eat long days for breakfast.

In fact, some of their days are so long, they finish up just in time to see their *children* eat breakfast.

Passing the torch is a metaphor frequently used in GreekTown. Mom and Dad or Dad and Uncle start a business, build it up, and pass the torch to their children. Here, the metaphor's doubly apt because with the hours some restauranteurs keep, that torch could well be a flashlight.

Time was, it was almost automatic for children to take up that torch. Today, less so. Times have changed. Children can now count their options because Mom and Dad didn't count their hours.

Good thing they didn't. How could they? In this business, serving food is just the tip of the iceberg. In order to be able to serve it, you have to first take inventory, buy supplies, bring them to the restaurant, and prepare them. As well as do a few other things like cleaning, washing, maintenance, linens, laundry, cutlery, payroll, hiring, paying bill after bill after bill — a triplication of your bills at home — the list goes on.

Unless you're so successful you can afford hired help for everything, you won't get it all done in eight hours. You might not get it done in ten hours. But in 12 or 15 hours, slowly slowly, you get it all done. Or enough of it to enjoy the few hours of sleep that remain — far more than the eight hours you *wouldn't* enjoy if you left all those loose ends hanging.

Times change, but values don't. Of the restaurants featured in this section, the vast majority are family businesses. Some have been passed on from parents to children, but in many of them, the parents are still active.

The inability to count can be habit-forming; many of these people don't count the *years*, let alone hours. Why should they? Why pass the torch when you're having so much fun carrying it yourself?

The children who do take up that torch — because the restaurant business is locked into their DNA — inherit not only a lifestyle but a lesson.

They learn that in this *thouliamou*, time is a relative concept. It's easier to work the hours than to count them. And it's relatively easier to work them with a relative or two working alongside you.

They learn that the 12- or 15-hour days that Mom and Dad worked — those long hours that might have deprived them of their favourite audience for a hockey game or soccer game or dance class — weren't really too many hours all. Turns out they were just the right number of hours needed to put bread on the table.

They learn that even though it's impossible not to feel enslaved by the business occasionally, it's more often liberating to discover just how much you can accomplish when you push your limits. And how much more time you had than you thought you had when less time is spent sleeping.

Most importantly, they learn that — in this *thouliamou* at least — long hours aren't the problem.

They're the *solution*.

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Community helps fight African famine

IsraAID, a co-ordinating body of Israeli and Jewish non-governmental organizations in international development and relief work, is in Africa helping in the famine-stricken regions of Kenya, Somalia and Sudan. Supported by the Jewish communities of Canada through UIA Federations Canada, IsraAID volunteers are seen here providing aid such as drinking water, food and medicine to the people of South Sudan. The humanitarian agency is now also aiding refugees fleeing the drought and fighting in Somalia. ***Please see related stories on pages 3 and 8.***

[*Photos courtesy of IsraAID*]

PM opposes Palestinian UN gambit

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Prime Minister Stephen Harper won't waver in his refusal to support any attempt by the Palestinians to unilaterally declare independence at the United Nations this fall.

"If the Palestinian Authority wants to obtain sovereignty, the way to do that is through negotiation. A unilateral declaration will ultimately be unsuccessful."

Harper made the remarks last Wednesday when he convened a "cultural media roundtable" while on a stopover in Toronto to take part in a memorial ceremony for Korean War Veterans Day.

The media event, held at a hotel near Pearson International Airport, was attended by representatives from the Jewish, Chinese, Caribbean, Greek, South Asian, Pakistani and Latino communities.

The prime minister attended a similar roundtable in August 2010.

With no set speaking notes or agenda, other than to allow the gathered media to have access to him and ask questions of importance to their readerships, Harper fielded pre-submitted questions.

Stephen Harper

The CJN was allowed two questions, both of which were sent to the prime minister's office ahead of time.

Asked whether Canada plans to speak with other UN member states prior to the anticipated Palestinian independence vote in the UN General Assembly this September, Harper told *The CJN* his government continues to push for a negotiated two-state solution.

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King Show Coming

TORONTO — Former CNN talk show stalwart Larry King is bringing his stage show to Canada this fall. King, 77, who hosted *Larry King Live* for 25 years, will tell stories from his career and take audience questions Nov. 28 at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa and Nov. 29 at Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto.

WORLD

Ban Iran, WJC Says

NEW YORK —The World Jewish Congress called on the International Olympic Committee to bar Iran from the 2012 Games until the country lets its athletes compete against Israelis. The complaint came after an Iranian swimmer, Mohammed Alirezaei, withdrew from a race in Shanghai last month in which an Israeli was participating. Although Alirezaei claimed he was "tired and drowsy," and denied political reasons, the WJC said, he used a similar excuse at the 2008 Olympics when he refused to compete in a race that included an Israeli. The WJC urged that Iran be banned from other international events, as well. The chair of Iran's national Olympic committee said last year Iranian athletes should boycott all meets that include Israelis, and in February he threatened to boycott the 2012 London Olympics over its logo, a stylized 2012 that Tehran claimed spelled Zion.

Gay Jews Marry

NEW YORK —Two elderly Jewish women were the first same-sex couple to marry in New York City. Phyllis Siegel, 77, and Connie Kopelov, 85, were married in Lower Manhattan on July 24. The couple, who've been together for 23 years, married exactly one month after Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed a measure enacted by the state legislature allowing gay marriage. Also July 24 in New York, Gregory Levin, 32, and Shane Serkiz, 33, of Queens, who have been engaged since 1999, were the first gay couple married in that borough. And at Gracie Mansion, the mayor's home, Mayor Mike Bloomberg officiated at a wedding for his adviser John Feinblatt to city Consumer Affairs Commissioner Jonathan Mintz.

Birthright Grant

NEW YORK — Philanthropists Sheldon and Miriam Adelson gave a $5-million matching grant to Taglit-Birthright Israel. The grant, announced July 25, aims to encourage new donors in an effort to move from large philanthropic grants to grassroots funding. Since 2007, the Adelsons have given more than $100 million to Birthright, which sends Jews aged 18 to 26 on free 10-day trips to Israel. Earlier this year, the Israeli government announced a three-year commitment of $100 million in matching funds for Birthright.

Vandal Gets Probation For Graffiti Spree

CALGARY — A man who spray-painted antisemitic slogans on three Jewish sites in Calgary was sentenced to 18 months probation.

Anti-Jewish graffiti and swastikas were painted on a Holocaust memorial and synagogues in November 2009.

Adam Singer

The man, who can't be named under Canadian law because he was a teenager at the time of the offences, was caught in Winnipeg in March 2010 and returned to Calgary. He was charged with inciting public hatred, as well as mischief to a place of religious worship motivated by hate – the first time that charge had been laid in Calgary.

He pleaded guilty to the charges and admitted he had been a member of a white supremacist group. During sentencing, he met with two Holocaust survivors who explained the impact of his crimes on them. His lawyer said the young man no longer belongs to any neo-Nazi groups.

In addition to probation, the man was ordered to complete 150 hours of community service.

Adam Singer, president of the Calgary Jewish Federation, told the *Calgary Herald* the sentence was fair and the judge understood the crime's seriousness.

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Community responds to African famine

Compiled by CJN Staff

UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and UIA Canada are bringing food and water to suffering populations in the Horn of Africa. The current relief efforts target Somalis who are crossing the border into Ethiopia and Kenya in order to escape the famine, the federation said in a press release.

Federation CJA in Montreal has also joined the famine relief efforts, president Jack Hasen announced last week.

"Funds collected through Canadian [Jewish] federations will be channeled through IsraAID [the Israel Forum for International Humanitarian Aid], a co-ordinating body of Israeli and Jewish non-governmental organizations active in development and relief work," Hasen said, also in a press release.

"This will provide a united Jewish response to the current crisis."

The Montreal federation said there would be no administration charges, and "100 per cent" of donations will be passed on to IsraAid.

In addition, the Canadian government has said that it will match in drought relief value the donations of individual Canadians to eligible registered Canadian charities.

IsraAID is communicating with the United Nations and government officials to determine distribution logistics and the types of food that are needed.

The United Nations has declared a state of famine in several regions of Somalia. Some analysts expect the entire Somali south to be added in two months.

Droughts, rising food prices, conflicts and other factors have left approximately 11 million people in need of assistance in Somalia and neighbouring countries, in what has been described as the worst drought and famine in decades, with crops and livestock destroyed and starvation and disease increasing. Large numbers of Somalis – approximately 2,000 a day – are fleeing to Kenya seeking food and aid.

IsraAID has also funded refugee camps in Kenya that will house approximately 40,000.

As of last week, the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto said it had provided more than $25,000 to the overall African relief effort. The federation has been a strong supporter of IsraAID, working with the non-governmental agency since 2006, raising more than $2 million in total to provide relief in areas of natural disaster including Japan, Haiti and New Orleans.

Earlier this month, the Toronto federation, in partnership with the American Jewish Committee and the government of South Sudan, sent a humanitarian aid shipment – via IsraAID – to the beleaguered newly created country. That shipment, worth some $30,000, was put together "on behalf of the Israeli and Jewish people as a goodwill gesture between both communities," the federation said in a statement. South Sudan became an independent state on July 9. Israel recognized it on July 10.

Shachar Zahavi, founding director of IsraAID, said he wants Africans to know Israel is a friend.

"It is our mission, consistent with Jewish values, to reach out to our new friends in any way we can," Zahavi said in a July 11 statement.

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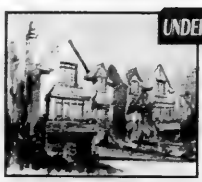
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It is my abiding belief that the Stratford Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ont., is one of Canada's greatest "natural" resources. I mean "natural" of course in the sense of natural abilities and as a tribute to the individual skill, collective resolve and sheer hard work of the many hundreds of people – onstage and backstage – who, together, comprise the festival.

The Stratford Festival is the largest repertory company in the world. Each year, it gives us the opportunity to travel to lands far away and times long ago, to revel in exotic places and witness historic events, to meet men of distinction and marvel at women of valour.

And wherever the journey, whatever the play, the festival gives us the additional opportunity to explore the terra incognita of our inner selves. The plays entertain us, to be sure. But they also make us think hard and reflect upon the state of the world and of our lives within it. Even if we are familiar with the plays, we discover new nuggets of insight each time we see them presented in fresh light.

For example, *Camelot*, the famous play by Lerner and Loewe, is a stunning pageant of music and drama. Ostensibly, it tells a story, and movingly so, of a love triangle between the sage King Arthur, the beautiful Guenevere and the dashing Lancelot. But at its intellectual core is a deliberation about honour, justice and the rule of law.

Camelot, the place, is also Camelot the idea, the embodiment of the ideal society. "Once there was a fleeting wish of glory called Camelot," King Arthur laments toward the end of the play. But then recovering his emotional equilibrium, he proudly reminds the audience as well as himself of "one brief shining moment that was known as Camelot. At Camelot we quested for right, honour and justice."

It is nearly impossible to overstate the soaring quality and artistic force of the production. The key roles are impressively executed. Geraint Wyn Davies is a very sympathetic King Arthur. His performance combines a complex, effective mix of humility and vulnerability with a sense of history and purpose. "I am a king, not a man," he commandingly, if ruefully proclaims, with the aching awareness of the full implications of the statement.

Brent Carver, true to his usual mastery, is creative, moving and always comforting in the double role of Merlyn and Pellinore.

Kaylee Harwood plays Guenevere with bite and strength, earnest, saucy, determined and understanding. She has a smooth, lovely voice. Her interplay with King Arthur is loaded with chemistry. There is constant connection between them.

Camelot is a spectacular production. Gary Griffin's direction and Warren Carlyle's choreography soar, as do the feelings and emotions of the viewer at the final curtain.

Geraint Wyn Davies as King Arthur in *Camelot* *[David Hou photo]*

The Grapes of Wrath is a stark, doleful tale of the exploitation and oppression of human beings during the harsh poverty of the Depression in the United States. Adapted for the stage by Frank Galati from the provocative novel by John Steinbeck, the play strikes constantly at our consciences and at our hearts.

The Joad family, like so many other families of their times, lose their farm and home and head west to what they dream will be prosperity and dignity in California. But their dream shatters like thin slate thrown against the pavement. The play ends, alas, without the suggestion that even some of the splintered shards eventually piece together.

Janet Wright is commanding as Ma Joad, trying valiantly but in vain to keep the family together. Evan Builung executes the role of Tom Joad, one of the sons, a man of volcanic temperament but profound empathy, deftly and with nuance. Chilina Kennedy plays Rose of Sharon Joad, the daughter, with the robust control of her emotions that the demanding role requires.

The play and the players convincingly evoke the misery of the migrants, the sorrowful lot of the unwanted and the distress of the downtrodden. Some in the audience were heard sobbing at the end of the play.

It is unfair, of course, to single out some performances when so many were praiseworthy. The Stratford Shakespeare Festival is primarily about theatre and the cornucopia of pleasures to which it always treats us. But we know that the benefit we receive is far more than "simply" excellent entertainment.

–MBD

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ISRAELI PARENTS STAGE 'STROLLER PROTEST'

Social policy protests widened last week in Israel as thousands of parents across the country staged a stroller march to protest the high costs of raising children in Israel. The main protest was held in Tel Aviv, but similar rallies and marches were conducted in other cities, including Rehovot, Kfar Saba, Ashdod, Haifa and Be'er Sheva. *[Israel Sun photo]*

Muslim prayer opponents promise further protests

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

An estimated 150 demonstrators gathered outside the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) headquarters last week to protest the accommodation of Muslim prayers in a public school, but one of the protest organizers is promising to ratchet up the demonstrations once the school year begins in September.

Ron Banerjee, director of Canadian Hindu Advocacy, said, "We'll picket in front of the school when they begin praying. Let's see how much praying they can do with our loudspeakers and hundreds of people there. We want to make it clear we don't approve of prayer and gender apartheid inside the school. If our loudness disrupts their prayers, then so be it."

Canadian Hindu Advocacy has joined with the Jewish Defense League (JDL) and the Christian Heritage Party to protest the TDSB policy of permitting Muslim students at Valley Park Middle School to leave class and gather inside the school cafeteria for Friday prayers led by a local imam. A further protest is set for next week.

Banerjee said these Hindu, Jewish and Christian groups have joined forces "to work together to fight this and to fight the Islamization of our society as a whole." He pointed to the accommodation of Muslim prayers and the "gender apartheid" in which girls sit behind the boys during prayers while menstruating girls are seated at the back of the "mosqueteria."

Responding to complaints over the use of school facilities to accommodate Muslim prayers, the TDSB released a statement saying it "takes reasonable steps to provide accommodation to members of religious groups who state that the board's operations or requirements interfere with their ability to exercise their religious beliefs and practices.

"In the case of Valley Park, the school is not teaching the 'religious practice.' Rather it is accommodating the religious and spiritual needs of the students as many other schools do around the country for a number of different faith communities. Providing this religious accommodation does not violate any Board policies since the service is not a Board or school activity," the TDSB stated.

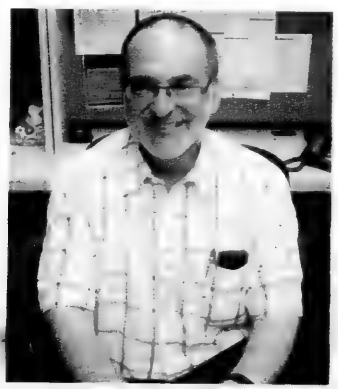
"There have been concerns expressed that the practice of Islam separates individuals by gender. We do not have the authority to tell faith groups how to pray. The division of the sexes, which occurs during the service, is a part of the Islamic faith. Students who participate in the prayer services do so voluntarily and with parental permission and no one is obligated to participate."

The Toronto wing of the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA) issued a statement supporting the accommodation of Muslim prayers. "School space for prayer on a voluntary, extra-curricular basis, is included in the principle of religious accommodation which Ontario school boards are required to honour under Ministry of Education guidelines," CIJA stated. "Reasonable religious accommodation, which is enshrined in human rights legislation across the country, benefits all faith communities, including the Jewish community. The absence of reasonable religious accommodation would negatively affect Jewish students and those of other faiths. School boards should closely monitor religious accommodation activities taking place on their property and all such activities should be consistent with the values of the board."

Expanding on that position, Howard English, vice-president of the Greater Toronto region of CIJA, said reasonable religious accommodation "benefits the Jewish community tremendously. It allows for absences on religious holidays and for voluntary extra-curricular Jewish heritage programs in schools as well."

However, English added the TDSB "has the responsibility to monitor any kind of extra-curricular activities." He suggested that it might require having an Arabic-speaker observe the prayers.

JDL director Meir Weinstein said the organization's primary concern is that radical Islamic groups that "advocate political Islam" support the prayer sessions. Pointing to instances of Muslim leaders who attack Jews during prayers, he said, "If I was a student today and if Muslim prayers were said today, and how they are about Jews, I'd be more than uncomfortable. It would be outrageous."



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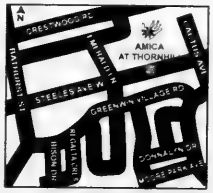

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Torontonian co-founds kindergarten in Ramla

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

As part of a class assignment five years ago, Lianne Merkur wrote a business plan for a school serving Jewish and Arab children in Israel.

The Toronto native's vision – tweaked and fine-tuned – is now on its way to becoming reality.

Merkur, 23, is co-founding a kindergarten with her 29-year-old boyfriend and business partner, Jalil Dabit, a Christian Arab community youth advocate, in Ramla, Israel. The Circle School (www.circle-school.org.il) will serve three- to five-year-olds.

The couple's partnership is "really unusual," Merkur said in an interview during a trip home to visit family this spring. "We both come from a place where we wanted to understand other cultures. We actually live by what we want to teach at the school: no bias, no prejudice, no judgment."

Merkur, who recently completed her BA in conflict resolution, spent six months in Ramla as part of a program for Jewish youth in the Diaspora. She wasn't familiar with the city, and at first thought she was being sent to the Palestinian city of Ramallah in the West Bank, she said.

She was immediately taken with the beauty of Ramla – which is 15 minutes from Tel Aviv, and 30 from Jerusalem – and its Old City buildings dating back to the Ottoman Empire. However, she noted, the community is struggling socio-economically.

As well, she added, neighbourhoods and schools tend to be ethnically segregated and students don't mix much with their peers from other groups.

A mid-sized city with a population of about 70,000, Ramla has a majority of Jewish residents and an Arab population of about 20 per cent.

"I think education is the best way to overcome stereotypes," Merkur said. "If you don't integrate people, they can't understand each other."

Merkur, who attended Jewish day schools as a youngster, said that, as the child of an Israeli mother and a Canadian-born father, she grew up with a dual identity and looks to Canada as a model of pluralism.

What distinguishes the Circle School from other multicultural schools in Israel, Merkur believes, is that others emphasize Jewish-Arab relations. "I feel if you put a label on it, you're emphasizing the difference, and saying this is the problem."

As well, she noted, there are other divisions in Israeli society, such as those between immigrants and sabras. "This is a school for everybody."

With a team of volunteers – including Merkur's father, who is on her board – she is preparing for a September 2012 opening and looking for supporters who will subsidize the school. Although tuition costs will be comparable to those in government-supported schools in Israel, she expects that many of the students will come from low-income families and will need subsidies.

In the spring, her team began writing grant applications. They are working with several organizations to secure a location as well as logistic and financial support in starting the school.

While in Toronto, Merkur visited schools here to see how they teach pluralism, met with a representative of the City of Vaughan, which is twinned with Ramla, and organized a parlour meeting to kickstart a cultural exchange between Vaughan and Ramla – a project she is still working on.

Beth Din issues advisory on inappropriate touching

Compiled by CJN Staff

A historic advisory issued earlier this summer by Montreal's Beth Din of the Vaad Ha'ir that parents should teach their kids about inappropriate touching was praised by some for bringing a usually taboo issue out in the open, but criticized by others for not going far enough.

Issued before camp season, the rabbinical court advised parents to tell their children that it's an obligation to report such touching – no matter by whom – to a parent or rabbi.

But critics said it didn't go far enough and that such incidents should also be reported to authorities such as youth protection officials and police.

Rabbi Chaim Strauchler, of Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, thinks the advisory, as well as statements by Orthodox groups Agudath Israel of America and the Rabbinical Council of America (RCA), are a step in the right direction. "Before, rabbis pretended this didn't exist in our community."

He also noted that "they make no statement at all saying that authorities should not be called in when appropriate.

"You have to make sure there is a degree of clarity [about what the allegation actually is] before you destroy a person's career."

At the same time, he said, not going to the authorities could "destroy children's lives in terrible ways."

Earlier this summer, U.S. sex abuse expert Amy Neustein said sex abuse in the haredi community continues to be swept under the rug, with individuals who dare to go outside its confines to report it invariably ostracized or even banished.

But the Montreal advisory was also described as an unprecedented first step on the part of the haredi community to at least officially recognize that sex abuse does exist among its own and that the community had a duty to address it.

Rabbi Saul Emanuel, the Vaad Ha'ir's executive director, defended the advisory by reportedly saying its intent was not to tell people what they "should do," only that victims should not remain silent.

Meanwhile, the two American Orthodox bodies released statements attempting to clarify their positions on reporting child abuse.

Agudath Israel and the RCA were responding to what the former called "misleading claims about our stance on reporting suspected child abusers to law enforcement agencies."

The statements come in the wake of criticism over comments by a leading U.S. rabbi, Shmuel Kamenetsky, that abuse should be reported to rabbis rather than police. Rabbi Kamenetsky is vice-president of Agudah's Supreme Council of Rabbinic Sages.

In its statement, Agudah referred to rabbinic arguments that authorities should be notified when a certain threshold of evidence is met, but "where the circumstances of the case do not rise to threshold level… the matter should not be reported to authorities."

However, in order to distinguish whether the threshold has been met, the statement continued, "the individual shouldn't rely exclusively on their own judgment … rather, he should present the facts to a Rabbi."

Survivors for Justice, an advocacy, educational and support organization for survivors of sexual abuse and their families from the Orthodox world, described the comments as "dangerous," and urged Agudah to issue a retraction.

The RCA in its statement said that "Consistent with Torah obligations, if one becomes aware of an instance of child abuse or endangerment, one is obligated to refer the matter to the secular authorities immediately, as the prohibition of *mesirah* (i.e., referring an allegation against a fellow Jew to government authority) does not apply in such a case."

It also says that "As always where the facts are uncertain, one should use common sense and consultations with experts, both lay and rabbinic, to determine how and when to report such matters to the authorities."

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Aid mission defined

Last week, the United Nations officially declared that the southern Somali regions of Bakool and Lower Shabelle are in the throes of famine. Officials estimate that more than 11 million people are at risk in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia. The UN believes that tens of thousands of east Africans, mostly the frail elderly and infants, have already died in Somalia.

The hot, dry winds of drought and famine are a devastating misery of deprivation and death. But adding murder to this sorrowful human equation are the Islamist rebels of Somalia, the most dangerous of whom is the Al Qaeda-linked group called al-Shabab.

Al-Shabab believes, as religious doctrine, that it is preferable to starve than to accept aid from the West. That they do not restrict the application of their religious orthodoxy to themselves alone, but choose to impose it murderously on others is a testament to their obsessive concern for doctrinal purity and to their utter lack of concern for the lives of others.

The group has already reportedly killed many trying to escape the famine to camps in Kenya or Ethiopia. In addition, they are preventing aid from reaching the starving in southern Somalia. The UN says more than two million people there are beyond the reach of aid workers because of the interference of al-Shabab and other Islamist militants.

To its credit, the government of Canada is raising relief funds to help the starving in eastern Africa. It is also encouraging all Canadians to offer assistance by promising to match every penny raised. Minister of International Cooperation Beverley Oda, visited the refugee camps last week and then announced the creation of the East Africa Drought Relief Fund to channel foreign aid there.

The Jewish community of Canada is also engaged in relief efforts for the stricken individuals of east Africans. IsraAID, a co-ordinating body of Israeli and Jewish non-governmental organizations, has been on the ground in newly independent South Sudan helping distribute humanitarian aid supplies. Now the group is also working with fleeing Somali refugees.

IsraAID receives funds from Canadian Jewish communities as represented through UIA Federations Canada. (See the related story in this edition.) Shahar Zahavi, the founding director of IsraAID succinctly explained the urgent response by Jewish communities to the famine in east Africa. "It is our mission, consistent with Jewish values, to reach out."

In stark contrast, Al Qaeda has defined its particular mission in east Africa, too. They are committed to preventing western (non-Muslim) aid to the people of east Africa, who are, it must be pointed out, mostly Muslim, even if it means killing the starving before they can eat or drink.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

Rabbi Leslie Alexander, a 31-year-old Californian, became the first female rabbi to serve a major Conservative U.S. shul when she became assistant rabbi of Congregation Adat Ari El of North Hollywood, a synagoue with more than 1,000 members. A fifth-generation rabbi, she was ordained by the Reform movement in 1983 and had started Conservative training when she was appointed.

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Propaganda ploy gone awry

Khaled Mouammar, national president of the Canadian Arab Federation, has said that Israel is deliberately blockading Gaza "to keep the population at a near starvation level," which is a "crime against humanity." What an outrageous accusation, given that Israel supplies the essential needs of the Palestinian inhabitants of the Gaza Strip on a daily basis over land borders. In fact, every two days, Israel ships to Gaza by truck 26 times the amount of aid on the entire "Freedom Flotilla II." Furthermore, a UN commission has found that Israel's blockade of Hamas-ruled Gaza is legal and that the May 2010 flotilla raid by Israel was justified. Israel is forced into maintaining the blockade in order to prevent arms from reaching Hamas, the ruler of Gaza, which is sworn to Israel's destruction.

Mathilde Redmatn, deputy director of the Red Cross in the Gaza Strip, has stated categorically that "there is no humanitarian crisis in Gaza." Therefore, it was not entirely surprising to learn that some participants of the 2011 flotilla have publicly admitted that its real objective was to break the Israeli naval blockade of Gaza, goad the Israeli military into action and embarrass Israel in the eyes of the world, thereby indirectly increasing worldwide antisemitism. The good news is that the decision by Greek authorities to prevent the flotilla from sailing, including the "Canadian Boat to Gaza," makes it little more than a torpedoed publicity stunt and Palestinian propaganda ploy gone awry.

Ralph Schleichkorn
Montreal

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Israeli anti-boycott law

This is in response to Shimon Fogel's "concern" that "the recent [anti-boycott] legislation [enacted in Israel] may provide fodder for those challenging Israel's commitment to democratic principles and values" ("From left to right, North American Jews are criticizing Israeli anti-boycott law," cjnews.com, July 28). Another publication has noted that the U.S. House of Representatives foreign affairs committee has endorsed a bill that would make permanent the ban against participation in the Arab League boycott of Israel. The original U.S. law, passed in 1977, lapsed in 1994 but has since been extended by executive order, meaning at the direction of the president of United States. If legislating against the delegitimation of Israel passes the lofty democratic standards of the U.S. president and the Israeli Knesset, why not the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy, 2.0?

Charles Bybelezer
Montreal

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Need distance from Beck, too

Regarding "Jewish leaders reject Norway killer's pro-Zionism" (July 28), Jewish leaders have wisely chosen to distance themselves from Behring Breivik regardless of his Zionist views. Too bad they can't do the same for others who, despite thefr pro-Israel stance, spew out other forms of racist and inappropriate rhetoric, such as the talk-show host Glenn Beck, who has, most recently, equated the youth camp in Norway to Nazi Germany's Hitler youth. Beck has been elevated to rock star status in the Jewish community, solely due to his extreme Christian fundamentalist beliefs with regard to the protection of Israel. He is an embarrassment to most Jews who value constructive discourse. Can we not find a more rational, sane Christian to champion our cause?

Barbara Sklar
Toronto

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Temple Har Zion reunion

Temple Har Zion is about to celebrate its 40th anniversary, beginning with a reunion and nostalgic Shabbat service. We are looking for former Temple Har Zion members, teachers, and staff, to invite them to our upcoming events. If this is you, or someone you know, please e-mail us at 40threunion@templeharzion.com with contact information.

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Jewish power and Jewish loss

— *Meditations on Leiby Kletzky's murder* —

By Rabbi Chaim Strauchler

On Thursday, July 21, I attended a press conference announcing the passing of a bill, C-442, a private member's bill passed on the final day of the last Parliament that created a National Holocaust Memorial in Ottawa.

I learned that Canada has the third-largest population of Holocaust survivors in the world, yet it's the last of the western nations that fought on the side of the Allies to erect a national Holocaust memorial.

As a Canadian Jewish community, we are committed to make sure the world will "never forget" the events of the Holocaust. We are familiar with the slogan "Never Again." We derive from the Holocaust important lessons for how we are to live our lives.

We have created an implicit narrative around the Holocaust that allows us to understand it – to live with it. The Nazi ideology was an outgrowth of historical antisemitism. The Nazis rose to ever-greater power because those who could have stopped them were silent and complicit. We – the Jewish people – were the victims of the most terrible crime in human history. With this understanding of events, we derive lessons for the future.

We must confront hate, we must defend all victims of bias crime, we must remain committed to fellow Jews, no matter where they are in the world, and we must support the State of Israel.

The ability to say "Never Again" – to proudly say we will never forget – gives us a sense of purpose and a sense of power. We have control over our destiny. If we do things right – if we are vigilant – we can make sure that such bad things will never happen again. We can do it.

This is a Jewish response. Our tradition contains a mechanism for such an assertion of self-control over one's destiny. It is called a vow.

"If a person will take a vow to God or swear an oath to establish a prohibition upon himself, he shall not desecrate his word; according to whatever comes from his mouth shall he do." (Numbers 30:3)

The Torah gives humankind the power to create *nedarim* (oaths) to bind themselves to their commitments.

Yet, in the yearly cycle of Jewish life, we only come across vows once. We all know about *Kol Nidre* – right before the onset of Yom Kippur, we annul our vows. On the holiest day of the year, we do not affirm and stand behind our commitments. We rather run from them. We seem to violate the spirit of the verse cited above.

Why do we give ourselves these outs? Why don't we just do what we say, as the Torah instructs?

This Israel Sun file photo of two women recalling friends who were killed by terrorists poignantly depicts the author's statement: *"We sit silently in the face of loss."*

This can only be answered with one classic Jewish expression, "Man proposes, but God disposes."

Kol Nidre expresses the Jewish understanding of human dreams and aspirations. We try, but no matter what our commitments, it isn't totally in our hands. We don't really have control. We can make *nedarim* – we can shout great slogans – but we can't always come through.

Why do we say *Kol Nidre* right before Yom Kippur? To acknowledge the human condition upon which the entire day is built. We don't have control. We don't have the power to protect ourselves from evil. We try and we try very hard, but we must acknowledge that a *neder* can only go so far. A slogan is only a bunch of words.

My children ask me, "Abba, can you make sure that the monsters under my bed won't hurt me?" "Abba when are you coming home?" "Abba, promise me you will always protect me?" I am sure your children and grandchildren ask you similar things. We answer them with *nedarim* –promises – that we really intend to keep at the very deepest part of our being, but we know that fate does not always give us the privilege to see these commitments through.

We are at our core powerless in the face of our human fragility and mortality. And nothing in the human condition hurts more than this.

I think we all felt this feeling recently.

On July 11, an eight-year-old boy named Leiby Kletzky went missing in Brooklyn, N.Y. Who among us who heard of his disappearance did not pray for that boy? Who did not imagine themselves as the young mother and father who allowed their little boy to walk home by himself for the first time? Who among us did not feel uncontrolled anger when we heard of the ghastly scene when the police entered the home of Levi Aron? Can anyone tell us why this happened? Can we blame this on antisemitism? Can we say never again?

We have no ability to legislate or protect against this type of cruelty. No set of laws mandating videotaping street corners can protect us from a corrupt and evil heart. No racist antisemite did this horrific crime. We as Jews have it in our gene pool and in ourselves just as much as anyone else.

There is something so humbling, so disconcerting, so sad in this quality of being human – the simple knowledge of evil. We come face to face with our powerlessness. We cannot help but acknowledge our fallibility and mortality. For all our science – we know so much about the world – we know so little about ourselves and why we do such terrible things.

We are left without a coherent story with which we can process these events. It makes no sense. What human power can we exert that will give us the confidence that our children are safe? We are inextricably left in the state of mourning.

Mourning. Silent and befuddled mourning.

It is here that we turn to our tradition.

It is this experience of loss that typifies one element of the historical Jewish experience. It is this period of the year – often referred to in Hebrew as *bein hametzarim* or in English as the Three Weeks – in which we, as a people, delve into communal mourning. We contemplate the great tragedies of our history: the destruction of the Holy Temple, the Crusades, the Spanish Expulsion, the Chelminski massacres, Kishinev pogroms, and, of course, the Holocaust. In Judaism, one word embodies this mourning: *eicha*. It is translated as "how," and it is never answered. We don't attempt to reach for a logical explanation. It is impossible. It is unanswerable. Everything is insufficient. If you look at our tradition, we don't seek for grand theories. We don't even blame the Romans for the destruction of the Temple. We are left with the humbling experience of not knowing.

We sit silently in the face of loss.

Let's leave behind our pretentious slogans for these few weeks. Let's recognize the absence of control, the flimsiness of our vows – our *nedarim*. The time to dream will come again. The time to build again will follow, but now, for these few weeks, let us look at our humanity. Let us look at the evil in the human soul, and, quietly, let us drink the mournful silence.

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Some lessons from Tisha b'Av

Twitter notice regarding Tisha b'Av: at only 140 characters, can it carry the weight of this awe-filled day?

"Temple in flames exile east temple in flames exile west exile end sepharad destination unknown european jews gone on 9 av remembr us remembr us"

It's a heavy day, made more poignant when August sun is shining. By trying to reduce it to something imaginable, maybe the Twitter message in its starkness captures some of the agony.

Jean M. Gerber

in Vancouver

There are no photographs of the Temple in flames, but there are reminders everywhere in Jerusalem. Imagine the young woman in the cellar of what we now call the Burnt House. Was she hiding from the flames and the shouts of marauding soldiers upstairs? Had she tried to escape as the brutal sword of a Roman soldier cut her life off, leaving us to find, 2,000 years later, her slender arm bone still lying on the stairs?

How ironic that, some 600 years before, the prophet had written, "If I forget thee, oh Jerusalem, let my right hand wither." Indeed her bone, surrounded with ash, captures some of the physicality of the day. It keeps us from forgetting.

The destruction of the Temple Mount was so torrid that the stones, we're told, literally exploded from the walls of the mount and blasted their way down into the Tyropean Valley below. There they lie today.

No wonder the ninth of Av is a fast day. I admit that I'm very poor at the exercise. Once a year is all I can manage. In Israel, oddly, I had no problem, since all around are reminders of grim, repeated, destructions. The Burnt House is only one of many in which blackened stones carry the smear of those terrible fires. The stones that erupted from the walls are another.

In fact, it's the historical record that most attracts me, rather than the book of Laments, Eicha. And that record is a very mixed bag. For historical fact, I went back to some of my history books, such as Salo Baron's magisterial *Social and Political History of the Jews*. The story he tells of the Second Temple period is not at all attractive.

For instance: as Roman legions surrounded Jerusalem, Jewish factions within the city were quarrelling among themselves. One faction even had two opponents executed, practically as the legions were trundling up their catapults! It was a classic case of divided we fall and, of course, fall they did.

For historical aggadah, the famous story of the priests casting the keys of the Temple up to heaven probably never happened – who would have had time in that confusion of screams and blood to think of such a symbolic act? In the crowded streets of the cramped city, no one had time for anything but escape – some through the underground tunnels that led out beyond the walls to live three years longer at hilltop refuges such as Herodian and Masada. (Irony: Herod had built them as refuges should the many who hated him ever force him to flee Jerusalem.)

Others, such as Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai, saw the futility of the fight and managed to escape. Again, the story of his prophecy to Titus that he would soon be emperor and his plea for "Yavneh and its scholars" is non-historic, since at the time, Yavneh was a pagan city not exactly rife with Jewish scholars.

But here history and collective memory can collide without damage.

Why should we not bewail the destruction and fratricide and at the same time realize the lessons behind the stories? The abandonment of the Temple by the priests can remind us that many had lived comfortably with the Roman ruling class. Indeed, they had, in the later years, bought and sold the office of high priest – not a worthy enterprise.

And just as surely, by creating a structure of rabbinic law to replace temple worship, Yavneh and its scholars began the salvation of Judaism. When we today say "Torah-true Judaism," we do a disservice to the actuality of the Judaism we practice. It's not the Jewish practice found in the Torah, but rabbinic Judaism, built over centuries by scholars who distilled from the materials of the Torah the edifice we now call Judaism.

It has long outlasted the temples.

Let's look at 'excellence' in different ways

School's out, so it seems appropriate to reconsider our pedagogical expectations. What do we as parents and educators want and what do students want to get out of school, aside from wanting to get out of school?

There's been a big push in higher education circles toward attaining a standard of "excellence." It's in guidelines and brochures, curriculum development resources, grant criteria and guidelines for funding. The word itself has become clichéd and even distorted. Everyone is using the word excellence as though we all subscribe to the same concept and understand it in an identical fashion. But that's a naïve approach for educators to take.

There are many paths to excellence and diverse forms and formats for exhibiting and promoting this quality of excelling. To excel is to surpass others, and even one's own previous standard performance. It's to act with distinction or produce something that's clearly superior to others. To receive this commendation is to be seen as worthy of merit and distinction, acknowledged as standing above the rest of the group. Outstanding!

But is getting an A on a paper or in a course the only arena of excellence that we have?

At one of Concordia's recent convocations, the valedictory address was given by a man whose excellence came via a unique path. He told the audience that up until 15 minutes earlier, he had only managed to graduate elementary school. Somewhere along the way, he found himself – without a high school diploma – at Concordia's door. Within five years, he managed to get himself a BA. Everyone in the audience could see that the man had excelled, yet we didn't know his grades.

His message to his graduating classmates was quite refreshing. He didn't push the "I did it, so you can too" motif of success. Rather, he claimed that no one can succeed by themselves. He asked his contemporaries to think about how many people had helped them and how they truly shared their own success with others. He thanked the teachers whom he felt were responsible for his effective time in school. He also had some wonderful and emotional words of appreciation for his family.

The address was given during ceremonies that emphasize and concretize a university's love affair with academic merit. All sorts of awards for high grade point averages are given out and acknowledged at these proceedings. In this context, his particular address gained impact.

Don't get me wrong. I think it's very important for academic merit to be rewarded. Moreover, I think it's particularly vital that academic grades mean something. In other words, I only give an A to a truly excellent paper. Grades are to be used accurately in academic circumstances. But there are other occasions when we're called upon to evaluate students and subordinates, and we shouldn't neglect to see the excellence before our eyes.

Norma Baumel Joseph

in Montreal

Concordia students who voted for their valedictorian were right on the mark.

I wonder how often that kind of success is acknowledged and how many other stories we miss. (Magazines would not rate this highly in their university evaluations.)

What about the single parent who manages to go to school and get a degree? Is there no place for rewarding the excellence in that dedication? Do we recognize the quiet commitment of the teacher who sits with students after hours? Helping students takes tremendous effort, long hours and great energy, and it's not counted in our workloads, or our paycheques.

Some schools have awards for excellent teachers, but only some are recognized, and often the quieter ones are missed. What about staff who are always ready to help with those menial jobs, without which we wouldn't find a pencil, paper or room number. They know who they are, but do you? There are so many levels of true excellence, of people working at their tasks with superior efforts and abilities.

I'm not claiming that everyone is excellent – that makes the concept useless. Quite the opposite. I want to use the word in more than one way – carefully and appropriately.

Excellence is to be desired, admired and rewarded. It's achieved by all sorts of people and found in all sorts of places.

Holocaust 101 at Yad Vashem

Sheldon Kirshner in Jerusalem

What were the antecedents of Nazi racial ideology? Who gave the order to systematically murder the Jews of Europe? When did the Allies find out about the Holocaust and what did they do to counter it? Why did they not bomb Auschwitz or the railway lines leading there?

Considered among the key questions of Holocaust historiography today, they were addressed by top-flight scholars at Yad Vashem's International School for Holocaust Studies last month. The lectures were delivered to Canadian journalists invited to Israel by the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem.

Robert Wistrich, a professor of modern European and Jewish history at the Hebrew University, spoke on the roots of Nazi ideology.

Focusing on its chief ideologue, Adolf Hitler, Wistrich began by saying he imposed his outlook on the Nazi movement. Hitler's goal of building an ethnically homogeneous society in Germany was formed by his experiences in the multicultural Austro-Hungarian Empire, which he hated. Living in a neighbourhood of Vienna where Jews comprised about 30 per cent of the population, Hitler perceived Jews through two lenses. They were both aliens and pillars of the Habsburg monarchy.

Having been influenced by the racist pan-German movement, Hitler believed that race was of utmost importance and that Jews could never be Germans. From Karl Lueger (1844-1910), the antisemitic mayor of Vienna, Hitler learned that antisemitism could be an effective weapon in mobilizing the masses. But in one important respect, Hitler was critical of Lueger, who believed that Jews could be "saved" through baptism to Christianity.

Robert Wistrich
[Sheldon Kirshner photos]

Starting with the assumption that Jews were members of a race rather than a religious community, Hitler identified them with materialism, decay and the rule of money and claimed that they wanted to exert political control through communism, especially in the Soviet Union. As early as 1919, fresh from his days as a soldier in the German army World War I, he called for the complete removal of Jews from Germany, but not through Russian-style pogroms.

Wistrich observed that Hitler's obsession with eliminating Jews was a function of his suspicion that one of his ancestors may have been Jewish. Hans Frank, his lawyer and later Germany's governor general of occupied Poland, investigated this matter and concluded that Jewish blood did indeed course through Hitler's veins. Hitler's grandmother, Maria, had an affair with a Jew, who may have impregnated her.

Wistrich acknowledged that Hitler had "reasonable" personal relations with Jews in pre-war Vienna. But he does not know whether he was personally antagonistic to Jews.

He added that Haj Amin al-Husseini, the mufti of Jerusalem, was the first foreigner to be privy to Hitler's plan to exterminate Jews in the Final Solution. Hitler relayed this information to the Palestinian leader on Nov. 28, 1941 in Berlin.

In another lecture, Ephraim Kaye, director of Yad Vashem's seminars for educators, described Hitler as the "driving force" behind Germany's decision to annihilate European Jewry. As he put it, "Without Hitler, the Holocaust probably wouldn't have happened."

Hitler conveyed his genocidal wishes through oral commands rather than signed orders. According to Kaye, Hitler, at a meeting on Feb. 24, 1941, orally commanded his closest associates – Heinrich Himmler, Alfred Rosenberg and Hermann Goring – to kill the Jews en masse. In April of that year, mobile killing squads, known as Einsatzgruppen, were organized for the express purpose of killing Jews.

On June 17, a few days before Germany invaded the Soviet Union, Reinhard Heydrich, the head of the SS security police, briefed Einsatzgruppen commanders of their mission in enemy territory. In January 1942, after upwards of 800,000 Soviet Jews had been murdered, the Wannsee Conference formalized the Final Solution as official Nazi policy.

Apart from the Einsatzgruppen, the perpetrators were a special SS unit under Himmler's command, German police units and next-door neighbours of Jews in German-occupied countries.

David Silberklang, a lecturer in Holocaust history at the Hebrew University and the editor of Yad Vashem's English-language publications, discussed the Allies' response to the Holocaust.

The story begins with Jan Karski, a courier for the Polish government-in-exile who was appointed to report on Poland to the Allies. Having heard of his mission, Jewish leaders in the Warsaw ghetto asked to meet him.

They met Karski in September 1942, when three million European Jews had already been killed by the Nazis and their collaborators. After observing wretched conditions in Warsaw's ghetto, he witnessed the horrors of a Belzec sub-camp, suffering something of a nervous breakdown. In October 1942, he crossed France and Spain and made his way to neutral Portugal, where he caught a plane to Britain. In London, Karski, an eyewitness to industrialized murder, told the Allies about the ongoing Nazi campaign against Jews. On Dec. 17, the Allies issued their first and only wartime public declaration condemning the treatment of Jews and warning the Germans of consequences. It was a belated declaration, he noted. By then, the Jewish death toll had reached four million.

David Silberklang

By Silberklang's estimate, the Allies had amassed sufficiently damning data about the Holocaust even before Karski showed up at their door. Enigma, the British code-breaking apparatus, had intercepted German police reports on massacres. Further, in the spring of 1942, the Polish government-in-exile delivered a devastating report on Nazi genocide in Poland to the British Broadcasting Corporation. The report, which was compiled by the Bund, the Jewish socialist movement in Poland, was publicized by the BBC's Dutch service and the *Daily Telegraph* in London.

On April 19, 1943, the day the Warsaw ghetto revolt broke out, Britain and the United States convened a conference on Jewish refugees in Bermuda. In Silberklang's view, the conference was designed to deflect Jewish pressure on the Allies to act forcefully. But in 1944, the Roosevelt administration established the War Refugee Board, which rescued some 200,000 Jews in Hungary.

The Allies rejected a plea to bomb the rail lines leading to Auschwitz, claiming they could easily be repaired. They also claimed they had no aircraft with the range to reach Auschwitz. This was patently untrue. Allied planes had already bombed Auschwitz sub-camps.

Silberklang ascribes the Allies' lackadaisical attitude to a combination of factors from antisemitism to preoccupation with the war effort. But in the end, one salient factor stood out loud and clear. "Morally, they didn't care enough," he declared in a stinging indictment of Allied policy.

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Camp Robin Hood ready to celebrate 65th anniversary

Laura Fixman
Intern

Camp Robin Hood, founded in 1946 in Sherwood Park in Toronto, is approaching its 65th anniversary.

The first private day camp in Canada, it's now the oldest for-profit day camp in the country, according to the Camp Robin Hood website.

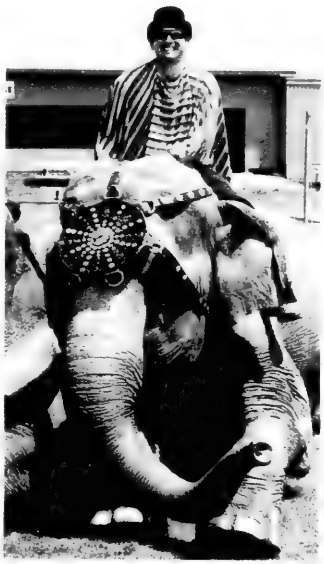
Howie Grossinger, co-owner and director of the camp, now located in Markham, Ont., has been involved with it for 25 years. He said that the camp has been successful over the years because of its family atmosphere and its focus on traditional camp experiences.

"Families have felt connected to us through the spirit of camp, and we get to see the kids grow up over the years," Grossinger said. "The social aspects of camp have been our priority."

Grossinger's in-laws, Larry and Pearl Bell, are co-owners of the camp and have been involved with Camp Robin Hood for 50 years. His daughter also works at the camp, and he said it's common to see campers become counsellors and later senior staff.

He added that although the camp maintains the traditional program that has existed there since it was founded, there have been some changes in the past 25 years.

In the mid-1980s, the camp began offering specialized programs, one of them a sports camp called Robin Hood Sports Academy, which includes instruction and practice in several sports, among them baseball, basketball and tennis, he said.



Howie Grossinger, co-director of camp Robin Hood, atop an elephant for a special event at camp.

Since 2003, Robin Hood has also operated an overnight facility, Camp Walden. Grossinger said that many children start out at Robin Hood and go to Walden when they're older. He added that the camp is now more accessible to everyone.

"It's changed in the degree to which we meet the needs of campers with all abilities," he said. "My wife's an occupational therapist, and we make sure all kids get the same camp experience."

Grossinger said that the location of Camp Robin Hood is part of what makes the experience special for kids. Although it's a day camp, it has the same spirit and closeness as an overnight camp.

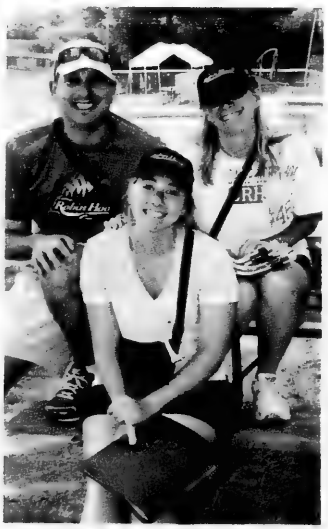
"It's in the country and most kids have to take a bus to get there, so that seems to make it extra special," he said.

Grossinger said there are bound to be challenges with a 65-year-old business, adding that to reach that milestone, Robin Hood had to adapt to stay competitive with other camps.

"The focus on the staff members is essential and so are the connections that we make with the kids," he said. "We want to maintain a traditional camp experience, where the kids get to try a lot of new things, though we recognize that the desire for specialized camps is out there."

The anniversary celebration will be held in mid-August. Parents and former and current campers are invited.

For more information on Camp Robin Hood, go to www.camprobinhood.ca.



Jordanna Grossinger (centre), a third generation staff member at Camp Robin Hood with her parents Howie and Sari Grossinger, co-directors of the camp.

Still going strong

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Just a few weeks from celebrating her 90th birthday, Varda Hall Berenstein, who has led a life marked by war, love, loss, joy, music and education, isn't content to sit back and watch the world go by.

"People ask me, 'Varda, how come you're still so young?' Because I'm interested. Every day I want to learn something. If I don't know, I sit down and do my research," said Hall Berenstein, who has performed, taught and lectured for Jewish audiences since she immigrated

Varda Hall Berenstein

to Toronto from Switzerland in 1949.

Hall Berenstein, who calls herself a "5-foot-9 accident," was born in 1921, 13 years after her older sister. She remembers her hometown of Basel, Switzerland, as a "very Zionist city."

So Zionist, that Basel's small, but active Jewish community hosted the first Zionist Congress in 1897, which was led by Theodor Herzl.

"We didn't have a very rich house, but a very open house, a very warm, Jewish, Zionist home," Hall Berenstein recalled.

"On weekends, whoever could, would come to our house, sing in Yiddish and play the clarinet," she added, describing the musical environment that fostered her love of singing.

"But in those years, to send a child to study music, that was not proper. Especially in the small Jewish communities... Going on a stage was [scandalous]."

Recognizing her talent, her parents decided to send her for singing lessons.

She studied singing in Basel with an opera singer, and in Rome at the National Academy of Santa Cecilia. She was the first to sing Zionist songs on Switzerland's national radio program, *Beromuenster*.

With the onset of World War II, Hall Berenstein continued to share her musical gift with her community, she said, as she does in a lecture she gives in Toronto called "Growing up in Switzerland as a Jew from 1921 to 1949."

She gave concerts to Jews who had escaped the Nazis and were living in Jewish refugee camps in Switzerland.

"There were more Jewish refugees than there were Jewish citizens, and the Swiss government made us pay [taxes] for them," she said.

Hall Berenstein was also a member of Hashomer Hatzair, a Zionist organization that resisted the Nazis during the war.

She recalled working night after night to secretly acquire passports for Hungarian Jews who were trying to escape Nazi-occupied Hungary, and to send care packages with almonds and tuna to the refugees in the Swiss camps.

Although Switzerland is considered a country that was neutral during the war, "it was Switzerland that made the Germans put a 'J' into the Jewish passports, so that when [Jews] came to the border, they would recognize them and send them back," she said.

Thousands were turned away, she said, but more than 21,000 Jewish refugees managed to gain entry into Switzerland's camps, where Hall Berenstein would visit to perform Yiddish and Zionist songs.

After the war, she continued performing for Holocaust survivors at hospitals.

"From Bergen-Belsen, we got children transported to a hospital where people with tuberculosis came... I went there to sing to them. They had them in the hall and their doctors said some children could not come because they were too ill. So I went from bed to bed to sing to them," she recalled, choking back tears.

"I'm still upset about it. They were too sick. They had survived all that, they came to Switzerland, and they were too sick [to get] their life back. Some [survived], but many didn't."

Hall Berenstein said a risky decision to marry the late Elie Borowski, founder of the Bible Lands Museum in Jerusalem, completely changed the course of her life.

Because she married Borowski, a Jewish refugee, Hall Berenstein lost her Swiss citizenship. "That was the law. I had to leave," she said.

In 1949, Hall Berenstein, with her 10-month-old son, left the only home she had ever known and followed her husband to Toronto, a new land with a new language and a completely different life.

She divorced Borowski soon after her arrival, and there were times when life was difficult – working in a factory to make ends meet, the tragic loss of her son in a plane crash in 1973, just weeks before his wedding day – but there were also good times.

She remarried, gave birth to a daughter at 41, fulfilled her dream of singing on the stage, indulged her passion for teaching, and earlier this month, she welcomed her second grandchild into the world.

For 25 years after Hall Berenstein immigrated to Toronto, she performed for Jewish communities from Winnipeg to St John's, on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and the Jewish National Fund.

She said one of her fondest memories was performing for former Canadian prime minister Lester B. Pearson at a Negev Dinner in Montreal.

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A truly inspiring internship

Jessica Pollock
Special to The CJN

This summer, I have been fortunate enough to take part in the Kohn Summer Internship. This internship is a unique program that employs summer students at various Jewish non-profit agencies in the community for a 10-week educational and hands-on experience.

I was placed with the Kehilla Residential Program, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's official agency for affordable housing. At Kehilla, I've taken part in many areas of the organization: I've developed and continue to manage the social media platforms; I assist in designing promotional materials, compilé databases for various projects, and I'm taking a key role in the event-planning co-ordination and strategies for Kehilla's first annual Sukkahville Design Competition.

Aspiring to a future in working with charities and fundraising, I came into this internship wanting to acquire beneficial experience in the Jewish non-profit world. I wanted an insider's look into how a small-scale non-profit agency such as Kehilla operates and a better conception of the need for it in our community. I am both proud and honoured to say that I gained everything I hoped for and more.

Throughout my middle and high school years, I was never properly informed about and thus never understood the issue of Jewish homelessness and poverty in the GTA. It was overwhelming to me that amid all the success and prosperity that our community has achieved in Toronto, the number of Jewish people below the poverty line is nothing less than shocking – roughly 20,000 people. But as devastating as this statistic is, it only reminds me of why I, among others, was attracted to this internship in the first place, namely, a simple commitment to tikkun olam, repairing the world.

What sets the Kohn Summer Internship apart from similar programs is that interns congregate together every Friday, separate from their respective agencies, to listen to Jewish leaders and professionals, who conduct seminars or give lectures, and to volunteer in the community at different institutions. These Friday sessions have truly allowed me to put my work in perspective.

The weeks are perfectly balanced: I complete my tasks from Monday to Thursday at Kehilla, consisting of behind-the-scenes work that I know will be of great help to people when the projects come to fruition. Yet I am given opportunities to attain instant gratification through our Friday volunteering by being of direct assistance to those in need.

I graduated from the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto's Kimel Campus last year, and after 14 years in the Jewish education system, I was convinced that this was enough to prepare me for university and the future. Yet, throughout my first year of university, I missed my former Jewish education and its virtues and lessons, which seemed so commonplace in both elementary and high school.

This internship came at the perfect time to stand as an informal extension to my years of formal Jewish education. It is as if all the values and principles I was instilled with had now come together to form the very foundation of the program.

In addition to my workplace experience and the informal Jewish educational aspect, I have been exposed to a remarkable group of other like-minded young adults. All 15 of us are from diverse backgrounds, yet we all share in common the critical value of becoming active Jewish leaders and championing issues in our community.

This summer, I was given the opportunity to be inspired. The professionals at Kehilla, the individuals I have come in contact with on Fridays and of course the other interns themselves have all motivated me to continue giving back to a community that has already given so much to me.

Jessica Pollock

Social action is part of the very essence of Judaism. As the next generation and the future of our community, we all hold the ethical responsibility to continuously practice tikkun olam in the hope of creating a more noble and just society.

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Sar-El: my way to thank Israel's soldiers

Michelle Bitran
Special to The CJN

I booked my trip to Israel this summer with the goal of participating in a program that would contribute something to the Jewish state. What I never really considered, however, was what that program might give to me, other than a way to meet new people and to keep myself from burning to a crisp on the Tel Aviv beach.

I chose to volunteer for the Israel Defence Forces through the Sar-El Volunteers for Israel program. I was promised two weeks living on a military base with a group of young people from around the world, doing odd jobs while catching a glimpse of the day-to-day life of my Israeli peers.

After completing the Birthright Israel program last summer and becoming friends with the Israeli soldiers on my trip, I felt this would be the perfect way to show how much I appreciated their efforts to protect the homeland.

Early on a Sunday morning in June, I met 12 other Sar-Elniks from as far away as France and Australia and we boarded a bus to the north of Israel to settle into our new home – the base.

As we neared the end of the bus ride, I got excited. I couldn't wait to make new friends and to be issued the olive-green uniform that so many of my family members had worn.

When we arrived, I was too excited to think twice about the rickety bunk beds and thin mattresses that were standard in our army living quarters. Far from missing my own comfortable bed at home, I was thrilled to be getting a somewhat authentic IDF experience.

The next morning, we began our daily routine of working in nearby outposts fixing camouflage netting, or working in the kitchen, but, as I soon realized, it wasn't just the work we were doing that made this program important.

In the evenings, when the work was finished and dinner eaten, we had the chance to mingle with the soldiers, including our group leaders, or *madrichot*. Though I have cousins and friends serving in the IDF, the experience of hanging out with the soldiers on the base was different than anything I had done before.

They were almost always in uniform, half uniform, or toting their weapons on their backs, so it was impossible to forget that our new friends who were laughing and playing games with us were, at the same time, responsible for the safety of the amazing country we were visiting.

As I sat with them, I was overcome by a desire to thank them, to tell them how incredible what they do every day is, even if it doesn't seem that way to them.

The more time we spent together, the more I thought about how strange it is that my peers in Israel and I lead similar, yet fundamentally different lives. While I might invite my friends to my house to watch a movie over some popcorn, my new friends in Israel invited me to sit outside their barracks over cola and Bamba snacks, just to chat.

I slowly realized that I had taken for granted the work my friends in the IDF do to protect Israel. I had made a separation I my mind between their civilian and army lives, whereas they don't have the option to make that distinction.

When I stood in line at the flag-raising ceremony on my last day on the base, my uniform thrown on haphazardly in stark contrast to the neat and tidy soldiers, I felt an enormous sense of unity. Watching the blue-and-white flag rise over the morning sun, I was humbled by the dedication of the soldiers, now friends, beside me, and I realized that there was no better way I could have spent my time in Israel.

Michelle Bitran is a fourth-year journalism student at Ryerson University. She plans to pursue a master's degree in Israel upon her graduation.

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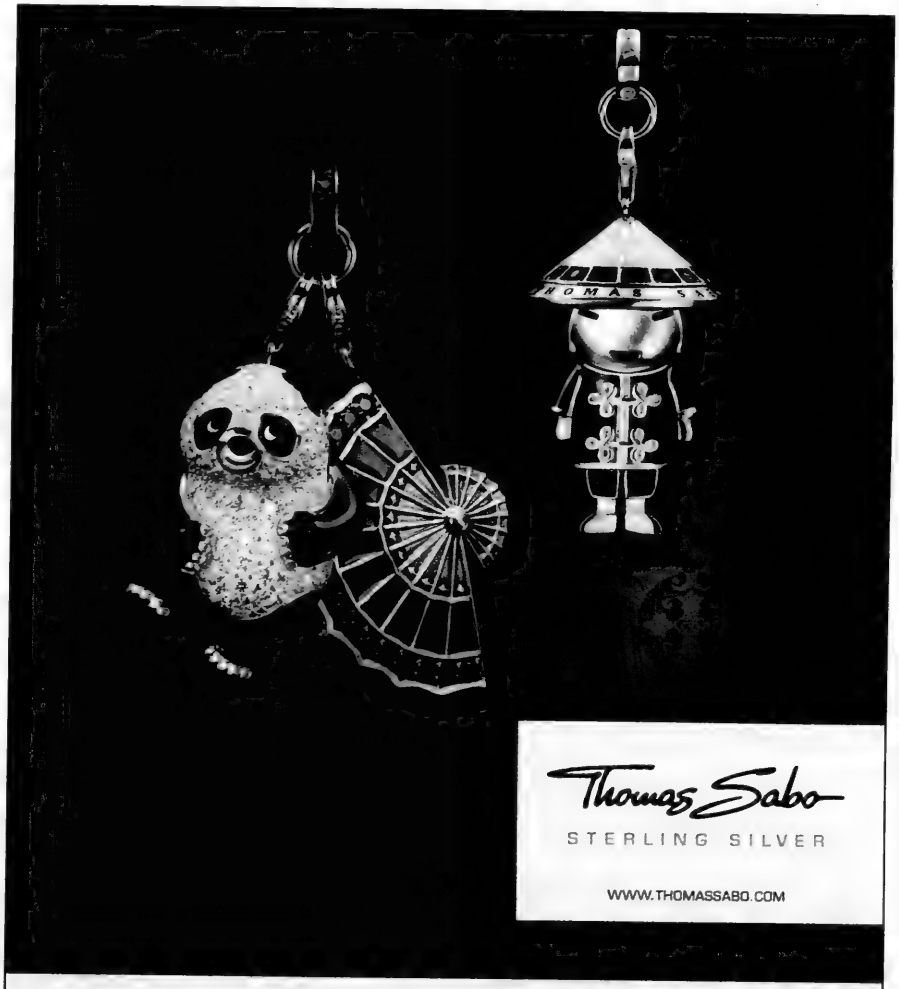

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Tisha b'Av demands much of us

By Rabbi Uri Kaufman

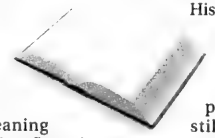
The most difficult day in the Jewish calendar to observe is Tisha b'Av, a day of mourning for the destruction of the Beit Hamikdash, the Temple in Jerusalem, and the exile of the Jewish people from the land of Israel for close to two millennia. We fast and sit on the floor. We read the Book of Lamentations, authored by Jeremiah the prophet, bemoaning the devastation of the Temple and the nation. Kinot, hymns of mourning, are recited detailing this tragedy and many other historical calamities. We recall and mourn Jewish catastrophes throughout history, including the Holocaust.

In the shtetl or the Jewish ghetto, imprisoned by threats or memories of pogroms, a Jew could internalize the essence of Tisha b'Av. Holocaust survivors understand it. But we, their children and grandchildren, have a much harder time. To feel the sense of exile and mourning for Jerusalem, as we leave our homes, get into our cars, go to shul and bemoan the Jewish Galut (Diaspora) is a great challenge. To connect to a world of desolation and sadness from a place of blessing and plenty is easier said than done.

Tisha b'Av, however, has another aspect – it's a day of tshuvah – introspection, self-analysis and return to God.

The ultimate purpose of our mourning is to enable us to understand the true impact of the loss of the Temple, the squandering of our closeness to HaShem. Sinat chinam, unwarranted hatred of our fellow Jew, is the primary reason given for the destruction of the Temple. To think about our own personal relationship to HaShem and his Torah, to honestly think of ways to improve our behaviour toward others can make Tisha b'Av meaningful.

Rabbinic Reflections



Another layer of meaning that's part of Tisha b'Av is reflected in the Talmud. The rabbis comment on a verse in the book of Jeremiah saying that in a secret place, HaShem himself cries over the destruction of the Temple and the glory of the Jewish People that was stripped from them. Just as a father who is forced to discipline his wayward son will turn his head and silently cry, so too does HaShem cry for his children.

The Kabbalists tell us that as we pray for the rebuilding of the Temple and mourn its destruction, we should recall the great pain that HaShem suffers as a result of our Galut, and the tears He sheds. When we contemplate how many of our people are distanced from our tradition, we can begin to feel the pain of the Father whose children are no longer at His table and we can mourn. A parent, who, God forbid, cries while saying *Kaddish* for a lost child, can unfortunately relate to this concept. Over time, those tears become hidden and mix with the tears of HaShem for His children.

When we take a hard look at our disharmony, here and in Israel, we see the poison of sinat chinam still eating away at our Jewish unity and we can deeply mourn.

Tisha b'Av demands much from us –no less than connecting with ourselves, our God, and our nation.

Rabbi Uri Kaufman is rav of Agudas Yisroel Anshei Kielce congregation and Associate Principal Eitz Chaim Schools Patricia campus in Toronto.

Reena

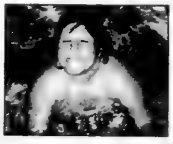
Reena in the News

Camp Northland Experience

Camp Northland, in partnership with Reena, offers special needs children the chance to go to overnight camp. Families are able to choose one of five sessions.

In the partially integrated program, the children from Reena share the same cabin and participate in all the camp's activities as a group. This allows for a higher staff-camper ratio so participants with more challenging behaviours can be included. Reena's staff goes to pre-camp training with Camp Northland staff, and integration is encouraged wherever possible.

Rebecca's Story



Rebecca was a camper at Reena's South Day Camp in Toronto. When the opportunity arose, with encouragement and support from Reena, she tried overnight camp at Northland for one week of partial-integration. The next year she returned for three weeks as a fully integrated camper and has never looked back.

Her mother attributes the success of transitions and the enthusiasm of her participation to the support and responsiveness of the directors and staff of both Reena and Camp Northland. She writes in letters of appreciation to them, "We had to trust that you listened, understood, were prepared, and could respond if things didn't go exactly as planned. And based on what we've seen, that is exactly what happened. We've benefitted from great programming and wonderful, committed staff. We are truly grateful from the bottom of our hearts."

"On Visitors' Day, the first thing Rebecca said to us was, "Do I have to go home yet? I want to stay!" As she proudly showed us around the camp, we met many staff and campers who warmly approached and greeted her; it was clear she felt like she belonged. Ten days later, a tanned, but bitten and extremely happy girl bounded off the bus and exclaimed, "Can I go back next year?"

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A sad lack of vision

As we have often noted, economic decisions reflect moral choices. As the world economy slowly recovers from near catastrophe, another potential disaster looms in the horizon, that of the United States government defaulting on its debt. While families understand that they cannot live beyond their means, governments worldwide seem oblivious to this fact. After all, they can just print money as needed.

Decisions that would lead to personal bankruptcy if made by an individual are often applauded when made by impersonal governments. It's this depersonalized attitude that enables people to cheat the system by evading taxes. These same people would never dream of shoplifting. The fact that the former is far worse –repentance may not be possible for those who steal from the public purse – does not enter the equation. The lack of direct personal contact dulls our moral senses.

It's this same depersonalization that's the root cause of many corporate immoral activities perpetrated both by and against the corporate entity. While this may explain the behaviour, it doesn't justify it, especially when we're talking about those who lead our nations. The notion that the way to solve potential default is to raise the debt ceiling would be laughable if it weren't so serious.

Jewish law long ago proscribed living beyond one's means, and much rabbinic legislation was enacted to curb excessive spending. This is especially true in the area of fulfilling our religious obligations, where one may be easily carried away in a misplaced desire to serve God.

Money Matters

Rabbi Jay Kelman CA

The idea of saddling our children with the effect of our massive spending appetites is reflective of our society's desire for instant gratification in all its forms. Restraint, patience and modesty are foreign concepts for much of the world, where instant gratification rules. The Talmud heaps great praise on those who plant today knowing the fruit will only be available for future generations. Instead, we eat today though the cupboard is bare, picking the fruit before it even ripens.

When our leaders do recognize the need for great restraint, even austerity, they almost always lack the political will to carry out what is needed. The notion of "involvement in communal manners faithfully" – i.e., being willing to risk losing the next election – is one few entertain.

It's this focus on today that explains how the fortunes of companies can rise and fall based on earnings over a three-month period. Companies that have been making millions and billions year after year can see billions wiped off their market value because earnings over a three-month period were one penny short of "expectations." The horrendous business decisions made by executives concerned more about quarterly profits rather than the long-term health of a company are both sad and, truth be told, very often immoral.

The recent troubles at Research in Motion are to a large degree related to it being one, two or – heaven help it – even three quarters late in releasing its latest products. It may well be that the launch delay could be catastrophic for this $20-billion company, but such a fate says much about our society's inability to think long term.

Send comments to rabbijay@torahinmotion.org.

Tisha b'Av: consolation comes from discussing our travails

This coming Tuesday, the fast of Tisha b'Av marks the end of the "Three Weeks" – the period of national mourning each summer that recalls a number of Jewish tragedies, especially the destruction of the First Temple and Second Temple in Jerusalem, in 586 BCE and 70 CE respectively. Many Jews find the Three Weeks challenging, since it is hard for us to feel the pain of the loss of Temple in Jerusalem and, more generally, we here in the free world are not direct victims of the sad litany of tragedies that have befallen our people over the ages.

A new book by Erica Brown, *In the Narrow Places: Daily Inspiration for the Three Weeks*, attempts to make this period more relevant to modern North American Jews. Brown has an excellent reputation as a gifted adult Jewish educator. In a recent op-ed piece in the *New York Times*, David Brooks wrote: "Brown's impact stems from her ability to undermine the egos of the successful at the same time that she lovingly helps them build better lives. She offers a path out of the tyranny of the perpetually open mind by presenting authoritative traditions and teachings. Most educational institutions emphasize individual advancement. Brown nurtures the community and the group."

Views & Reviews

Martin Lockshin

Her latest book consists of short essays to be read for inspiration on each of the days of the Three Weeks. Each chapter finishes with a kavanah, a suggestion of a practical activity that the reader might do to internalize the ideas in the chapter. (For example, "Today do one small act of kindness for someone you don't know. Help hold up our fragile world.") Not every chapter and not every kavanah spoke to me. But any Jew open to learning, reflection and self-improvement will find some uplifting and inspiring ideas here.

Brown, for example, argues that American society today is largely ahistorical. (She cites examples from the United States, but the same is true of Canada.) "This does not mean that we despise history or repudiate it; it is enough that we ignore it. American holidays are generally commemorated without a historical context; the rituals that are celebrated are neither deep not transformational. They are surface sacraments... Memorial Day is not observed as a mourning period for the loss of soldiers; it is a day of barbecues, sales and public pool openings. There is a shallowness about it all..."

Brown argues that Judaism, on the other hand, fosters memory and historical consciousness. "Since memory is so unreliable and yet so necessary for Jewish life, the sages of the Talmud codified practical memory triggers around holidays and historical events." She suggests that the true consolation that we might seek from the Three Weeks cannot come from ignoring the travails of the past but from discussing them openly, just as mourners in a shivah house are encouraged to talk openly about their loss. On the national plane, too, "consolation is not meant to be a distraction. It is not about looking elsewhere, in the future, to the side, somewhere other than despair.

Consolation is about looking exceedingly closely at a past from which it is all too easy to turn away and deriving meaning and comfort from it."

I was reading Brown's inspiring words a few weeks ago as I travelled with my son through France and Germany. Here lived the great minds of Ashkenazi Jewry –Rashi (1040-1105), his teachers, his descendants, and his followers. I could really feel the contrast between European cities, brimming with history and historical consciousness, and our North American cities, where a building or monument is considered old if it dates to the nineteenth century.

As we walked though Troyes in France, we passed a cathedral with a large sign on it saying that Joan of Arc together with Charles VII heard mass in that very same building in July of 1429. In Worms, Germany, we saw impressive monuments to Martin Luther, displaying quotations from his strident defence against charges of heresy in that city in 1521.

But the particular history that my son and I were looking for in Troyes and Worms wasn't visible. No traces of pre-modern Jewish life have survived in Troyes, where not only Joan of Arc visited but also where Rashi lived, taught and wrote his monumental works. The ancient Jewish cemetery – where Rashi presumably was buried – became a built-up city neighbourhood at least 700 years ago. The "Rue de la Synagogue" in the old city of Troyes contains no synagogue but a very large church, more than 500 years old. A sign near the entrance suggests that the church may have been built on the site of the old synagogue of Troyes. So you can walk through Troyes, as we did, and see the general area where Rashi probably is buried, the street where he probably went to synagogue and the streets on which he and his family probably lived. But no sign of Jewish life – or even of Jewish death – survives in any of those places.

Ironically, the situation is marginally better in Worms, Germany, where Rashi, historians claim, studied as a young man with his teacher, Rabbi Isaac ben Elazar ha-Levi. Some remnants of medieval Jewish life can still be found – mostly because of the sensitivity of the West German government to their burden of guilt after World War II. The government has reconstructed Jewish life wherever it could, in many fascinating ways.

As my son astutely observed: "We Jews have done a good job of preserving our intellectual history even as Europe has done a lousy job of preserving our physical history."

Brown's suggestion that it is crucial for Jews to have rituals that create and embed a strong historical consciousness in us rings true. Ideas are, of course, more important than relics. But especially since the artifacts have so often been destroyed or lost, rituals, like those of the Three Weeks, and study of Jewish classics – like those of Rashi – and of contemporary Jewish books – like those of Brown – take on even greater significance.

Martin Lockshin recently in France. ***[Noam Lockshin photo]***

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In Israel, there's always a democratic spring

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

"Israel starts to feel the Arab Spring" was the headline in the July 27 print edition of the *Globe and Mail* for Aron Heller's AP story about mounting Israeli protests against unaffordable housing.

"In a matter of two weeks, the movement has swelled from a small gathering in Tel Aviv to a nationwide campaign that has captured the country's attention," forcing the Netanhayu government to address the matter, Heller noted. The protests have been driven by a large number of young people who've set up tents along fancy Tel Aviv streets such as Rothschild Boulevard.

In addition to the outrage over rising housing prices, Heller said that "[i]n recent months, [Israel] has experienced protests against high prices of gasoline and cottage cheese and seen lengthy strikes by social workers and doctors over low pay and harsh working conditions. The unrest also appears to be inspired by the success of demonstrations in neighbouring Arab nations."

While Heller did not provide any evidence for his analogy to the Arab experience, he was far from alone in explicitly tying the Israeli protest movement to protests in the Arab world, in particular in Egypt, and specifically Cairo's Tahrir Square.

For instance, on the same day, Joel Greenberg wrote the following from Tel Aviv in the *Washington Post*: "The [housing protest] movement, which has mobilized Israelis in ways that weighty questions of war and peace have not, shows the influence of the Arab Spring, emulating not just its organization methods but also some of its slogans. 'Corner of Rothschild and Tahrir,' read a hand-lettered banner at the tent camp here, invoking the Cairo square that was the epicentre of the Egyptian revolution this year."

The media may fairly be criticized for often living in a frozen moment, latching onto convenient tropes and ignoring the history and tradition of a society. In Israel's case, while an enormous amount of attention has been devoted year after year to the Arab-Israeli conflict, very little attention has been paid to the Israelis themselves, with the exception of "the settlers."

This has led some veteran observers of the Israeli scene such as Jim Lederman, senior Israel analyst for Oxford Analytica, to argue, as he has in talks to Diaspora Jewish communities, that Israel is the most reported on but least understood country in the world. The facile analogy between Rothschild Boulevard and Tahrir Square is just the latest illustration of the media's failure to understand the nature of Israeli society and its vibrant grassroots democracy, which includes a long history of protest movements.

In conversation, Lederman reflected on this tradition with bluntness: "What has been written about this comparison is rubbish. Roughly once a decade, for more than four decades, the Israeli public has massed against its own government. Does anybody remember Motti Ashkenazi's protest against the government in the wake of the 1973 war? Or world-famous economist Michael Bruno's mass appeal to halt hyper-inflation in the early 1980s? Or the 'Four Mothers' who, starting in the mid-1990s, eventually forced the government to withdraw from south Lebanon? Or Maj-Gen. Uzi Dayan's campaign, seemingly at all odds, including against intense opposition from the right, to build the security fence during the second intifadah at the turn of the millennium?

"According to a poll conducted just a few years ago, only 13 per cent of the Israeli public trust the political party they actually voted for. For that reason, Israelis have been conducting guerilla warfare against their government for years. Most of the rebellions take place in Hebrew and often end in Supreme Court judgments that foreign correspondents are totally unaware of. Mass demonstrations, such as the one we are currently witnessing in Israel, led by the middle class that has to take time off from work or study, erupt when skirmishing fails. The Israelis have no need to be educated by or take their lead from anyone else. What's not understood in the West is that, in the end, the Israeli public makes all the existential decisions."

One of the many tent housing protests across Israel. ***[Flash90 photo]***

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'I'm a born teacher'

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Hall Berenstein's Jewish musical experience also includes her years as Associated Hebrew Schools' first music teacher (she is the only surviving teacher from the original school on Brunswick Avenue in Toronto).

And her passion for teaching has never fizzled. "I'm a born teacher, I love to teach," she said.

Twice a month, she teaches a course in her home titled "Learning Yiddish through song," and in addition to her lecture about growing up in Switzerland, she also speaks about Yiddish folksongs by Mordechai Gebirtig.

She's working on two more talks about the songs of the chalutzim (pioneers) and the righteous gentiles of Switzerland.

Watching her sit at her computer to scroll through her e-mails, and scoot around her downtown apartment to find old photos, it's easy to forget that on Aug. 29, she'll be celebrating her 90th birthday.

Hall Berenstein could hardly contain her excitement when she spoke about performing at her birthday celebration in October for 100 of her close friends and family.

"Beyond the Pale, the Klezmer group, which I think are the best, will be there, and we're probably going to do something together," she said.

"I was born for the stage," she added with a laugh.

On Tisha b'Av, weep for the BJCC!

Guest Voice

By no stretch of the imagination could I be compared to the prophet Jeremiah, who predicted and witnessed the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Holy Temple in the year 586 BCE. Likewise, I cannot compare the demolished Bathurst Jewish Community Centre (BJCC) to the destroyed Jerusalem Temple, whose destruction we mourn on Tisha b'Av.

Yet whenever I pass the site of what once was a splendid community centre and now lies in ruins, I feel like tearing my clothes just as Jews did in ancient times when they passed the ruins of the Temple.

Yes, I knew it was wrong. On Oct. 24, 2007, I wrote a letter to the Toronto Board of Rabbis. I tried to rouse my colleagues to join in a protest against the destruction of the "Y", as it was popularly called. It was just shortly after the government of Ontario had dashed our hopes that Jewish day schools might receive some financial support from the province. Here is a slightly shortened copy of my letter.

Rabbi Erwin Schild

"I have been informed that the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre on Bathurst Street, including the Leah Posluns Theatre, will be razed completely in the year 2009 to make room for a new larger and better facility at the cost of $350 million. Forcing myself to use only moderate words of condemnation, I consider this plan ill-advised and harmful, and an irresponsible use of communal financial resources.

"Some of my objections are related to the recent rejection of public funding for Jewish and other faith-based schools in Ontario. Though I expect that efforts in this cause will eventually succeed, right now our community has to find ways to relieve the burden of impossibly high tuition fees. Three hundred million dollars would go a long way toward providing for Jewish education as a communal responsibility.

"A Jewish community centre of the intended size and opulence would probably put similar facilities sponsored by other groups and organizations in our region to shame. It would present a false image of Toronto Jewry and needlessly provoke jealousy and envy. How could we plead for public support of our day schools on the basis of financial hardship for parents?

"Does it make sense and is it morally and halachically defensible to destroy a serviceable, handsome and adequate building, merely 50 years old, that could be repaired and renovated if necessary at a fraction of the cost of erecting a new one? In addition, the razing of the existing building would cause painful collateral damage. Hundreds of present users of the BJCC would be 'homeless' for a long period of time. The She'arim Day School, a highly deserving educational facility now housed in the building, would be ejected, after just having paid for required renovations.

"With cordial greetings,
Sincerely,
Erwin Schild"

I failed to move my colleagues. The funds for the new centre, they claimed, were destined for this particular purpose and could not have been redirected to education or to any other worthy purpose. It was a done deal. Why protest in vain?

However, I feel this matter should not be allowed to rest without a comment. Last week, on the first Shabbat of the "three weeks" before the Ninth of Av, Rabbi David Seed preached a sermon at Adath Israel Synagogue on "accepting responsibility." He contrasted the refusal by the Murdoch family to accept responsibility in Britain's recent journalistic phone-hacking scandal to the traditional Jewish rationalization of the destruction of Jerusalem. Rather than seeking an alibi by explaining the catastrophe as the result of superior enemy forces that they could not possibly have controlled, the leaders and teachers of the Jewish community attributed the causes of the destruction of the Judean state to their own failings and sins.

I wonder if anyone has accepted responsibility for the destruction of the BJCC. Have the decision-makers admitted that they were blinded, misguided, foolish and reckless? What can we learn from this fiasco so as to prevent similar debacles in the future? And what excuse can we offer to the hundreds of former users of the wasted facilities who were driven to join the YMCA or the facilities of other communities?

So on this Ninth of Av, let's shed an extra tear for the sad and needless loss to our community. And let us be warned that our leaders are not always right.

Rabbi Erwin Schild is rabbi emeritus of Adath Israel Congregation in Toronto.

FAMILY MOMENTS

Mazel Tov

The Canadian Jewish news

Happy 50th wedding anniversary to Linda and Daniel Moss on June 27. With best wishes and love from your children and grandchildren.

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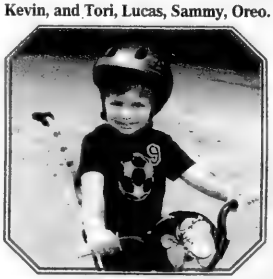

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This means happy to see you on Mars! Happy 9th Birthday, Jonah. Love from Mom, Dad, Jaime and grandparents Harvey & Elaine Bisgould and Arsha Menendian.

Happy 10th Birthday, Samantha Taylor, daughter of Michael & Fara Forman! Have a happy year! Love your brother Joshua Ethan and sister Jordyn Bailey.

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Saturday, Aug. 6

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Tuesday, Aug. 9

TISHA B'AV

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Shaar Shalom Synagogue holds Tisha b'Av services, Shacharit at 6:45 a.m.; Minchah/Ma'ariv at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 11

FAMILY FUN

Mystic Drums performs at 8 p.m. followed by a family movie under the stars at 8:30 p.m. at Barry Zukerman Amphitheatre, Earl Bales Park. 416-392-3846.

Other News

SINGLES SHABBAT

Beth Lida Synagogue, 22 Gilgorm Rd., will hold a singles Shabbat Aug. 13. Traditional Shacharit service at 9 a.m. followed by a mix and mingle at kiddush.

KAVANAH GARDEN

Kavanah Garden Guardians is a half-day program for kids ages six -10 featuring garden and nature-based activities, crafts, ecology, and food preparation. Aug. 15-19 at 18 Lebovic Campus Dr. $150 Contact risa@shoresh.ca for more information.

JUNCTION SHUL SERVICE

Congregation Knesseth Israel (The Junction Shul), 56 Maria St., celebrates its 100th anniversary at a commemorative morning service Sept. 15 at 9 a.m. Reception following the service. RSVP before Aug. 18. 416-609-7027 or www.junctionshul.org.

ISRAELI MOVIE NIGHT

The movie *Two Legacies* will be shown Aug. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Beth Tzedec. A discussion with producer **Moshe Alafi** follows the film.

BAR MITZVAH CLUB

Beth Joseph Lubavitch Synagogue, 44 Edinburgh Dr., is starting a bar mitzvah club for all boys. The club meets Wednesdays. Contact **Rabbi Boruch Landau** at 647-201-0261 or barmitzvaclub@gmail.com.

VENDORS WANTED

Vendors wanted for Reena's bazaar Sept. 11 at Reena's Toby and Henry Battle Development Centre, 927 Clark Ave. W. Contact **Aviva** at 905-889-2690, ext. 2216, or awindman@reena.org.

FAMOUS TRIALS

Historian **Gerald Ziedenberg** discusses famous Jewish trials, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue at 7:45 p.m. Aug. 16, "The Julius and Ethel Rosenberg Trial"; Aug. 23, "The Adolph Eichmann Trial"; Aug. 30, "The Shlomo Shwartzbart Trial."

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Nine teens from Ontario joined North American and Bulgarian peers for the PANIM Institute of B'nai Brith Youth Organization's recent Human Rights and Genocide Summit. From left, Alana Getzler, Toronto March of the Living director, with participants Daniel Young, Jesse Freedman (teen co-chair of the program), Ilan Levy, Josh Shapiro, Benjamin Fages, Carly Waisglass, Ethan Stern, Gabriel Volcovich and Sam Mayer in front of the Canadian Embassy.

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HEBREW CAMP

JumpStart Hebrew is a one-week camp program at Beth Sholom Synagogue open to the community for children entering grades 1-4. Runs Aug. 29-Sept. 2, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and will be staffed by teachers from Beth Sholom Hebrew School. Activities include oral Hebrew, reading and reading readiness activities, music, drama and cooking. Lunch will be provided two days. Cost, $75 for members of Beth Sholom and Beth Sholom Hebrew School and $90 for the community. Contact **Karen Goodis** at karen@bethsholom.net or at 416-789-6103, ext. 225, for more information and for registration.

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MELTON FALL SESSION

The Melton Mini school holds a 10-week graduate class starting Oct. 11 on the Arab-Israeli conflict, taught by **Michael Rubin** at Beth David Synagogue. Call 416-789-7400 to register.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Heartline Bereavement Group grief support program meets at Hospice Thornhill. Contact **Bonnie Strand** at 905-764-0656, ext. 227.

CEDARVALE MINYAN

Cedarvale Shul is located in the basement of Cedarvale Terrace at 429 Walmer Rd. On Shabbat, enter through the rear doors at back of parking lot. Weekday minyan at 7:45 a.m. On Shabbat, 9:30 a.m. Kiddush follows services. For information on shul services, call 416-707-3161.

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Deja Vu Boutique presents a fashion show and dinner born from one woman's journey with breast cancer. All proceeds go to Markham Stouffville Hospital. Sept. 18 at the Hilton Suites Hotel. For tickets, call 905-472-9566.

TORAH IN SPANISH

Torah classes in Spanish given by **Rabbi A. Bertfeld** Wednesdays 9 p.m. at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation. For information, 905-886-7935.

THE CHORALAIRS

The Choralairs of North York sing pop, Broadway and folk songs and are looking for new members. No audition required. The new season starts Sept. 13 at Earl Bales Community Centre at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call **Sally**, 416-636-8247, or **Martha**, 905-884-8370, or e-mail sallyl@sympatico.ca.

MULTIPLE MYELOMA WALK

A 5-km. walk in support of the Molly and David Bloom Chair for Multiple Myeloma Research at the Princess Margaret Hospital will be held Oct. 16. For more information, call 416-946-6584 or www.mm5kwalk.ca.

FOR SENIORS

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. (55+). **Valerie**, 416-395-7881. Casino Rama Aug. 17; social lunch Aug. 18(kosher, dairy). Ongoing activities: Mondays, line dancing, 10 a.m.; Tuesdays, fitness class with qualified instructor, 10-11 a.m.; Wednesdays, art class, 10 a.m.; Thursdays, social bridge, 12:30 p.m.

Seniors Woodworking Club Fully equipped shop in Earl Bales Park. Call 416-630-6487.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell, 416-630-9444.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday afternoon socials. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl**, 416-635-6317, or **Marcia**, 416-932-1229.

Miles Nadal JCC. Everything you wanted to know about home services provided by the Toronto Community Care Access Centre, Aug. 11 at 1:30 p.m. Call **Phyllis** at 416-924-6211, ext. 155.

Bernard Betel Centre 416-225-2112. Aug. 4, dietician **Jenny Lyttle** speaks about "Fantastic Fibre," 1:30-2:30 p.m.; Aug. 9, **Gerald Ziedenberg** speaks about "Great Canadian Jews- Leonard Cohen," 10-11a.m.; Aug. 10, strawberry social and concert, 1-2:30 p.m.

Wagman Centre, 416-785-2500, ext. 2275. Entertainers of the Wagman Centre looking for energetic seniors. Now working on a program dedicated to the 1950s – folk tunes, crooners' songs, rock 'n' roll. Contact **Judy Ross**, 416-733-0580.

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Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.

Registration is now open for fall programs.

Tickets on sale for Casino Niagara Aug. 29. Bus leaves Prosserman JCC at 9:30 a.m.

Drop-in duplicate bridge game with **Samy Toledano**, Thursdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Pay at the door. No charge for people attending first time.

International and Israeli folk dancing with **Teme** and **Sandy**, Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. Drop in, pay at the door.

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Learn to read Hebrew, speak Hebrew and understand Judaism in three crash courses offered at the Prosserman JCC and the Miles Nadal JCC. First course is reading Hebrew, Sept. 18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. $75 includes kosher lunch and materials.

MILES NADAL JCC

750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211. www.mnjcc.org.

The Michael Bernstein Chapel, holds services every Thursday at 7:15 a.m. and Sunday at 8 a.m. followed by a breakfast. Everyone is welcome for regular services and Yahrzeit observance. Call **Coleman Bernstein**, 416-968-0200.

Want to sing in a summer choir? No audition or experience required. Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. $10/week. Info: music@mnjcc.org.

Film critic **Adam Nayman** examines the careers of accomplished directors on Media Mondays. Aug. 8, 7-9 p.m. **Woody Allen** (*Crimes and Misdemeanors*) $12/$6 for students.

The exhibit *Harry Joy: A Life in Photography* will be on display in the gallery until Aug.31.

What's New is now online. You can find it at cjnews.com

AMY WINEHOUSE: The British singer was called by Tablet Magazine "a Jewish mother's worst nightmare but still daddy's little girl." She died at her home in London last week. The cause of her death was unknown at press time. In this photo, Winehouse's father, Mitch, bids his last farewell to his daughter at the funeral service. ***[Israel Sun photo]***

SINGLES EVENTS WILL RETURN

OBITUARIES
and Related Notices

Steeles Memorial Chapel

Lifshitz, Yevgenya	July 14/11	4455 Bathurst Street
Kichler, Jean	July 15/11	60 Artreeva Drive
Bellack, Dorothy	July 15/11	39 Redmond Drive
Cadji, Amram	July 15/11	12 Rockford Road
Berk, Ruth	July 15/11	
Bloom, Leo	July 15/11	36 Kitsilano Crescent
Pelman, Evelyn	July 16/11	484 Steeles Avenue W.
Maslovskaya, Bella	July 16/11	Private
Johnson, Ronald Albert	July 16/11	
Rossler, Mary	July 17/11	Private
Grossman, Sue Susan	July 18/11	605 Finch Avenue W.
Snitman, Larry	July 18/11	120 Promenade Circle
Levy, David	July 19/11	745 New Westminster Drive
Nason, David	July 19/11	379 Ellerslie Avenue
Solomon, Larry	July 20/11	17 Northampton Court
Kreidstein, Betty	July 21/11	2 Neptune Drive
Cuttler, Steven	July 22/11	162 Southvale Drive

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Enid Harris	Jul 18/11	3303 Don Mills Road
Dr. Myer Hendelman	Jul 19/11	39 Wycliffe Crescent
Harry Whitfield	Jul 18/11	60 Roselawn Avenue
Michael Herman	Jul 19/11	44 Lytton Blvd.
Ruth Brickman	Jul 21/11	111 Avenue Road
Lila Wine	Jul 21/11	451 Greenock Drive
Eleanor Michaels	Jul 21/11	7805 Bayview Avenue
Bernard Sliwin	Jul 23/11	1 Rosemary Lane
Claire Wagman	Jul 23/11	64 Covington Road
Eva Carr	Jul 23/11	1166 Bay Street
Sharon Leader	Jul 23/11	400 Walmer Road
Marshall Frilegh	Jul 22/11	2500 Bathurst Street
Molly Roebuck	Jul 21/11	298 Spadina Road
David Bookman	Jul 25/11	102 Carrington Drive

HEBREW BASIC BURIAL

Peter Jablonski	Jul 17/11	541 Finch Avenue, West
Harry Halpern	Jul 18/11	1742 Bristol Road, West
Myrna Levine	Jul 19/11	160 Cactus Ave.
Arkadiy Dayter	Jul 21/11	4866 Bathurst Street

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
HARTLEY JACOBS ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 14th at 11:00 a.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Dufferin St. N. of Major Mackenzie
Temple Sinai (section H, Row V)
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
ISRAEL WEINSTOCK ז"ל
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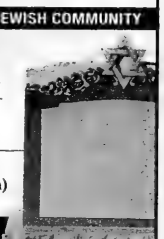

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Holocaust Survivor - Peacefully after a long battle with cancer on Sunday, July 17, 2011 at Valleyview Residence. He is survived by Sabina his loving wife of 65 years. Peter was born in Lublin, Poland and lost his parents Yankel and Etla and his beloved sister Regina who all perished in the Holocaust in addition to other family members. Peter survived two ghettos and two concentration camps. Peter's selfless acts of kindness, generosity and bravery led him saving the lives of many during the war. Peter smuggled his seven year old cousin George Mandelbaum out of the Warsaw ghetto. He also rescued and hid Walter Saltzberg who was 13 years old at the time and treated him as a father does a son. Peter impacted so many lives and left a lasting legacy. He is survived by his sister-in-law Helen Bandrowski, his nieces and nephews Barbara and Charles Wojtas, Anne and Paul Williams, and Andrew and Donna Bandrowski and many great nieces and nephews. Also survived by his cousins George and Bonnie Mandelbaum and their children Eric and Jennifer, Allison and Jon Smilowitz, and cousins Marvin and Norma Flancman and their children, Marilyn London, Sharon Flancman and Alan Flancman, and their children. Also survived by dear friends Walter Saltzberg, the grateful boy he saved in Poland and his children George Saltzberg and Timothy Swift and Jack and Anna, and many other dear friends. A special thank you to all the nurses and staff at Valleyview Residence and especially to his angels Choekyi, Marilyn, Hema, Tenzin and Youdon. A graveside service was held at the Pardes Shalom Cemetery on Monday, July 18, 2011.
If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society 1-888- 939-3333 or to Yad Vashem, 416-785-1333. HBB

'Mutual recognition' required

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"I'm sure our minster of foreign affairs [John Baird] and other ministers are discussing this issue with leaders around the world," he said.

Harper added: "I certainly had some discussions on this with the G8 leaders in France [in May]. U.S. President [Barack] Obama and most of the G8 leaders share our view that this would be a very unhelpful development."

The prime minister then reiterated that any two-state solution should be predicated on "mutual recognition, including [Palestinian] recognition of Israel as a Jewish state."

Regarding the recently released list of 30 war criminals living in Canada, *The CJN* asked Harper if the Jewish community should be aware of any security issues related to these fugitives.

"I don't believe so. My understanding is that none of these cases related to antisemitic activity."

Among other things, Harper also answered questions on Canadian trade initiatives with China and Latin America – he said he'll be leaving on a trip to Latin America "very shortly" to boost Canada's economic relationships there – and the potential economic impact on Canada stemming from ongoing debt negotiations in Washington.

"I'm confident the U.S. will find a way to move forward. But it should remind us that our fiscal and debt situations in Canada are comparatively much better than in the States," Harper said.

In response to a question about Opposition Leader Jack Layton's recently disclosed cancer fight, Harper said he has nothing but concern for the New Democratic Party head.

"I spoke with him a couple of days ago, and he promised me he'd be back in the House of Commons in September, causing me problems again," he quipped to some laughter. "I wish him well, and we're all behind his fight."

Harper also used the question to expound on the virtues of the democratic system and his respect for the Opposition.

"I'm now one of the longest-serving democratic leaders in the world. Though among the ones who aren't democratically elected, I haven't been around very long," he joked. "I always tell people that on the downside in a democracy is that... as leader, you don't survive your position very long. But one of the benefits is you survive a lot longer after you leave office.

"That's a joke. But in a democratic system, we learn that power changes peacefully, and we fundamentally come to understand and respect the humanity of our opponents.

"I have tremendous differences of opinion with Mr. Layton on a range of issues, but as a fellow human being, parliamentarian and Canadian, we all wish him well in his fight against cancer. This is something that can strike any one of us. I want to see him back in the House so we can fight about other things."

Alzheimer clinic aims to forestall epidemic

Compiled by CJN Staff

MONTREAL — The principles behind the establishment of the Jewish General Hospital's (JGH) innovative Alzheimer Risk Assessment Clinic (ARAC) and current knowledge about Alzheimer's disease risk factors, are outlined in two July articles of *The Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences (CJNS)*.

ARAC is considered a unique facility in Canada, designed to meet growing clinical needs and to conduct essential research to identify factors that place healthy, midlife (ages 45 to 60) individuals at risk of developing Alzheimer's.

ARAC's main objectives are threefold: to ascertain, inform and mitigate the risks of developing Alzheimer's in cognitively normal middle-aged adults based on best available medical and epidemiological evidence; to conduct scientific research on these concerns; and to develop guidelines in dementia risk assessment and management for health professionals, clinical researchers, medical residents and students.

"We set up ARAC because we recognized that there was an unmet need with respect to people at midlife who fear developing the disease, either because it runs in their family, they feel there may be other risk factors at play, or they may be experiencing personal changes in memory or other cognitive functions," said Dr. Hyman Schipper, director of ARAC, and senior author of both papers published in *CJNS*.

Schipper is a researcher at the JGH's Lady Davis Institute and professor of neurology and medicine (geriatrics) at McGill University.

The authors describe five general risk profiles for developing Alzheimer's in midlife: genetic, metabolic, nutritional, cognitive and psychological.

The risk categories are described as not mutually exclusive, and may present in varying combinations. Some factors – such as genetics – are fixed and immutable, but others may be modifiable through lifestyle changes, potentially affecting the probability of developing Alzheimer's.

Prominently considered among the latter are cardiovascular factors such as hypertension, high cholesterol and diabetes; poor diet and inadequate physical exercise; impoverished mental stimulation and excessive psychological distress.

"As a cure continues to elude researchers, ARAC is conducting fundamental and translational research to identify modifiable risk factors and investigate preventive strategies to stem the growing epidemic of Alzheimer's," Schipper said.

"Our expectation is that by influencing those factors that people can control during their midlife years, we can have a positive impact on reducing the incidence of dementia in later life.

"If successful, this will improve the quality of life of individuals as they age and alleviate the societal challenge of caring for our expanding elderly population."

According to Dr. Richard Riopelle, former chair of the department of neurology and neurosurgery at McGill U, the two articles published in *CJNS*, "represent a timely contribution to a burgeoning literature on risk and risk mitigation, and demonstrate innovative flair for how the health-care system can focus on the implementation of evidence-informed interventions."

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12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	GENTLE YOGA & REST CLASS
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	JOKERS CLUB HUMOUR GROUP
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	RECORDER CLASS
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	TASTE OF HEBREW
8:15 pm - 9:15 pm	TASTE OF HIGH HOLIDAYS

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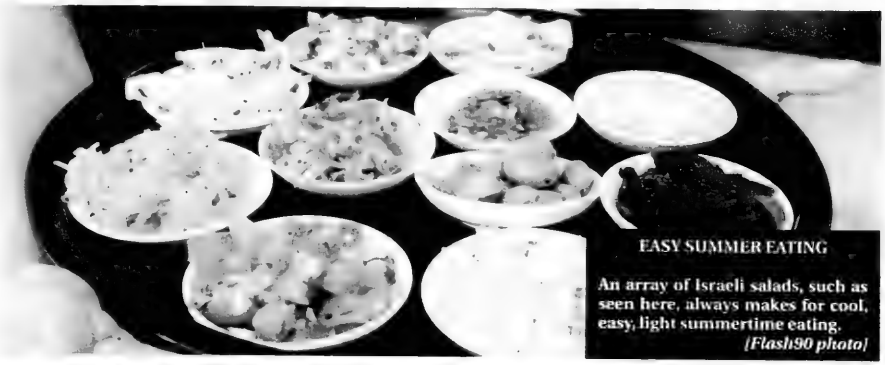

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קוויטקאָ איז אין 1922 אַרויסגעפֿאָרן פון רוסלאַנד קיין דיטשלאַנד. דרייַ יאָר שפּעטער האָט ער זיך צוריקגעקערט אַהיים. ער איז געזונן זיכער אַז בלויז אונטער די סאָוועטן וועלן יידיש רעדינדיקע יידן קענען בויען, אין זייער אייגן יידיש לשון, אַ יידישער קולטור. סטאַלינס מיַנונג איז געזונן אַנדערש.

דער רעגנבויגן

איך האָב אייך אין קאַלינינגראַדער געזאָגן, מיינע פֿרײַנט,
אַז שאַראָן מיט אייך, מיט אייער ווערק, אויך ווײַל אייך פֿאָרגעדענקן,
ווײַל האָט איר דען געטאָן אַזוינס דער ערד, ווײַ ז צעשײַנט,
ווײַ ז האָט זיך צעלאָסט אַזוי איר שׂנאָצע גוטס אייך שׂענקען?!

מײַן מאַמען כ'האָב באַגעגנט דאָ אין פֿרידאָרפֿער קאַלוירט,
לוקעריע נאַגנאָ רופֿט מען זי, אַ גמוונט אין איר געביין.
איר זון בין איך, און טײַער איר, כאָטש ניט פון איר געבירט,
און ז איז נאָענט, טײַער מיר ציום האָרצן ביַ געווײַן.

מײַן שוועסטער, לאָה קאַגאַן, כ'האָב אין ווינאַרסן געשראָפֿן,
איך האָב מיט איר באַקענט זיך, און איר מי געזען אין בליט.
ווי מוטיק איז די פֿרוי ביַ אונדז! איר האַרץ איז שאָטלץ און אָפֿן,
פון זינט איך האָב גערעדט מיט איר, איז שטאַלצער קליינט מײַן ליד.

אַ רעגן איז אַראָפּגעפֿאַלן שווער, ווי מיט אַ ראָד,
און דורכגעיאָגט, אַרײַנגעקאָקט, וואוהין מע קאָן נאָר קריכן.
סע אָטעמט אָפּ די ערד, אַזוי צעפּאָרעט פון דער באָד,
צעלײגט ז זיך אין טרינקט זיך די הײס-צעשוויצטקט זיכן.

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Yad Vashem expands efforts to identify Holocaust victims

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

JERUSALEM — Yad Vashem has stepped up efforts to collect the names of Holocaust victims who still remain unidentified.

"We have a responsibility to record the names of all the Jews who were murdered by the Nazis," said Avner Shalev, the chair of Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority.

In an interview with Canadian journalists recently in Jerusalem, Shalev expressed optimism that Yad Vashem will eventually be able to account for at least five million of the six million Jews who were killed in Nazi-occupied Europe.

He held out little hope that the identities of all six million victims can be tallied and verified.

As he put it, "We can't come up with all the names. It would be very difficult to reconstruct this."

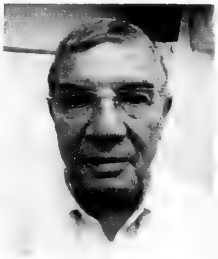
Committed to recovering every victim's name and personal story, Yad Vashem has so far collected four million victims' names, or two-thirds of the total.

The four million mark was reached late last year. By the 1990s, the identities of two million victims had been confirmed.

Shalev is hopeful that a new project initiated by Poland to record the names of all its Jewish and Christian wartime dead will help Yad Vashem accomplish its objective.

Yad Vashem has retrieved victims' names by various means.

The Pages of Testimony program, begun in the 1950s shortly after the creation of Yad Vashem, encourages survivors and family members to submit the names of relatives who disappeared during World War II.



Avner Shalev
[Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Beyond Pages of Testimony, Yad Vashem has actively gathered and processed lists of names from concentration camp and ghetto records and deportation transports.

Thanks to sophisticated computer programs, Yad Vashem has also delved deeper into its own archives, the largest repository of Holocaust material in the world.

At present, the closely guarded archives, deep in the bowels of Yad Vashem, consist of 130 million pages of documentation, 100,000 survivor testimonies, 400,000 photographs and 15,000 Righteous Among the Nations case files.

Shalev said he has launched a campaign to collect still more survivor testimonies and to encourage survivors to write their memoirs.

Through its Witness in Education program, Yad Vashem has started filming the recollections of survivors in their respective birthplaces.

Shalev said lists of the deceased are harder to acquire as investigators move eastward. Nonetheless, progress has been made in tracking down victims' names in a host of countries in eastern Europe.

Yad Vashem has verified the names of about 35 per cent of the Jews killed in Ukraine, 37 per cent of the Jews murdered in Belarus, 46 per cent of the Jews who perished in Poland and 65 per cent of the Jews killed in Hungary.

Tabulating the names of the victims in Greece has been problematic as well.

By 2005, researchers had managed to ascertain the identities of 35 per cent of Greek victims. The figure has since risen to 70 per cent.

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Norwegian Jews fear post-massacre scapegoating

Alex Weisler
JTA

OSLO — Even as they mourn along with their fellow countrymen the murder of 76 people last month in Oslo and at the Utoya summer camp, some Jews here are quietly expressing concern that the attack by a right-wing xenophobe who apparently sympathized with Israel may further mute pro-Israel voices in Norway, where anti-Zionist sentiment already runs strong.

Anders Behring Breivik

In the rambling 1,500-page manifesto attributed to the alleged perpetrator of the attacks, Anders Behring Breivik, anti-Muslim diatribes are punctuated at times with expressions of admiration for Israel and its fight against Islamic terrorism.

And on Utoya island, the young Labour Party activists who were holding a retreat when Breivik ambushed them, had spent part of the day before discussing the organization of a boycott against Israel and pressing the country's foreign minister, who was visiting the camp, to recognize a Palestinian state.

If the Norwegian public is looking for a larger villain than Breivik, Jews here are worried that Zionism and pro-Israel organizations may be singled out.

"Can the average Norwegian accept that this is the one random act of one confused ethnic Norwegian?" Avi Ring asked. Ring is a neuroscientist and former board member of Norway's official Jewish community organization, called the Mosaic Religious Community and known by its Norwegian acronym, DMT. "What I'm worried about is that in the Norwegian mind it will slowly attach an antagonism to Israel."

Joakim Plavnik, a young Norwegian Jew who works in the financial sector, said he's already worried by news reports that have focused on the seemingly pro-Zionist parts of Breivik's writings.

"That can potentially have very negative ramifications toward the small, vulnerable Jewish community," Plavnik said. But, he added, "we can't be paralyzed by that fear."

Rachel Suissa runs the Center Against Antisemitism, a pro-Israel group that counts about 23,000 supporters and 10,000 subscribers to a quarterly journal. She said the Norwegian government's general pro-Palestinian stance – Norway's foreign minister, Jonas Gahr Store, recently said that Oslo soon would announce its support for an independent Palestinian state – makes Zionism difficult to promote here.

"Anyone who dares support Israel is demonized," said Suissa, a professor of medical chemistry. "The Jews need to know that they have a lot of friends in Norway, but the Norwegian politicians are not our friends."

In an interview published last Tuesday by the Israeli daily *Maariv*, Norway's ambassador to Israel, Svein Sevje, said it was important to recognize the distinctions between the Norwegian attacks and terrorism in Israel.

"We Norwegians consider the occupation to be the cause of the terror against Israel," he said. "Those who believe this will not change their mind because of the attack in Oslo."

Suissa said she is concerned that Breivik's attack will make it more difficult for Israel supporters and the right-wing Christian groups she works with to express their views. But Rabbi Joav Melchior, spiritual leader of the community synagogue also known as DMT, dismissed such concerns.

"That someone… calls himself pro-Israel shouldn't in principle change anything for us," he said of Breivik. "We don't feel that he's a part of our group."

The bombing in Oslo and shooting rampage on the nearby island of Utoya has sparked a national debate in Norway about security measures in this country of 4.6 million, where political leaders routinely travel without a protective security detail and police officers don't carry guns.

"This happened in a place where if someone walks in and steals a pack of eggs, it would make the news," Ring said. "Norway will have to increase its awareness of security on all levels."

At Oslo's main synagogue, which was the target of an early-morning shooting attack in 2006 that resulted in cosmetic damage but no casualties, security already is high. Concrete barriers make it impossible to park in front of the building, and a receptionist told a reporter that he could not enter the facility last week "for security reasons."

Norway, like practically every country in Europe, has a spotty history when it comes to the Jews.

Jews were first allowed into Norway after the Inquisition, but were banned from 1687 to 1851. The first synagogue in Oslo was established in 1892. Some 800 Jews were killed during the Nazi occupation of the country, and many who fled to seek asylum in Sweden did not return after the war.

Today, most of the country's Jews live in Oslo, though smaller congregations do exist in other cities, such as Trondheim, a seven-hour drive north.

David Katzenelson, an Israeli transplant who has lived in Norway for 15 years, said Norway is not known as a particularly hospitable place for Jews. A high school math and science teacher who also runs the small Society for Progressive Judaism here, Katzenelson said he has had a swastika spray-painted on his mailbox and that Jewish students of his have been afraid to publicly disclose their faith.

"There's a feeling in the society that you have to be nice to everyone who's in the room – and since Jews are generally a very small group who are usually not in the room, you're allowed to speak nasty about them because that doesn't discriminate against anyone present," he said. "That can develop into very ugly things."

In the wake of the attacks, however, the prevailing mood among Norwegian Jews has been solidarity – as it has for all Norwegians.

More than 150,000 people participated in a "rose march" in front of Oslo City Hall on July 25 even after the event was officially cancelled for security reasons, because it had grown too large. People have taken to cheering for police officers and Red Cross workers when they pass by on the streets. And bars and restaurants are packed in Oslo in an apparent show that this city of about 600,000 will not cow to terror.

While many Norwegian Jews interviewed by JTA were quick to say now is the time for grief and that soul-searching should be put off for later, Rabbi Shaul Wilhelm, who runs the seven-year-old Chabad-Lubavitch centre in Oslo, said the way to prove Breivik and his ideology wrong is to embrace tolerance.

Judge strikes circumcision ban from ballot

Dan Klein
JTA

A state Superior Court judge in California ruled that a proposal to ban circumcision for minors must be struck from San Francisco's November ballot.

In a final ruling last Thursday, Judge Loretta Giorgi affirmed her tentative ruling from the previous day in which she agreed with the plaintiffs that the proposed ballot initiative is "expressly pre-empted" by state law because the evidence overwhelmingly suggests that "circumcision is a widely practiced medical procedure."

California law prohibits local governments from regulating medical procedures.

"It serves no legitimate purpose to allow a measure whose invalidity can be determined as a matter of law to remain on the ballot after such a ruling has been made," the judge said.

The initiative, if passed, would have made the practice of circumcision a misdemeanour punishable by a fine of up to $1,000 or up to one year in jail, and offered no exemption for religious ritual. The initiative had gotten on the ballot in San Francisco after anti-circumcision activists launched a campaign last fall to collect the signatures necessary to force a vote on the issue. In all, 12,000 people signed the petition to have it put on the November ballot.

Jewish groups then launched a counter-campaign, joined by Muslims and doctors, to derail the ballot initiative. They hailed Thursday's ruling as an affirmation of the right to free exercise of religion.

"We appreciate Judge Giorgi's careful review of the proposed measure, and her willingness to put a stop to this extreme, hurtful measure," said Abby Michelson Porth, the associate director of San Francisco's Jewish Community Relations Council – one of several plaintiffs in the suit – in an interview with *j.*, the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish newspaper. "There is no place on the ballot for a measure that contradicts California law and would put doctors in jail for performing a procedure with known health benefits and a religious purpose."

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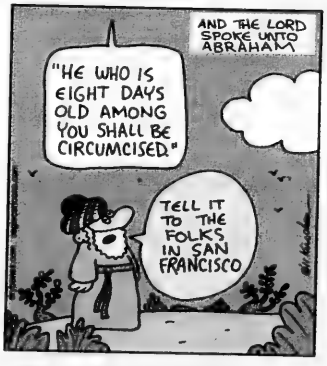
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Other Jewish leaders added their praise of this week's ruling.

"Today's ruling is a win for religious liberty, a win for American values and a win for all San Franciscans," said Howie Beigelman, the director of state affairs for the Orthodox Union. Daniel Mariaschin, the executive vice president of B'nai Brith International, said that the "ballot initiative would have directly impinged on Jews' ability to carry out a basic pillar of our faith."

Matthew Hess, the anti-circumcision activist who authored the language of the San Francisco ballot measure, told JTA that the measure's proponents were working out the details of an appeal.

"The measure didn't target one specific religion – it targeted all forced circumcisions of male minors," Hess said. "We feel that we have a strong case for an appeal."

Hess argues that circumcision is not a medical procedure, but this week the judge rejected that argument by Michael Kinane, a lawyer for Hess' coalition.

Michael Jacobs, the lawyer who represented the alliance opposing the ballot initiative, told JTA that he was pleased the judge had agreed with the core legal argument. He said that an appeal was unlikely to succeed.

Altar dating back to 9th century BCE unearthed

Viva Sarah Press
CJN Israel Bureau

Prof. Aren Maeir crouches near the altar.

TEL AVIV — For Haskel Greenfield, a professor of anthropology at the University of Manitoba, it was another exciting summer at the Tell es-Safi/Gath archaeological site in Israel.

A multinational team of archeologists – led by Prof. Aren Maeir of Bar-Ilan University's Martin (Szusz) Department of Land of Israel Studies – made a rare find of a large stone altar dating back to the late ninth century BCE.

"We're all ecstatic," Maeir told *The CJN*. "Now we're working to understand its context, where it is standing at the site, to understand the contents around it."

That's where Greenfield comes in. He was invited by Bar-Ilan University to shed some light on what city life was like at the Gath site, one of the largest ancient ruin mounds in Israel that was settled almost continuously from the fifth millennium BCE until modern times.

Greenfield calls himself an "anthropological archeologist."

"Most archeologists are like historians. They try and investigate a region of history using archeology. Anthropological archeologists are interested in human behaviour," he said. "I look how this is different from other places I've worked. I try to understand the people behind the artifacts, answering questions about society, culture and the economy."

The Canadian delegation included. Greenfield, four MA students and two BA students. It was Trent Cheney's third time digging at the Gath site and fourth time digging in Israel.

"I fell in love with this country the first time I came. Partly because I'm Christian and because of the biblical aspect, to see where stories of the Bible happened, and I get to also meet Israelis and find out what things are like here," the 39-year-old Saskatoon native told *The CJN*.

Cheney, who is an MA candidate at the University of Manitoba, said insofar as archeological sites, this is the place to dig: "Archeologically, even if I don't find anything, it's immensely exciting. You have to see where it happened. This is one of the places mentioned in the Bible."

The Tell es-Safi/Gath Archaeological Project (www.dig-gath.org) is a long-term investigation aimed at studying the archeology and history of one of the most important sites in Israel, located in the Tel Tzafit National Park. Gath was the most prominent and powerful city of the Philistines for much of that people's existence, and Maeir believes it was at times the largest city in all of the Land of Israel, until it was finally sacked by Hazael, king of Aram-Damascus, in 830 BCE. The fall of Gath, he said, was the single most important geopolitical event of the century.

"Although we understand much about the site – and its importance for the study of the story of the Philistines and their origins and processes of change, and their relationships with the surrounding cultures – it is obvious that we have much more to learn about this site," Maeir said. "We could be here for another 20 years and still not have scratched the surface."

He has led the international digging project at Tel Tzafit, for 15 years. This year's summer delegation included experts and students of archeology, Bible, anthropology, and science from the United States, Canada, Germany, France, Switzerland, England, Spain, Italy, South Korea and Australia.

"It's very interesting working with people from different cultures, different backgrounds. It's nice that everyone can work together in co-operation and collaboration. It's a model how different people can get along together," Maeir told *The CJN*.

In addition to the altar recently found at the site, other significant findings found at Gath include evidence of an earthquake in the eighth century BCE. Another find were remains relating to the earliest siege system in the world, constructed by Hazael, king of Aram-Damascus, around 830 BCE, along with extensive evidence of the subsequent capture and destruction of the city by Hazael, as mentioned in Second Kings 12:18.

Last year, diggers uncovered a Philistine temple with a number of ritual items dating back to the Iron Age (10th century BCE).

"Interestingly, the architectural design of this temple, with its two central pillars, is reminiscent of the architectural image that is described in the well-known biblical story of Samson and the Philistines, when Samson knocks down the temple by standing between the pillars and pushing them down. Perhaps this indicates that the story of Samson reflects a type of temple that was in use in Philistia at the time," said Maeir when the discovery was made last year.

Diggers at the site also unearthed the earliest decipherable Philistine inscription ever to be discovered, which contains two names similar to the name Goliath. This discovery is of particular importance since the Bible attributes Gath as the hometown of Goliath. The archeological find may also be seen as the first clear, extra-biblical evidence that the well-known biblical story of the battle between David and Goliath (and, in particular, the very existence of a figure such as Goliath during the biblical period) may be based on a clear cultural background, Maeir said.

While his work is concentrated on the Philistine layer of the site, Greenfield brushes away at Area E of the dig site in search of Early Bronze Age information.

"Goliath is from the Iron Age. We're looking in the Early Bronze Age. What we're doing is directly relevant to people's lives," said Greenfield, who is already planning his return to Gath next summer. "We're demonstrating and investigating how the lifestyle we live today was started. It's less sexy and that's the dilemma I also face."

Israel Briefs

Revered rabbi murdered

Thousands of people attended the funeral of Rabbi Elazar Abuhatzeira last Friday. Rabbi Abuhatzeira was stabbed to death in Be'er Sheva while he was hosting guests for consultation at a yeshiva near his home. He was buried next to his father in Jerusalem's Mount of Olives cemetery. Police arrested Asher Dahan, 42, following the stabbing. People close to the rabbi said Dahan frequently visited him to receive blessings and advice. The 70-year-old rabbi was a popular kabbalist and grandson of Rabbi Yisrael Abuhatzeira, known as the Baba Sali, considered a sage who was able to work miracles through his prayers.

Peres holds PA talks

Ha'aretz reported that President Shimon Peres has been holding intensive talks with Palestinian Authority officials in an effort to resume negotiations and head off a unilateral Palestinian statehood bid at the United Nations in September. The meetings are being held in complete co-ordination with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Peres met with chief Palestinian negotiator, Saeb Erekat. The two tried to find a formula that would bypass the dispute over establishing the June 4, 1967, border as a basis for negotiations toward a final settlement between Israel and the Palestinians. One option explored was the exchange of territory. Another was to compensate the Palestinians for settlement blocs annexed to Israel, on the basis of the U.S. proposal that the area of a Palestinian state be equal to the territory of the West Bank and Gaza.

– files from Ha'aretz

'Kangaroo court' seeks to slander Israel, critics say

Michael Belling
JTA

JOHANNESBURG — Ten years after the notorious United Nations anti-racism conference in Durban, South Africa, that devolved into an Israel-bashing frenzy, anti-Zionist forces are mobilizing again to hold another anti-Israel conference in South Africa.

This time, Israel will be on trial.

The Russell Tribunal on Palestine – a standing organization that held two tribunals against Israel last year in Barcelona and London – has been called for Nov. 5-6 in Cape Town "to probe whether the treatment of Palestinians in Israel and the occupied territories meets the criteria of the United Nations convention against the crime of apartheid."

The South African Zionist Federation has called the event, which is to involve prominent South Africans and already is making national headlines here, "an irrelevant talk shop."

Ronnie Kasrils

Mairead Maguire

"Despite its name, the Russell Tribunal is not an impartial, accountable judicial body," a vice-chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, Ben Swartz, told JTA. "Rather, it is a loose association of lobbyists pushing a narrow, one-sided political agenda, in this case the delegitimization of the State of Israel."

He called it "a pointless political smear campaign by a self-appointed group of anti-Israel activists."

But because of the attention it's receiving in South Africa, the tribunal is likely to be a damaging PR exercise against Israel. The event has won several key endorsements in the country, including from South Africa's leading federation of trade unions, the ruling African National Congress party, the South African Communist Party, and Zackie Achmat, an AIDS activist and Nobel Peace Prize nominee.

Alice Walker

Jose Antonio Pallin

While the tribunal said it invited Israel, Dov Segev-Steinberg, Israel's ambassador to South Africa, denied the claim.

"I have not seen any approach by the tribunal to Israel or the embassy," he told JTA. Segev-Steinberg said Israel views the tribunal as a "kangaroo court without any justification."

Two Israelis are slated to take part: attorneys Michael Sfard, who has represented Israelis refusing to serve in Israeli army operations in the West Bank and is legal counsel to Peace Now's Settlement Watch project, and Leah Tsemel, who represents Palestinians in cases against Israel.

Ben Levitas, another vice-chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, told JTA that the Jewish community has expressed great concern about the tribunal.

"This is not a court that reflects public opinion," Levitas said. "They have been very selective in their choice of witnesses."

The tribunal will meet at the District Six Museum, which was set up to commemorate some of the early forced removals of "Cape Coloreds," as mixed-race South Africans from a particular ethnic group in Cape Town were known, from their homes and businesses under the apartheid government.

The lineup at the tribunal is an anti-Israel parade. Nobel Peace laureate and Archbishop emeritus Desmond Tutu, a frequent critic of the Jewish state, is slated to open the proceedings.

The "jury" will include Ronnie Kasrils, the Jewish former South African minister of intelligence who gained international notoriety some 10 years ago when he promoted several anti-Israel measures in parliament; Alice Walker, the African-American author who tried to take part in this year's flotilla to Gaza and has defended suicide bombings as "last-ditch resistance"; Nobel Peace laureate Mairead Maguire, who in 2009 was arrested by Israel for sailing on a boat attempting to break Israel's blockade of the Hamas-run Gaza Strip, and Spanish Supreme Court judge Jose Antonio Pallin, who has accused Israel of war crimes.

"The world expects South Africa to champion the rights of other people," Kasrils said.

South African "witnesses" will include Steven Friedman, a Jewish proponent of the boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign against Israel; John Dugard, a former UN special rapporteur on human rights in the Palestinian territories; and Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, ex-wife of anti-apartheid activist and former South African president Nelson Mandela.

"The primary purpose is to engage with the court of public opinion throughout the world, air views and start a conversation which hopefully will continue over the next few years," Friedman told JTA. The Zionist Federation, he said, is "a well-known source of propaganda. Its view is that any criticism of Israel is invalid, and it sees its job as defaming and discrediting anyone who has an alternative view of Israel."

The local organizing committee is chaired by Siraj Desai, a high court judge, and includes Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge, a former deputy minister and deputy speaker of parliament who went to Israel in 2008 to advocate for Palestinian rights.

The tribunal is named for British philosopher and mathematician Bertrand Russell, who along with philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre set up the 1960s-era Russell Tribunal on Vietnam to examine U.S. war crimes. It was followed some years later by the Russell Tribunal II on human rights offences by former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet.

The new body calls itself "an international people's tribunal created by a large group of citizens involved in the promotion of peace and justice in the Middle East." Organizers say they seek to highlight the international community's failure to implement UN resolutions and International Court of Justice decisions against Israel.

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Dentists design downloadable app for iPad

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

As a dentist with 18 years of practice under his belt, Knowlton Kotansky is something of a rock star among his contemporaries.

Well, maybe not exactly a rock star – he doesn't get young dental hygienists flinging their unmentionables at him, or even asking for autographs. But at dental conferences across the country, and during a recent trip to shul, he has had colleagues come up to him and ask excitedly if he's the same guy who's offering a unique dental application for download.

Yes indeed, he is the same guy, along with his partner in dental software, Lorne Levy.

The two of them, friends for many years, have designed "a new tool in the dentist's bucket" called "The Dental Consult Application." It's a downloadable application, or software, that's available at the Canadian Apple store for use with the iPad.

Knowlton Kotansky

Lorne Levy

It's an educational tool that dentists can use to demonstrate dental procedures to their patients before they go ahead and do them.

Once it has been downloaded to the iPad, users will see nine "buckets" on the iPad's view screen, each of which, when clicked, opens a discrete set of high-quality photos that demonstrate the treatment to be taken.

For a crown, for instance, the patient is shown photographs of all the steps that are part of the procedure, from pre-op to impression stage, lab work, temporary crowns and the final crowning glory.

Since the patients see pictures of real life procedures, not simply animations, they understand what will be done, "and it relieves their anxieties a lot," Kotansky said.

So far, the nine "buckets" include crowns, bridges, implants, fillings, dentures, veneers, whitening, acid erosion and hypersensitivity.

Patients have responded well to the tool, and dentists are avid users of the application, Kotansky said. It is available for download for $4.99. "We want everyone to have it," he explained. "It's a good tool and we're happy to have everybody have it."

So far, the Apple store has registered about 360 downloads. And if you consider that Kotansky and Levy paid software developers to design it and Apple takes 30 per cent from each sale, it's clear it's not a product that will lead the dental duo to begin planning their retirements anytime soon.

"It's a little side business," Kotansky explained.

Still, there are plans for growth. Kotansky and Levy have partnered with GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) in selling the product. GSK is a heavyweight in the world of dental products, with a vast distribution network. They are marketing it to their customers and they have placed educational materials in the app in which Sensodyne, a product that addresses tooth sensitivity, is featured.

Then there is the vast American market, which is about 10 times the size of the Canadian one. "We're hoping to find a corporate partner that would like to follow us there," said Kotansky, a native of Montreal.

In the meantime, the two dental buddies are working on a non-dental application, the nature of which they won't reveal at the present time.

Expanding their dental horizions "is really enjoyable for us after years of routine," Kotansky said. "This was really a nice new challenge for us. It added a whole new level of excitement."

Israel to provide Intel with massive grant

Ora Coren
Ha'aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd.

JERUSALEM — Intel should receive a NIS 1-billion ($277-million) grant, Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz and Industry, Trade and Labour Minister Shalom Simhon decided in principle last week.

The grant is intended to help Intel invest in two factories. The chipmaker plans to expand its Kiryat Gat factory and to build a new assembly plant in the north, at a total investment of NIS 5 billion ($1.4 billion).

As a condition for receiving the money, Intel will have to commit to hiring 1,500 more workers at its Kiryat Gat plant, and between 600 and 1,000 workers at its new factory in the north. The Industry, Trade and Labor Ministry hopes the factory will be built near Beit She'an.

In addition, it will be eligible for tax breaks under a newly amended law encouraging capital investment and will become the first factory to receive special preferential status. Thus, it will pay taxes of five per cent, as opposed to the average 12 per cent that it currently pays.

Following the recommendations of a joint industry and trade and finance committee, the ministers decided to break down the grant into three sections.

Intel will receive up to NIS 300 million ($83 million) to invest in the Kiryat Gat plant, and another NIS 550 million ($155 million) to build an anchor factory that employs at least 600 workers in the north. It will receive an additional NIS 150 million ($42 million) if that factory employs 1,000 workers.

Intel will be obliged to employ the workers for at least 10 years.

The company will receive the grant money starting in 2014, depending on when it makes the investment.

Two months ago, Intel applied to receive a grant in order to double the capacity of its Kiryat Gat factory, which would enable it to manufacture its most advanced chips. The company also stated it was considering building a new factory up north.

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Journalist takes on the conspiracy movement

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Toronto journalist Jonathan Kay is no stranger to conspiracy theories, the stuff of paranoia and a staple of the antisemitic lunatic fringe. Now the comment pages editor of the *National Post*, he was accustomed to receiving a voluminous volume of e-mails from conspiracy theorists. "I ignored most of them," he said. "I thought they were all crazy."

But after the monstrous terrorist events of Sept. 11, 2001, Kay discerned a new breed of conspiracy theorists. "They were smart, well educated, articulate and not overly bigoted."

Some years after having made this observation, Kay ran into his cousin at a dinner party. Much to Kay's surprise, he claimed that 9-11 was "an inside job" conceived and carried out by the United States to justify its armed intervention in Afghanistan.

The argument sounded ominously familiar. After 9-11, the Muslim world was awash with claims that it was planned and perpetrated by the Mossad, Israel's intelligence agency.

Intrigued by their retreat from reality, Kay decided to investigate the alternate universe of conspiracy theorists, who have thrived due to the Internet. Taking a four-month leave-of-absence from his newspaper starting in mid-2008, Kay immersed himself in the topic. When necessary, he worked evenings, weekends and vacations.

He conducted research, interviewed conspiracy theorists in Canada and the United States, attended their conventions, surfed their websites, watched their videos and joined their Internet discussion forums.

The hard work of taking an idea from start to finish has paid off. This past spring, HarperCollins published *Among the Truthers*, a comprehensive account of a vast conspiracist subculture. A reviewer in the *Globe and Mail* praised Kay's book as a "thoughtful, rigorous, very readable and often captivating journey through the renegade corners of... paranoia."

The conspiracy movement has prospered because more Canadians and Americans distrust government, the mass media and the religious establishment, he said in an interview. "People don't believe in centralized authority anymore."

And the Internet makes it possible for anyone out there to publish their skewed views, he added. "Modern conspiracism is all Internet-based, perfect for people with fringe messages," Kay noted.

By his estimate, 20 per cent of Canadians and Americans subscribe to conspiracy theories. Still others are skeptics who reject conventional explanations of current affairs.

A growing number of conspiracy theorists are right-wing Jews who fear Islamic radicalism and Revisionist Zionists who claim, for example, that Israel's unilateral withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005 was engineered by non-governmental organizations.

Most conspiracy theorists were once antisemites, revelling in such fabricated works as *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

Not so today.

Under the impact of the Holocaust, multiculturalism, tolerance training at schools, sympathetic coverage of minorities in the media and Jewish community activism, only a minority of conspiracy theorists are in the antisemitic camp, Kay explained.

Apart from legends swirling around the origins of 9-11 and the supposed power of Jews, the most common conspiracy theories turn on claims that U.S. President Barack Obama was born outside the United States, that vaccines render children autistic and that the gold bullion held by the U.S. government is nothing more than bars of tungsten painted yellow.

Kay doesn't bother trying to refute their arguments. "Once they go down

Jonathan Kay

that path, you can't argue with conspiracy theorists," said Kay, the co-author of *The Volunteer*, a memoir of a Canadian-born Mossad agent published four years ago.

Born and raised in Montreal, Kay dedicates *Among the Truthers* to his parents – Ronald, an engineer, and Barbara, a freelance columnist for the *National Post*.

Kay, 42, joined the *National Post* in its inaugural year in 1998. "If Conrad Black hadn't started it, I probably would have been a tax lawyer today," he said.

He is not joking.

A man of many interests, Kay was a metallurgical engineer for seven years and a tax lawyer for two years before turning his hand to to journalism. Until he discovered the joys of journalism, he didn't know what to do with his life, he admitted.

He wrote his first published piece in 1996, a film review of *Independence Day* for *Saturday Night* magazine. Ken Whyte, the editor who accepted his review, remembered Kay and hired him when he applied for a position at the *National Post*, which he edited for the first few years.

Launching his career as an editorial writer, Kay acquitted himself well, winning National Newspaper Awards in 2002 and 2004.

"This is a dream job for a know-it-all," said Kay, who doubles as a columnist and blogger. "The Internet is a hungry beast. It requires many words."

Kay, who's currently working on an e-book on 9-11, is a conservative and a disciple of 18th-century British philosopher Edmund Burke, a classical liberal. But since the emergence of the Tea Party movement in the United States, he wonders if he qualifies as a conservative.

In Canada's last general election, he considered voting for the New Democratic Party due to the income inequality problem that afflicts both Canada and even more so the United States. But in the end, he voted for the Conservative party because he regards its leader, Stephen Harper, as an Edmund Burkian conservative.

Kay was a supporter of Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's current prime minister, until last year. He parted ways with him after Israel embarrassed visiting U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden by announcing plans to build more apartment units in eastern Jerusalem. "That was the turning point," he said.

Netanyahu disillusioned Kay yet again in May when he refused to accept the pre-1967 armistice lines in combination with mutual land swaps as a basis for resuming direct negotiations with the Palestinian Authority.

"I don't see Netanyahu's position sustainable on the world stage," said Kay, urging him to negotiate sooner rather than later, when Iran has most probably acquired a nuclear arsenal.

An avid tennis and squash player, Kay and his wife, Jennifer, a lawyer, have two daughters. He admires his wife, whom he met as a student at McGill University. As he put it, "She's the serious person in our relationship."

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The first Jewish star in professional baseball

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Henry (Hank) Greenberg was arguably the first important Jewish player in the annals of major league baseball and thus the first Jewish star in the game.

A first baseman for the Detroit Tigers – a team that won the American League pennant in 1934, almost won the World Series that year and remained a contender for the rest of the 1930s – he is best remembered today for having been one of the first players to challenge Babe Ruth's single season record of 60 home runs and for having sat out a game because it fell on Yom Kippur.

Greenberg's decision to miss this game and attend synagogue services for the sake of observing a sacred Jewish holiday endeared him to Jewish fans and defined him for the rest of his career.

But ironically, as Mark Kurlansky points out in his first-rate biography, *Hank Greenberg: The Hero Who Didn't Want To Be One* (Yale University Press), this was possibly the only time in his adult life that he actually observed Yom Kippur.

Utterly unobservant, Greenberg was thoroughly secular and wanted to be regarded as a player who happened to be Jewish rather than a Jewish player per se. According to Kurlansky, he was never comfortable with the kind of adulation he received from American Jews, who saw him as a symbol of a proud Jew and a bulwark against antisemitism.

"Privately, Greenberg... was both embarrassed and amused by his image," Kurlansky writes.

For all the acclaim showered on him, Greenberg had the misfortune of living in an era when racism was rampant and casual and vocal antisemitism was the norm in American society. "As a player and later a general manager, he spent the better part of 20 years on the receiving end of antisemitic abuse in ballparks," Kurlansky says.

America has come a long way since then. The Chicago Bulls basketball player Joakim Noah was recently fined $50,000 for hurling an anti-gay slur at a taunting fan. But in Greenberg's day, verbal abuse was common and widely accepted.

Greenberg was the son of Romanian immigrants from Moldavia. Born in 1911 as Hyman Greenberg, he was raised in the Greenwich Village neighbourhood of Manhattan. Drawn to sports, he was not considered a natural talent, honing his skills by virtue of hard work.

"If you practice the way I did," he said, "all day long, day after day, you're bound to get pretty good." Indeed, teammates and opponents alike acknowledged him as the hardest working player they had ever seen, Kurlanksy adds.

He launched his career on a semi-pro team in Brooklyn in 1929. A Detroit Tigers scout spotted him and Greenberg signed with the club for $9,000. Since there were no agents back then, he negotiated his own contract. In turning pro, he gave up on a university education.

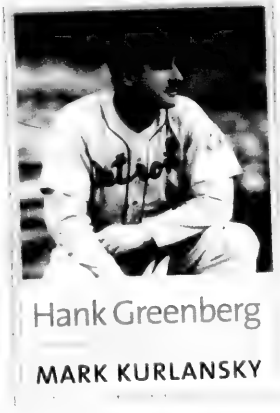
Greenberg played in the minor leagues for the first few years, finessing his game in Hartford, Conn., Raleigh, N.C., and Beaumont, Texas. "He was still inexperienced, his footwork at first base was clumsy, he missed fly balls, and even his batting was unspectacular," Kurlansky says of his days in the minors.

In Raleigh, a southern city, Greenberg encountered a mix of antisemitic hostility and curiosity from fans. "Every ballpark I went to there'd be somebody in the stands who spent the whole afternoon just calling me, you know, names," he told the American Jewish Committee in a lengthy interview in 1980.

The antisemitism in Detroit was just as bad, if not worse. Detroit, after all, was a bastion of antisemitic agitators.

Henry Ford, the car manufacturer, had published antisemitic articles in his newspaper, the *Dearborn Independent*, based on *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. Charles Coughlin, a Catholic priest, attacked Jews in his nationally syndicated radio program.

In his first season in Detroit, Greenberg hit 12 home runs, a respectable total. But some fans were less than impressed, shouting antisemitic taunts. Exercising restraint, he generally ignored them.



Greenberg hit his peak in 1938, hitting 58 home runs. His mother had promised him that if he broke Ruth's record, she would celebrate by making him 61 gefilte fish in the shape of baseballs. It was just as well that he fell short of the mark. "There is no way I could have eaten all that gefilte fish," he said.

But after coming so close to equalling or surpassing Ruth's record, Greenberg negotiated a salary of $40,000 a year, making him the highest-paid player in professional baseball.

After Japan's attack on the U.S. Navy at Pearl Harbor in December 1941, Greenberg became the first active major leaguer to enlist in the armed forces. At officer training school, he shared an apartment with Hollywood actor William Holden.

During the war, Greenberg was stationed in India and China and dispatched on inspection tours of air force bases in Asia. In 1945, he was sent back to the United States to help boost morale in defence plants.

He married well, his wife being the daughter of department store mogul Bernard Gimbel. But the marriage dissolved, and Greenberg became one of America's most notable bachelors. Eventually, he remarried, his new wife having been a B-movie actress.

When he resigned, he turned his talents to management. As general manager of the Cleveland Indians, he earned a reputation as a volatile boss. "I guess I was tough to handle," he admitted. "I played hard, tried my best. I was always trying to overachieve."

In the late 1950s, Greenberg and Bill Veeck bought control of the Chicago White Sox, but the partnership did not last. Quitting baseball for good, he devoted himself to his investments.

Greenberg's son, Steve, played baseball in the minors and later became a deputy commissioner of baseball and a major figure in sports broadcasting.

Although he never visited Israel, Greenberg was a fierce Zionist, regarding the Jewish state as a moral imperative after the Holocaust and donating money to build a tennis centre in Israel.

Until the age of 74, he played tennis six days a week, and in his waning years, he smoked excellent cigars and enjoyed caviar in what his wife said was "obscene amounts."

Diagnosed with kidney cancer, he died in his sleep on Sept. 4, 1986. He was buried in Hillside Memorial Park in Culver City, Calif., the resting place of Jack Benny and Eddie Cantor, among other Jewish celebrities. His headstone was inscribed, "Hank Greenberg, loved and admired by so many," with the image of a menorah carved into the words.

Despite the antisemitic fans and players who hounded him, Greenberg was indeed a beloved figure in baseball.

EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO AUTHOR ALISON PICK ON LONG LIST FOR MAN BOOKER PRIZE

Toronto author **Alison Pick**, who won the prestigious Stan and Helen Vine Canadian Jewish Book Award in May for her novel *Far to Go*, has been named one of 13 nominees for the 2011 Man Booker Prize.

Pick is one of three Canadian authors (the others are **Patrick Dewitt** and **Esi Edugyan**) on the Man Booker long list, which was narrowed down from a field of 138 books under consideration. Pick is one of four first-time novelists on the list.

Far to Go tells a Holocaust story involving members of an affluent, secular Jewish family in Prague who end up in the Auschwitz death camp. It was published by House of Anansi.

Upon receiving the Canadian Jewish Book Award in May, Pick explained that she had been raised as a Christian and found out by accident that her father was Jewish and that her great-grandparents had died at Auschwitz. Although her grandparents came to Canada and began a new life that didn't include Judaism, she decided to convert back to Judaism. "This family secret has informed my entire writing career," she said.

"The writing in *Far to Go* is clean, crisp and unencumbered," wrote *Globe and Mail* reviewer Steven Galloway last September. "Pick never dwells for too long on an image or metaphor, and she creates small moments that are both lovely and frightening."

Pick is the latest in a string of Jewish authors to be honoured by the Man Booker jury. Last year's prize went to **Howard Jacobson** for *The Finkler Question*, and more recently, **Philip Roth** was awarded the biennial International Prize over the protests of one jury member who subsequently resigned.

The Man Booker prize can give a novel an astonishing boost in sales, as it did in 2002 for **Yann Martel**'s *Life of Pi*, which went on to become an international best-seller. Even being named on the long list – and later on the short list of six nominees, if Pick should progress that far – will have a wondrous effect on sales.

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Names in the News: "By George... we got him!" is the promo line on an announcement from the United Jewish Appeal of Greater Toronto that actor **Jason Alexander**, who played the character George on the famous *Seinfeld* TV series, is the feature entertainer for the UJA's 2012 campaign launch at Toronto's Sony Centre, Aug. 23. Tickets ($40) are available only to UJA donors above $250. Reception sponsors are FanXchange and Phase 4 Films.

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Arts in Brief

• Love 'Em or Hate 'Em: Controversial Directors in Nayman's Terms is the title of film critic **Adam Nayman**'s series of lectures with film clips at the Miles Nadal JCC. He focuses on Woody Allen on Monday, Aug. 8, 7 to 9 p.m. $12; students $6; bring a friend for free at the regular price. 416-924-6211, ext. 606, www.mnjcc.org

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Alison Pick

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Band blends Roma and klezmer music

Laura Stricker
Special to The CJN

Music is in Paul Mathew's blood.

Mathew, the bandleader of the Gypsy Flame Showband, was inspired to become a musician thanks to his father and grandfather.

"[My father] was a full-time musician, and so was his father," Mathew said. "So I'm the third generation."

Gypsy Flame Showband performs a range of European, Roma and klezmer songs at shows all over the Toronto area.

The band is known for its high-energy show and traditional Roma costumes.

They have two shows planned in the coming months — one at Lula Lounge in downtown Toronto at 7 p.m. on Sept. 11 and another at Vaughan City Playhouse on Oct. 16 at 2 p.m.

"There'll be five people dancing, and one of them also sings," said Mathew. "Two violin players, myself on accordion and a guitar player that sings."

Gypsy Flame Showband

His reason for loving music and performing, which he's been doing for more than 40 years, is simple.

"[I like] making people happy, obviously," he said, adding that people who come to the shows have great reactions to the music.

"They say they enjoyed it very much."

This is because, he surmised, of the strong European feel of the songs.

"People who have come from Europe have seen Gypsy bands, and they remember them from years before.

"They're very popular in Europe and that's why I know there's a market for that and I'm bringing that here," Mathew said.

In the past, the band has performed at various synagogues, Nathan Phillips Square and Mel Lastman Square. For the last five years, they've entertained the crowd at the Cavalcade of Stars at Shaarei Shomayim, an event that raises money for Jews for Judaism.

Mathew, who has played piano since he was seven, is always looking for people from the Roma community to perform with the band.

Tickets for the show at Lula Lounge are $18 in advance and $20 at the door. Tickets for the October show at Vaughan City Playhouse are $25 each.

For more information about the band, visit www.gypsyflame.net.

Fringe playwright's career is gaining 'momentum'

Cara Edell
Special To The CJN

Ron Fromstein, 38, recently won the Toronto Fringe 24 Hour Playwriting Competition.

Toronto-born Fromstein, who has also lived in Vancouver, New Orleans and Chicago, is a five-time winner-finalist of the competition and a three-time winner of the Canadian National Playwriting Award. This year, four of his shows will be performed in seven different fringe festivals across Canada.

"Slowly but surely, each time a show plays somewhere, someone is taking an interest in both that particular play and my writing in general. Someone is telling a friend. Someone is e-mailing me. Someone is Facebooking me. Someone is Facebooking someone else about me. And so, gradually, I'm becoming a mini-franchise," he said.

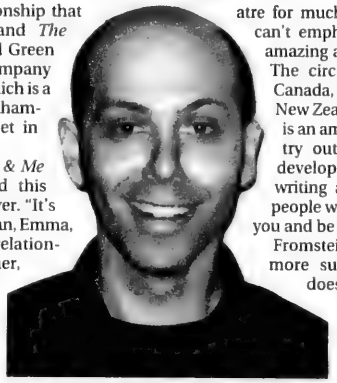
Fromstein has been writing plays for "a while," he said. After winning second place in his high school's playwriting competition, Fromstein continued pursuing his passion and making a name for himself in the industry.

His first non-school competition win was in 2004 for the Toronto Fringe, and in 2006 he was flown to British Columbia to receive another award. "Since then, it's become progressively more serious, and I've non-coincidentally paid more bills and rent."

Fromstein said he began writing scripts because he likes "the simplicity of play structure versus fiction. Writing what people are saying, and not saying to each other, seems to cut to the chase. I get a little impatient writing fiction. But, to be honest, it was to impress a girl originally."

Fromstein's more current plays include *The Big Smoke* (now playing at the Winnipeg Fringe), which tells the story of a young man in search of himself and his sexuality; *Black & Blue* (in Hamilton, Ont., earlier this year), which focuses on a relationship that involves assault, and *The Three of Us* (Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company reading in 2010), which is a retelling of the Abraham-Sarah-Isaac story set in the modern era.

His play *Dianne & Me* is being performed this summer in Vancouver. "It's about a young woman, Emma, sorting out her relationship with her mother, Dianne, once she [the daughter] becomes pregnant. The pregnancy intensifies the relationship enormously. In fiction as in real life."



Ron Fromstein

Fromstein said he is "growing as a writer and person" and his scripts are reflecting his maturity. He said *Dianne & Me* has received recognition because "the mother-daughter relationship is inherently dramatic and therefore lends itself to theatre."

The story is told from a teenager's point of view, he said. "I think that in itself is interesting to a lot of people. The play isn't an answer or a remedy to the challenges of the mother-daughter relationship. It's an attempt to join the conversation in a meaningful way. And since it's a conversation many people are already having and will continue to have, it resonates with some people."

Fromstein said he was delighted to see mothers with their daughters at the performance in Hamilton. "I saw a woman pull Kleenex out of her purse and set it on her lap before the play began. In short, I saw and hopefully will continue to see, people being affected in a meaningful way."

Fromstein credits the fringe theatre for much of his success. "I can't emphasize enough how amazing an opportunity it is. The circuit extends across Canada, the U.S, Australia, New Zealand and the U.K. It is an amazing place to both try out new writing and develop already existing writing and meet amazing people who will both inspire you and be inspired by you."

Fromstein said he will feel more successful when he doesn't have to work part-time as a theatre usher for extra income. "In the meantime, it does feel like things are starting to come together."

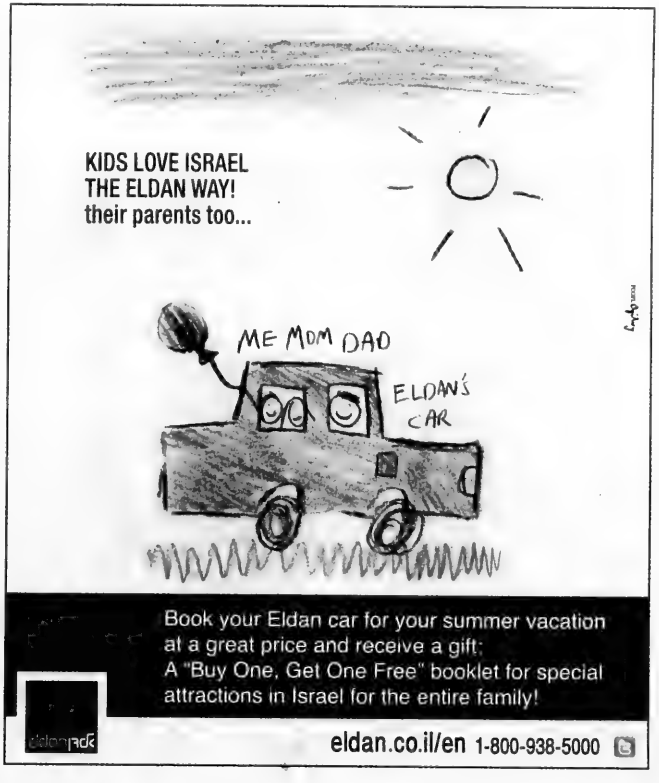
He said the e-mails from strangers and peers who have enjoyed his writing are very encouraging. "It's nice to know you've affected people in a meaningful way – be that challenging them intellectually or simply offering some meaningful entertainment that distracted them from the stress of their day for a few hours. I think that, in and of itself, is incredibly important to a lot of people."

Fromstein said he hopes the future brings more extended runs.

"The Harold Green Jewish Theatre has been very supportive to me both personally and professionally," he said. "Two theatres in New York have taken an interest in my work, so I'm excited to see where that goes. There seems to be a sense of general momentum and I'm trying to keep that going."

As a Jewish writer, Fromstein says his religion has influenced his work. "It's like saying, does being your parents' child influence you? How can it not? That's a huge part of who I am (both being Jewish and my parents' child). It literally colours everything I do and everything that I am. It's part of the fabric of who I am."

Last year, when he was adapting the Abraham-Sarah story, Fromstein said he rediscovered how strongly it still resonates with him personally and with people in general. "Regardless of where you stand on the religious spectrum, the Torah is an amazing body of stories."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Polish boxer a source of joy, pride to Jews

Uri Talshir
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JERUSALEM — In 1934, Szapsel (Shabtai) Rotholc was a member of the Polish boxing team that traveled to Budapest ahead of the European Amateur Championships. One year earlier, as Adolf Hitler was rising to power in Germany, Rotholc became the first Jewish boxer to win the Polish championships. And in Hungary, he did what many people had considered impossible: he beat the odds, overcoming all the stigmas and the racial theories to win a bronze medal in the flyweight division.

"An unparalleled Jew," was how Henrik Lazar, the sports editor of the now-defunct Krakow-based Jewish newspaper *Nowy Dziennik*, praised Rotholc. "At a time when the level of Jewish athletes in Poland is in decline and when we are searching for a competitor whose achievements can serve as a symbol of the strength and prowess of Jewish youths, we have found a source of joy and pride: Rotholc the wonder, the Jewish boxer."

Rotholc, who was born in Warsaw in 1913, was a member of the Gwiazda Warszawa Boxing Club and was the star of Polish sport in the 1930s. Members of the Jewish community saw him as a symbol of the Jew who could defend himself, who fought like a lion before audiences of thousands – including Germans wearing swastikas. Another newspaper heralded his bronze-medal performance in Hungary as "the Jewish David slaying the German Goliath."

In 1935, word of Rotholc's prowess crossed the ocean. He travelled to Chicago for a competition between Polish and American boxers, where he won his country's only medal. A year later, he was voted top Jewish athlete in Poland's sportsman of the year poll of readers of the *Przeglad Sportowy* newspaper – a feat he repeated the next year.

On March 11, 1938, the *Idishe Bilder* newspaper ran a front-page headline proclaiming "Our Szapsel, the boxing hero."

All the more remarkable was that Rotholc came to the sport almost by accident. Rotholc was about 17 or 18 when a group of ruffians accosted him and his father in the streets of Warsaw. They started pulling on his father's beard and insulting him. At the time, Rotholc had no boxing experience at all, said his son, Richard Rotholz, who lives in Montreal.

But, "he beat them off. My grandfather turned to him and said [in Yiddish] 'Szapsel it's time for you to learn to box properly.' He joined a club and in the first year was the champion of Warsaw," Rotholz stated.

By the time the *Idishe Bilder* story appeared, Rotholc's record showed 15 victories in the 16 bouts he fought under the Polish flag.

In 1936, Berlin hosted the Olympic Games. Jewish organizations boycotted the so-called Nazi Games, but Rotholc, who at the time was serving in the Polish army, bowed to pressure from his commanding officers and agreed to participate. While he never actually competed in Berlin, the fact that he agreed to travel to Nazi Germany disappointed his many fans. Richard pointed out that his father had beaten the eventual gold medal winner in a three-round decision before the Games.

On his return, Rotholc was ousted from the Jewish Sports Federation.

Toward the end of the decade, Rotholc fell victim to the growing tide of antisemitism and found himself excluded from training camps and, eventually, from the Polish delegation to the 1939 European Championships.

When the Warsaw Ghetto was established, Rotholc joined the Jewish police. The respect accorded to him by the German and Polish guards enabled him to smuggle goods and money into the ghetto and to ensure his family's survival.

Richard recalled one story his father told him. Caught along with two others outside the ghetto, he was taken to a German police officer. The officer recognized Rotholc and asked him if he remembered him. When his father said he didn't, the German told him he had boxed against him in Breslau before the war. "Don't do this anymore," he warned him. "If I catch you, I won't be able to help you anymore." He then took out his pistol and shot the other two smugglers.

In 1944, after the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, he was transferred to a work camp inside Germany, where he managed to survive the war. His wife was murdered, but Richard was hidden by a Polish Catholic family and also survived.

By agreeing to join the ghetto police, Rotholc tarnished the image that he had built up over the prewar years. He was determined to clear his name, but in 1946 he was put on trial by the Central Committee of Jews in Poland, accused of collaborating with the Nazis. There were contradictory accounts of his behaviour as a police officer: some residents of the ghetto said that he beat them mercilessly, while others told of how he managed to save the head of the Jewish resistance from deportation to a concentration camp.

Szapsel Rotholc

It's a period that clearly still pains Richard, who told the story of his dad hiding a six-year-old girl under his coat who was slated for deportation and taking her to a safe place. The girl joined several others in hiding and survived the war.

"To her, he was a saviour," he said.

On Nov. 29, 1946, Rotholc was expelled from the Jewish community for a period of two years; his civil rights in the community were rescinded for a further three years. During his trial Rotholc enjoyed the support of the Polish Boxing Federation, the former captain of the boxing team and the country's top sports officials, all of whom testified on his behalf.

"At the time, there was a lot of bitterness," Richard said. "In the ghetto, he couldn't save everybody, he saved some lives."

On June 22, 1948, at the end of his period of exclusion, Rotholc was reinstated as a member of the Jewish Sports Federation.

Later that year he was reunited with Richard and emigrated to Montreal, where he remarried and worked as a furrier.

His father never returned to boxing, Richard said. "After the war, he was never the same person. The war tremendously had an affect on him."

He recalls his father as "honest, straight. He was very correct, just a fantastic guy."

Rotholc died in 1996.

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Zane Zalis, a Winnipeg composer, producer and high school teacher, has written a powerful musical Holocaust oratorio titled *I Believe* that is scheduled for a full production at Toronto's Roy Thomson Hall on Oct. 25 featuring some 200 performers, including a symphony orchestra and three choirs.

Holocaust survivors who have seen excerpts have commended Zalis for capturing the immediacy and depth of feelings they had experienced during the Shoah. The young man and woman who are the principal characters of *I Believe* voice their increasing desperation with the utmost simplicity and directness. "Where were you, God?" one character sings. "Why did you hide? I'm all alone. I need you now, God. Please hear me."

Zane Zalis

Zalis, who has a Ukrainian Catholic background, admits that he's been obsessed with the subject since he began writing the work about seven years ago.

"I'm not going to fool myself and say that a piece of music is going to change the world, but if it makes people reflect for a moment about the Holocaust... then I'll have done my job," he told *The CJN* during a visit to Toronto in June at one of several musical soirees in private homes staged to raise awareness and patron support for the October concert.

> *I Believe* will debut in Toronto in October

Although he wanted to craft a modernistic suite, he avoided the atonality that is the current trend, he said. "I wanted the melodies to sit on peoples' minds after they had left. You want the message to get into them, you want them to hum something to rekindle those memories." The classicist in him also demanded a symphony orchestra rather than the contemporary style of a rock musical.

A 2009 Winnipeg performance of *I Believe* with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and a subsequent scaled-down performance in Austria both elicited strong audience reaction, the composer said. Some survivors told him he had made them remember their raw feelings as experienced in the camps; one said he had "gotten as close to the barbed wire as it was possible to get without being on the other side."

Zalis said he wanted the piece to tell a story, touch a nerve and be remembered. "I wanted to make it substantial as a composition, with a layer for everybody, so when you listen to it for the second, third or fourth times, you hear different things each time."

The Toronto debut performance of *I Believe, A Holocaust Oratorio For Today* will feature the Opera Canada Symphony conducted by Roberto Paternostro, music director of the Israel Chamber Orchestra. Principal singers are soprano Kelsey Cowie and tenors Marc Devigne and Marko Zeiler, and the choirs are the Orpheus Choir of Toronto, the University of Toronto MacMillan Singers and the Hamilton Children's Choir.

The concert is being produced by Attila Glatz Concert Productions and is being presented in partnership with the Koffler Centre of the Arts. Thanks to patron subsidies, ticket prices are being kept to a reasonable amount. Tickets are available from Roy Thomson Hall by telephone, 416-872-4255, or from the website www.roythomson.com. For patronage opportunities, please e-mail info@ibelieveproject.org.

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HEEBONICS

You say director. We say Wainsteim

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Mix equal parts fantasy and talent, a heaping spoonful of artistic vision and what do you get? Sean Wainsteim.

The Toronto-based writer and director recently won a Much Music Video Award (MMVA) for Best Director for Canadian rock band You Say Party's video *Lonely's Lunch*. While thrilled with the win, he's now looking to branch out from short-form film to concentrate on directing feature films.

Wainsteim, who will be 36 on Aug. 22, is the grandson of Holocaust survivors and highlighted his grandparents in a short film called *Esther and Leib*, which is up for an award for the RBC Emerging Filmmakers Competition as part of the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) in September.

The four-minute short film was both an artistic homage to his grandparents and a directorial challenge, since Wainsteim and his competitors were all required to record their projects using portable high-definition cameras and then edit their work on a minimal budget.

He said his grandparents are like many survivors who came to Canada post-Holocaust. "They jumped borders, took a slow boat to Montreal, and from there came to Toronto."

Working on their story caused him to rethink his methods about how he makes films, he said. Creating "honest" material that resonates both for him and for filmgoers is now his focus.

"I just wanted to do something that felt true and honest to me and shoot and edit the movie as raw and as natural as possible," Wainsteim said. "That's not to say that a movie like *Die Hard* isn't honest, it totally is. But I hope that the love comes across" in *Esther and Leib*.

He said that growing up in a close-knit family with survivor grandparents also played a role in shaping his directorial style.

"I grew up listening to horrible stories that kids probably shouldn't hear. But I'm grateful for all my grandparents' dark and true stories. It's probably why I was drawn to the darker fairy tales in my youth," he said. "As a kid I'd sometimes go to bed thinking Nazi storm troopers would come bayonet me in my bed at night. It was terror."

Wainsteim's family is an eclectic mix of nationalities. His mother is French and his father is Brazilian.

"They met in Israel on a kibbutz. So I'm a French-Brazilian Jew," he said, laughing.

He's always known he wanted to create and his experience attending the Ontario College of Art and Design helped solidify his directorial impulses.

Some of the early influences that sparked his imagination include reading J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings trilogy of books, listening to Grimm's fairy tales, *Alice in Wonderland* and the stories of Maurice Sendak.

"I see some of the illustrations in those books now, and it all comes flooding back," Wainsteim said.

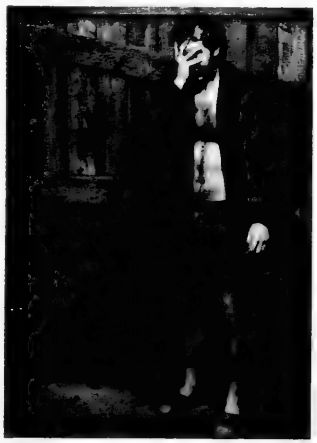
He added: "Growing as a kid in the 1980s, man, it all had an impact. From watching *The Goonies* to *Robocop* to *Return of the Jedi*."

While his parents weren't initially thrilled with his career choice, they've since come to understand he can make a living at it and that it makes him happy, he said.

"They'll be reading this in *The CJN*," he said, laughing. "It took them awhile to 'get it,' and they still wonder what I'm gonna do when I'm older. But for me, if I'm not creating, I'm done. That's it. So I'm happy to keep going."

Wainsteim said he was never drawn to pursue a career where he knew how his professional path would turn out.

"Kind of like the philosophy of [French artist] Marcel Duchamp, who said that if he could visualize something and knew how it would turn out, why bother doing it? Likewise, I was in high school and realized that I could go to university, become a lawyer and know I could do that, but I didn't know if I could be an artist. So I went to art school," he said.



Sean Wainsteim *[James Heaslip photos]*

He joked that for the first few years of art school he dreamed of building robots "that would chase people" around art galleries.

But after four years, he realized he'd been doing a lot of filmmaking and knew he was now an artist.

The theme to most of his work was always "nostalgic fairy-tale stuff" and inspired by memories of having frequented libraries as a child "and poring through books of illustrations from around the world." He also cites memories of attending puppet shows and children's theatre shows. That is where the "magic" in his work is rooted, Wainsteim said.

Over the years, Wainsteim has worked on numerous projects for many people and won many awards. He eventually started his own boutique animation, effects and design company with some friends.

After co-running that company for a few years, he felt the need to branch out yet again as his life was becoming predictable. That's when he decided he needed to make a serious attempt at being a filmmaker to test his limits and create his own films, not just "client-driven" videos and projects.

"So I took off to Asia for three months, because it was cheaper than therapy," he quipped. "I didn't know whether I'd end up buying a small restaurant in Thailand or what. But I knew I needed a creative recharge, some time to think... to figure out my path."

Now that he's won his MMVA Best Director Award and has received the accolades and attention that come with it, Wainsteim is eager to try and capitalize on this moment.

"I've surrounded myself with like-minded people... who believe in the stuff we're creating without cutting corners, who believe in the process. I want to be making films."

Wainsteim said he hopes to have one or two feature films "under my belt" within the next five years.

He said his first film could be any one of four or five projects currently on the burner.

"It could be anything from a horror-comedy to a kid's fantasy film. I just have to see which one is ready to eat first."

TIFF recently accepted Wainsteim into its Telefilm Canada-sponsored 2011 PitchTHIS! initiative. It's a competition where participants attempt to sell their movie ideas to a jury of industry professionals. The winner gets a $10,000 prize to help develop their film concept as a feature film.

"I'll be pitching the feature version of my fantasy short film *Lost for Words*," Wainsteim confirmed.

Lost For Words is his "love letter to a time I spent in the library as a child... that led to a lifelong fascination with storytelling and storytellers."

To view the trailer or for more information on Wainsteim, visit www.seanwainsteim.com.

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טלי: מה, את רעבה? אני מזמינה. רוצה קפה קר? קולה? עלי.

אני: שאלת אם אני רעבה אז מה את מציעה לי משקאות? חוץ מזה אני לא קונה את המוד הפזרני שלך. כולה את מתכננת להזמין אותי לאייס קופי בדולר ממקדונלדס. מכירים אותך, לא מאתמול.

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טלי: סוציומטית פחד את. מה עובר עלייך?

אני: תביני, כשאוכלים סלט, יש אסטרטגיה אינטימית ברורה: קודם גומרים עם החסה המעצבנת, אחר כך עם הירקות המשעממים, ואז, מתחילים ליהנות מחגיגת הטונה הגבינה הביצה והזיתים, ובאמצע לחמים וחמאות.

טלי: נכון, מדוייק, אז?

אני: מה אז. פעם שעברה ירדת על כל הטונה, והשארת לי רק חסות. זה הכל.

טלי: את יודעת מה, לא בא לי כבר על סלט איתך. לא בא לי על כלום. מרוצה? חוץ מזה אני חייבת לשמור. הרי אכלתי בוקר יפה. זה משיעמום. לא חסר לי.

אני: דווקא ניראה לי שרזית לאחרונה, או משהו?

טלי: נכון? כולם אומרים. לא יודעת איך. אני זוללת ללא הפסקה. אבל תודה. ואגב, גם את נראית יופי. מתאים לך רצח התספורת הקצרה.

אני: נכון? כולם אומרים. זה קופץ כזה יפה בקצוות, נורא שובבי כזה.

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טלי: אז מספרים. יללא, סגרנו על סלט?

אני: סגרנו. אבל תבקשי המון רוטב. בשביל המחיר שלהם זו זכותינו. וכך מתנהל לו בוקר שיגרתי של בריחה למזגנים ושיחות נפש. המשך יבוא.

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French neuropsychiatrist and author Dr. David Servan-Schreiber, whose books deal with cancer treatments that complement the traditional medical ones, died late last month of brain cancer. We reproduce excerpts from an interview he did with *The CJN* in autumn 2008.

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Amy Winehouse

Do Palestinians have Jewish roots?

Yossi Tastassa
Special to The CJN

Tova Raz, an Israeli who has lived in Canada for nearly 25 years, began her professional career as a visual artist. Judaism was the focus of her creations.

But the art chapter in her life peaked 10 years ago. Since then, Raz has been writing.

Her last book, *One More Generation*, is historical fiction. It raises many philosophical questions about the nature of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and suggests ways to look at it.

"Like many Israelis, I arrived to Canada by coincidence," Raz says. "My husband got a job [offer] from a friend, and the rest is history. My elder daughter was born in Israel, and my younger daughter was born in Canada. The same is true about my identity, half Israeli and half Canadian," she added.

In 1990, though she spent most of her time occupied with her visual art, Raz wrote a children's book, *Spots of Imagination*, which encourages young children to use their imaginations.

In 2005, Raz wrote *My Mother's Unborn Child*, a novel about memories of the Holocaust. A year later, she wrote *Climbing Down*.

In her latest book, *Od Dor Echad (One More Generation)*, the main character is Daniel Zacchay, a scientist and high-tech innovator who uses his time and energy to help the people of Israel who were forced to convert from Judaism to Islam – the Palestinians – return to Judaism.

Tova Raz

Raz is collaborating with Zvi Misinai, a high-tech entrepreneur who has explored the origin of the Palestinians, as well as ways to solve the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Misinai's work inspired Raz and led her to write *Od Dor Echad*.

Raz points out that many of the Arabs living in Israel observe Jewish customs. Some use a mezuzah and tfillin; others have adopted customs such as *hafrashat challah* (setting aside a portion of the unbaked challah), brit milah on the eighth day and many more.

During an interview, Raz showed *The CJN* a short video featuring Arab villages in the West Bank. According to rabbinic and genetic experts who appear in the video, there is no doubt that many of today's Palestinians have Jewish roots.

It took eight months for Raz to write *Od Dor Echad*. "I was sitting in front of the computer screen eight to 10 hours a day," she says. "The book is not political [and] totally fictional. [The characters] Daniel and Naomi are fruits of my imagination."

A Jewish figure is depicted praying on the front cover of the book. The tfillin are on his left hand and on his head, and the tallit covers his shoulders and back. Sharp eyes will notice that the tallit is actually a traditional Arab keffiyah.

Raz writes in Hebrew but is working on an English version of *Od Dor Echad*. She also hopes to see an Arab language version published as well.

Od Dor Echad (One More Generation) is available on amazon.com.

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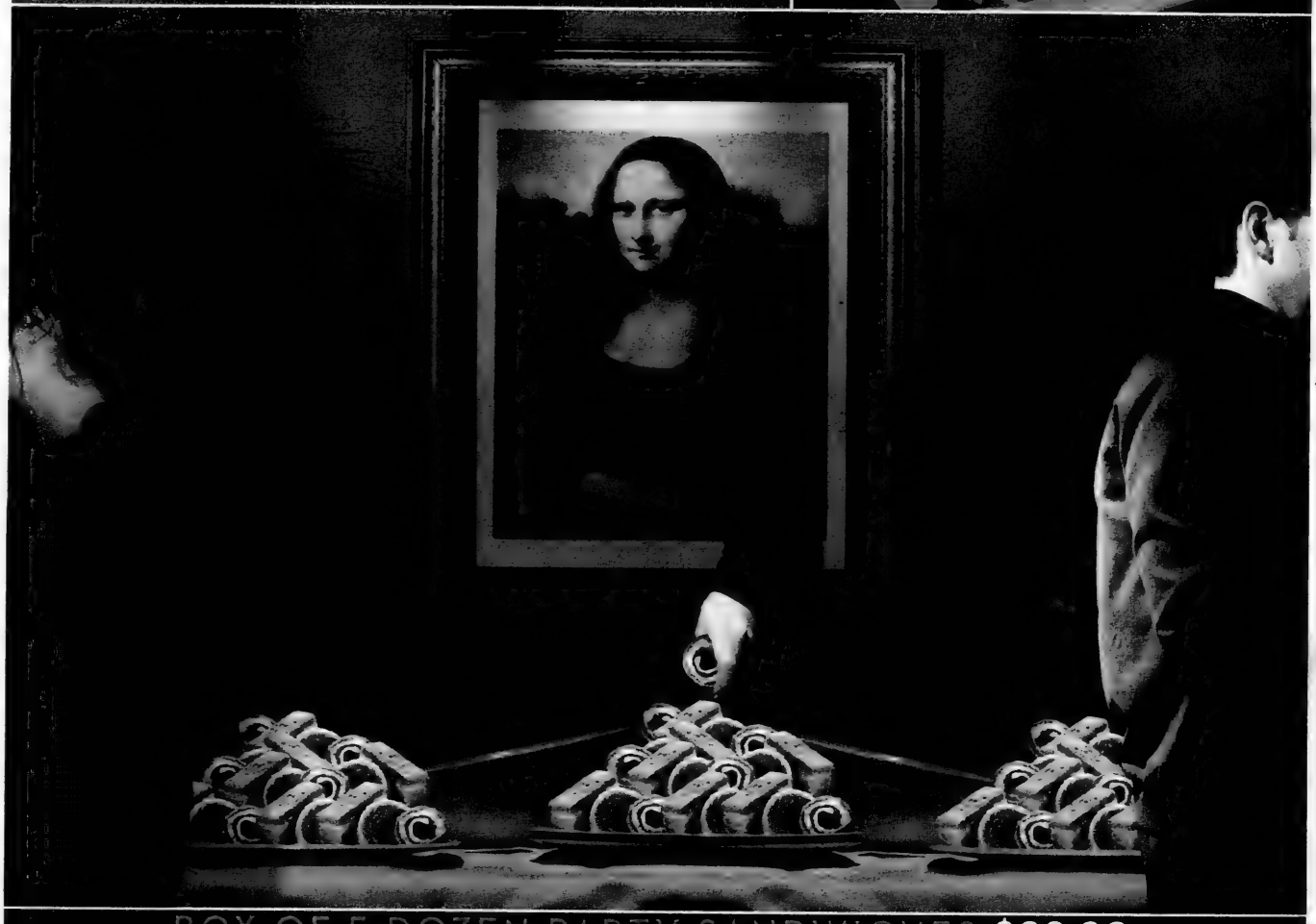

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Some 300,000 Israelis took to the streets throughout the country last Saturday night to protest social inequalities and the high cost of living. Over the past three weeks, Israelis have set up tent camps in a number of cities and organized protest marches and demonstrations calling attention to the soaring cost of living. The sign held by one of the protesters in Jerusalem, below, reads, "My dear country is expensive for me." *Please see related stories on pages 4, 9 and 27.*

[Yossi Zamir/Flash90 photos]

Israelis take to streets for social justice

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JERUSALEM — The Knesset plans to hold a special session to discuss the growing social protests across Israel against the high cost of living there.

At the request of the opposition parties, the Knesset will temporarily break from its summer recess for the session to take place either this week or next Monday.

Hundreds of pensioners staged a protest at the Tel Aviv government compound this past Monday demanding that the government lower medicine costs, cancel the value added tax on basic necessities and prevent a cut in pensions.

Gideon Ben Yisrael, head of the pensioners' union, said his members identify with the nationwide social struggle, but demand specific solutions to their sector's problem.

Shlomo, a pensioner from Ashkelon, said, "The last time I protested was in 1947 against the British... Open your eyes, look at what is happening around you – it's a terrible thing."

Another speaker at the protest said: "The youth and the pensioners will oust [Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu together."

Dozens of non-profit and social organizations were scheduled to hold an emergency conference this week and present their demands.

Giora Rozen, head of the umbrella organization of non-profit groups in Israel, said that "most of the organizations represent the lower strata of society. Therefore, there can't be a solution without dealing with Israel's poor population together with civil society organizations."

Approximately 300,000 people gathered Saturday night in Tel Aviv, 20,000 participated in Jerusalem, 3,000 in Kiryat Shmona, 5,000 in Modi'in, 1,000 in Hod Hasharon and 1,000 in Eilat to protest the rising cost of living. However, those close to Netanyahu said the media inflated the numbers.

This marked the third consecutive week a rally has been held in Tel Aviv, but this latest one was by far the largest.

People marched from Habima Square, near the tent city on Rothschild Boulevard, to the Kirya defence compound on Kaplan Street.

Protesters chanted: "The people demand social justice" and "An entire generation demands a future."

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CANADA

JFS Gets Grant

OTTAWA —Jewish Family Services of Ottawa has received a $50,000 Ontario grant to assist hate crimes victims. JFS and the province said late last month. The grant will train counsellors to help link victims to community resources, the *Ottawa Citizen* reported. Ottawa-area MPP and Infrastructure Minister Bob Chiarelli said the grant will go a small way toward compensating for the $827,000 that the JFS lost last year when Ottawa cut $44 million in funding to community and immigration agencies.

WORLD

Giffords OK To Run

TUSCON, Ariz. —Gabrielle Giffords' neurosurgeon says the Arizona congresswoman could run for re-election. Peter Rhee, who operated on Giffords' brain after she was shot in January, told Tucson's NBC affiliate last week that Giffords' mental faculties had fully recovered, but the decision to run "is personal." Speculation about a re-election campaign by Giffords has risen since she appeared on the U.S. House of Representatives floor last week to vote on the debt ceiling deal. Giffords' spokesperson said no decision had been made yet. The deadline to file for re-election is in May. Giffords, a Democrat and the first Jewish woman elected to statewide office in Arizona, would be running for her fourth term.

Motown Seeks Jews

DETROIT — Detroit's Jewish community has launched a nationwide drive to attract 25 young Jews to live in the city. Do It for Detroit is holding events this month by city residents and former residents, as well as supporters in Los Angeles, New York and Chicago, to raise $100,000 to revitalize Detroit's Jewish community. A program of Detroit's Jewish federation, it will offer $3,000-a-year subsidies to live in the city, with recipients hosting at least one event a month to strengthen the Jewish and Detroit communities. The first event was Aug. 3 in suburban Detroit, followed Aug. 4 by one in Chicago. Fundraisers in Los Angeles and New York are planned. The effort is part of a larger one to reverse Detroit's brain drain stemming from a poor local economy.

Pollard Recovering After Surgery

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Jonathan Pollard is recovering after successful surgery.

Esther Pollard, the jailed spy's wife, told the *Jerusalem Post* Aug. 3 that he was "conscious and aware" for what she had termed as "urgent" surgery having to do with his kidneys and gall bladder, which she said was a "temporary fix."

Jonathan Pollard

Pollard, a U.S. Navy civilian analyst who was sentenced to life in 1987 for spying for Israel, was removed Aug. 2 from a federal prison in Butner, N.C., for the surgery. He has been in poor health, including a deterioration of his kidney problems. Esther Pollard came from Israel to North Carolina to visit him before the surgery.

Israel's ambassador to the United States, Michael Oren, visited Pollard in prison last week. Pollard urged Oren to seek his release from President Barack Obama. Pollard was not allowed to visit his father on his deathbed or to attend his father's funeral earlier this summer, despite appeals from Israeli officials and supporters. Previous presidents have refused similar requests.

Farmar To Maccabi

NEW YORK — Jordan Farmar of the New Jersey Nets has signed to play for Maccabi Tel Aviv. Farmar, a 6-foot-2 guard who is Jewish, will reportedly play for the Israeli champs as long as the NBA lockout continues. He's eligible to play as an Israeli, so he wouldn't count against the limit of four foreign players per team in the Israeli league. The Los Angeles native averaged 7.4 points and 2.7 assists last season. He played four seasons for the Los Angeles Lakers before signing with New Jersey in 2010.

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Promenade marks 25 years

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

In honour of the 25th anniversary of the Promenade Shopping Centre in Thornhill – a home away from home for thousands of Jewish mall rats who live in the area – a special event was held last Thursday to thank both retailers and the customers for their years of support.

Hundreds gathered in the mall's centre court for giveaways, a plaque presentation and a performance-art presentation by Toronto artist Jessica Gorlicky.

Armed with cans of spray paint, Gorlicky took the stage to face her blank white canvas. With a hip hop soundtrack blaring in the background, she turned the blank canvas into a commemorative piece of artwork for the Promenade's silver anniversary within 20 minutes.

In addition to the art presentation, Promenade staff handed out cupcakes to shoppers and provided an arts and crafts station for children to make birthday cards for the mall.

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Stretching democracy's sinews

From the editor's desk...

The sight of hundreds of thousands of Israelis from all walks of life marching in the streets is not really remarkable. We have seen that before and quite often. For Israelis are not shy in expressing their opinions. Nor are they reluctant to do so en masse, in very large numbers in city squares or on main street thoroughfares.

The comparison of the "tent city" and other demonstrations in Israel to the recent mass demonstrations in some countries of the Arab world have been quaint, but not really apposite. Nor is there a direct causal connection joining the impressive courage of the demonstrators in the democratically closed streets of the Arab Middle East to the impressive staying power of the various ongoing demonstrations in the democratically wide open streets of Israel. Israelis frequently gather in large numbers to shout their political views at the reigning government of the day or at their political opponents. The Israeli vox populi has no difficulty finding massive, loud, voluble, cacophonic expression.

What has distinguished the mass demonstrations in Israel in recent weeks with those of the past has been their pan-party nature. Rather than right-wingers shouting at left-wingers or pro-settlers yelling at anti-settlers or secular Israelis angry at haredim, the shouters and demonstrators these days are from a wide swath of "middle" Israeli society: young and old, men and women, politically left and politically right, observant and non-observant.

The "tent city" demonstration, mostly by young Israelis protesting the high cost of housing in the heart of upscale Tel Aviv, is the most unconventional and visibly photogenic protest. But hundreds of thousands of Israelis have also taken to the streets in recent days to protest the high cost of cottage cheese, of daycare arrangements, the onerous working conditions for doctors and interns and even the situation of dairy farmers.

The protests are a sustained, broadly based, poignant plea for social justice that resonates across political loyalties, ethnic backgrounds, gender and occupation. As such, they have the potential to profoundly affect if not also change the way politics are done in Israel. The existing party member bases are too narrow to embrace the wide mass of demonstrators. Similarly, the existing party platforms are too self-focused, too tapered toward self-interest to encompass the breadth of social concerns being articulated by the mass of demonstrators.

The politicians will respond. The question is how.

Speaker of the Knesset, Reuven Rivlin, has already said that he believes the protests will force elections earlier than their expected date of November 2013. He well understands that the mass protests represent a new political phenomenon that requires meaningful, substantive response by the parties.

Tent city protesters in Tel Aviv
[Israel Sun photo]

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appointed widely respected Prof. Manuel Trajtenberg, the former head of the government's economic advisory council, to head a panel of experts to recommend policies in response to the many valid complaints of the protesters. The members of the Trajtenberg panel have not yet been named.

Netanyahu asked the panel to respond to five issues: "One, a change in priorities, with the goal of easing the economic burdens on Israel's citizens. Two, a change in the mix of tax payments. Three, expanding access to social services. Four, increasing competition and efficiency in the goods and services markets, with the goal of reducing prices. Five, implementing the housing plan we've already launched."

The panel will submit its ideas to the socioeconomic committee of cabinet by the end of September. The committee will accept, reject or revise the panel's recommendations. The prime minister will then tie the entire process together no later than November.

The policy-regulatory-legislative response by the government to the concerns of the protesters must be bona fide. Moreover, the protesters must see that it is. The tents on Rothschild Boulevard in Tel Aviv will soon be packed up. But the causes for which they stand will remain.

The sinews of Israel's democracy are being stretched. It remains to be seen whether they will be sufficiently flexible to embrace, in wisdom and in justice, the protesters' concerns, or whether they will snap, incapable of being other than what they usually are, expedient, ephemeral, window dressing.

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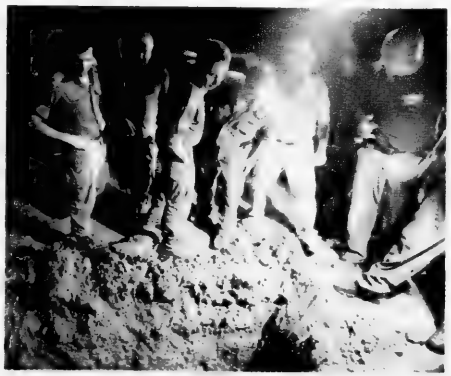

ROCKETS FIRED FROM GAZA

Palestinians have resumed firing mortars and rockets at southern Israel. Two Grad rockets were fired from Gaza last Wednesday evening. The first exploded in an open area between Sderot and Kiryat Gat. The second exploded on the edges of Ashkelon. No injuries or damage were reported in either case. Three mortar shells and a Qassam rocket also hit the western Negev. They landed near a kibbutz, damaging a fence. Since the start of 2011, more than 340 rockets have been fired from Gaza. Defence Minister Ehud Barak on Sunday called the escalation of attacks serious and said he believes they will continue and intensify. In the photos, Israeli security experts inspect a small crater formed by one of the Grad rockets.

[Israel Sun photo]

Camps review security after Norway tragedy

'I think we have a responsibility to be prepared, but also not to overreact'

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Could an attack like the one in Norway happen here?

Yes, says Doron Horowitz, director of national security infrastructure for the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA), but there are many things that can be done to mitigate a threat to an institution or camp.

"I think we have a responsibility to be prepared, but also not to overreact. We need to be realistic and to ensure that our solutions are workable."

Last week, Horowitz took part in two consecutive conference calls for Jewish camps in the wake of recent events in Norway.

On Aug. 3, the U.S.-based Secure Community Network (SCN) – which is funded by the Jewish Federations of North America – set up a conference call for Jewish summer camp officials with a U.S. Homeland Security Department official. Horowitz is a senior adviser to the SCN. Most of the 77 people killed in Norway died in a shooting attack at a youth camp on the island of Utoya.

Horowitz also conducted a conference call with at least four participants from Jewish summer camps in British Columbia, at the request of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver.

The Norway tragedy brings to light "very specific lessons" with respect to managing emergencies, Horowitz told *The CJN*.

Camps tend to have a more open and relaxed environment, he said.

Jeff Rose, director of Camp George, said his camp has "shored up" its security and reviewed protocol with staff since the Norway attacks.

Another director of a Jewish camp declined to be quoted at all, and a third did not respond to a request for comments.

Having an emergency management plan – for everything from allergic reactions to water safety to dealing with "individuals with ill intent" – is important, Horowitz said. It should encompass everything from training staff to technology and having good relationships with local law enforcement and emergency responders, he added.

Having in place procedures such as lockdown and evacuation in the event of an armed intruder are part of an emergency plan.

In his role at CIJA, Horowitz liaises with federal and local law enforcement, and serves as a resource for the Jewish community nationally.

In Canada, as in Norway, a peaceful society can "foster individuals that go under the radar screen," Horowitz said. Norway gunman Anders Behring Breivik has claimed responsibility for the attacks but he has also pleaded not guilty, saying the killings were justified.

A Homeland Security official, who spoke to wire service *JTA* on condition of not being named, said that telltale signs of a possible attack in the works include "an individual becoming increasingly vocal and visible in their... rhetoric."

The official identified patterns of behaviour around synagogues and other Jewish community buildings that merit reporting to the authorities: "multiple instances of appearances" by a stranger "in an entrance or exit area, parked cars in places that are unusual... an individual trying to monitor activities, maybe photographing security personnel, photographing the building in a way that doesn't seem typical of someone who's interested in architecture."

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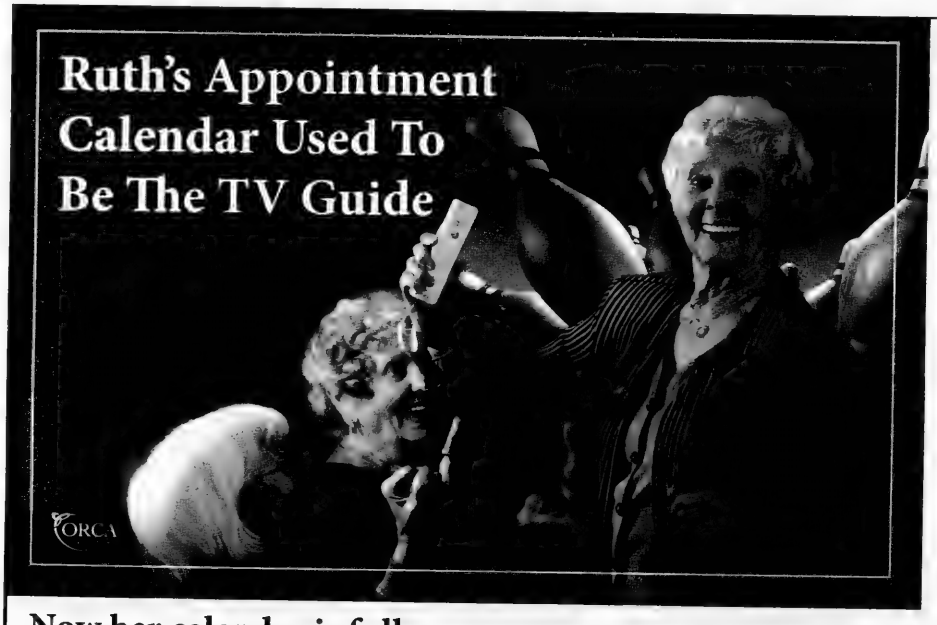

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Visit to France reconnects Toronto cousins

Ellin Bessner
Special to The CJN

The grave of Canadian bombardier George Meltz lies in the peaceful Reviers cemetery, located just south of Juno Beach, at Courseulles-sur-Mer, where the Toronto soldier landed along with 14,000 Canadian troops on June 6, 1944.

Meltz's tombstone bears a poignant inscription that attracted my attention during a visit to that cemetery while I was touring D-Day landing sites on holiday in France.

It reads, "He died so Jewry shall suffer no more."

We were moved, because the D-Day landings helped bring an end to the Holocaust.

The only information we could find in the cemetery were two lines in a government folder at the front gate. It identified him as George Meltz, 25, of Toronto, who died July 8, 1944, and named his parents and his widow, a British war bride.

We took photos of Meltz's grave and of the inscription, and I decided to hunt down any of his family to send them the pictures of his final resting place.

An Internet search turned up a few more details, such as how he died: "Of his wounds," according to the Canadian Jewish Congress archives published in 1948.

It also named a street address in Toronto, and a brother, Jack Meltz, of 210 Montrose Ave.

Eventually, I found a listing for a George Meltz, a real estate professional in my own neighbourhood in Richmond Hill, Ont. Also, a George Meltz used to be president of my synagogue, Beit Rayim, also in Richmond Hill.

These coincidences were uncanny.

So I called.

A very surprised Meltz told me that yes, indeed, the man buried in France was his uncle.

"I was named for him," Meltz explained.

I broke out in goose bumps.

The real estate agent had never been to the grave in France and didn't know about the tombstone inscription.

He was able to add some new details to the story of the man we discovered in France.

"He was the youngest, the last of the 10 [children]," Meltz said. "He was the only one that went [to war]."

He had indeed married a British girl, as thousands of Canadian servicemen did during the war, but Meltz said no one knows what happened to the widow.

Military historians say Meltz's Royal Canadian Artillery Regiment, the 3rd Anti Tank Regiment, was likely either manning a six-pound anti-tank gun or an M10 converted Sherman tank, with two guns on it.

"My dad told me he was picked off by a sniper," Meltz said.

Approximately 5,500 Canadian casualties from D-Day and its aftermath are buried in two large cemeteries in the area. In Meltz's Beny-sur-Mer cemetery, as it is officially known, there are about a dozen Jewish servicemen's graves.

I sent Meltz my photos of his uncle's tombstone with the poignant inscription that sparked my transatlantic search.

He appreciated seeing where his ancestor is buried, even if "seeing your own name on a tombstone is really spooky."

Sadly, for Meltz in Richmond Hill, with none of the dead soldier's other siblings still alive, he thought there was no one left to ask about his namesake's wartime exploits.

But Meltz won't have to remain in the dark about his famous uncle any longer.

I was telling my story to a cousin, Judy Guttman, a Toronto elementary school teacher, who revealed that she has a friend named Isabella Meltz. Could it be?

A quick telephone call confirmed that the soldier was indeed, also her uncle.

As for the George Meltz of Richmond Hill?

He's her first cousin, who she said has lost touch with the family and who she hasn't seen in many years. Their fathers were George's brothers, Sam and Jack, known as Yaacov.

"Maybe we'll get back with George [because of this]," said Isabel, who works in a community legal clinic in Toronto.

She could show him her late uncle's official wartime military service record, some photos of him in uniform, and one with his young English wife. She also kept a treasured handkerchief that the solider sent back home to his brothers from training in England before D-Day in 1944.

It says, "To my brothers, Good Luck."

"He was the youngest, they must have been just heartbroken," Isabel said, although she remembers the family didn't talk about it while she was growing up.

Grave of George Meltz

"By the time you want to ask them, it's too late – they're all gone," she said.

The family doesn't know who approved the prophetic epitaph on her uncle's tombstone, although she thinks it could have been his widow, a Trudy Lewis, of London.

The phrase was so gripping that Canadian military historian and author Eric McGeer featured it in his 2008 book *Words of Valediction and Remembrance: Canadian Epitaphs of the Second World War.*

Intrigued now, Isabel plans to write to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to find out about the mysterious epitaph.

She herself has photos of the original wooden Star of David that marked the grave for more than 60 years, until it was replaced by the newer marble slab erected after 2008, when the Canadian government began restoring all the crumbling markers in that cemetery.

Although she herself has never been to visit, for the last few years she has been lighting a yarhzeit candle for her uncle.

"There's no one else [to do it for him]," she said.

The administrator of Beit Rayim Synagogue, Fran Isaacs, says that when she heard about the amazing connections, "I got goose bumps, too."

She plans to publish a story about the Meltz connection in the next synagogue bulletin, due out this fall.

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Ontario missing out on Israeli start-ups: scientist

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

An expert on the Canadian-Israeli medical sciences sector thinks Ontario needs to do more to attract Israeli start-ups.

Morry Blumenfeld

Earlier this year, Morry Blumenfeld hosted a Canadian delegation of diplomats and businesspeople at his home in Israel to extol the virtues of Israeli technology and promote joint business ventures between the two countries.

Blumenfeld, an expat Torontonian who recently made aliyah to Israel, has a PhD in molecular physics from the University of Toronto. Now retired, he spent 35 years as an employee of General Electric, the last four of which he spent as the company's managing director for GE Medical Systems Israel.

In May, representatives from York Region, York University and the law firm Miller Thomson, along with a delegation of Markham councillors and business leaders attended the Israel Life Science Industry Biomed conference in Tel Aviv.

While there, many of them also met with Blumenfeld to hear his ideas on how best to commercialize Israeli technologies in Canada.

Blumenfeld, who was in Toronto late last month to meet with Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti and tour the Markham Convergence Centre – a small business and medical sciences incubator – said his message to Scarpitti, and Canada was to start engaging with Israeli start-ups and make more use of Israeli innovations.

"Israel has the highest densities of start-ups in the world," he said. "Each year, Israeli transfers of [technologies and patents] generate a total of 1 billion shekels in royalties, and 150 new technologies are licensed every year in Israel."

Blumenfeld is also on the board of Hebrew University's Yissum Research Development Company, the school's technology transfer company.

He said that three of the Top 10 universities receiving European Research Council grants are from Israel: Hebrew University, the Technion and the Weizmann Institute.

Despite ongoing efforts by Canadian politicians to generate more business with Israel, Blumenfeld said that the Israeli life-science sector's understanding of Canada is "poor."

"Ontario should do a marketing study on how to attract Israeli start-ups" to the province, he said.

He added: "It's tough to find partners in Ontario."

Scarpitti has said he envisions establishing a partnership between the Markham Convergence Centre and Israel.

In 2010, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty went on a trade mission to Israel, during which he visited Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and West Bank cities of Ramallah and Bethlehem. The trip was focused primarily on Israel's life-sciences sector.

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Arab world worried

The slaughter in Syria continued unabated over the weekend. The grisly arithmetic of Syrians murdered in cold blood at the hands of their own ruler is becoming too much even for some of the Syrian dictator's Arab League allies. One by one, it seems, they are starting to express in public their ever-growing disquiet over Bashar Assad's shameless depredation of his own people.

Media reported that at least 80 more people were killed Sunday by the Syrian army in the cities of Deir al-Zour and Homs. According to international observers, this brings to more than 1,650 the number of Syrians killed since March by the Syrian army protesting the anti-democratic policies of their strongman ruler.

King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia announced on Sunday that he would recall his kingdom's ambassador from Syria for "consultations." Short of severing bilateral ties, in the nuanced, double-entendre world of international diplomacy, the Saudi ruler's announcement was a severe rebuke of the Syrian president. Abdullah made his point quite forcefully. "What is taking place in Syria is unacceptable. The killing machine and bloodshed must be stopped."

Clearly, from the language of the rebuke, the Saudis have lost patience with the Alawite regime in Damascus and more likely, with the regime's sponsors in Tehran. In this regard, the Saudi king was merely echoing the words of the head of the Arab League Nabil al-Arabi. One month ago, during a visit to Damascus, al-Arabi attributed the spiralling bloodshed in Syria to "foreign interference" in Syrian affairs. He could only have been referring to Iran whose financial support essentially props up the Syrian regime.

On Sunday Al-Arabi too, urged Assad to "immediately halt" the violence against his own people. "The Syrian government and national powers should take all necessary steps to provide a favorable climate for serious engagement in a comprehensive national dialogue," he said.

The high-profile criticisms of Syria by the Saudi king and by the Arab League came merely days after the condemnation by the United Nations Security Council of the Syrian brutality. The text of the condemnatory resolution read, in part: "The Security Council calls on the Syrian authorities to fully respect human rights and to comply with their obligations under applicable international law. Those responsible for the violence should be held accountable."

The resolution could not have passed the council without the express consent of the Arab League power brokers to the five permanent veto-wielding members of the council. To be sure, some members of the Arab League are shamed by Syria's sadism. But let us not be fooled. They are more likely worried by the alarming signs of increasing manipulation and control of Syria by the meddlesome mullahs in Tehran.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

New Brunkswick's attorney general announced that after a year-long police investigation, Moncton teacher Malcolm Ross would not be prosecuted for promoting hatred against Jews. Ross had authored and distributed several texts suggesting the Holocaust was a hoax and that there's a Jewish conspiracy to rule the world.

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Supporting terrorists 'enlightened'

In response to "Is antisemitism rising in Canada's north" (July 7), I would sadly have to agree with your unnamed source in Yellowknife. I have lived in Yellowknife on and off for more than 20 years and am not at all pleased with recent developments. There is growing antisemitism here, weakly wrapped in the guise of pro-Palestinian activism.

As was stated in the article, there is a very minimal Jewish presence in the north, which leaves the pro-Israel position unspoken and unrepresented. Yellowknife has a transient population and attracts people from across the country, particularly the young. Far too many have been seduced by the "progressive" inclination to identify with a perceived underdog, without an understanding of the larger issues or historical record, as there seems not to be a serious counterweight to this in most of the mainstream media. A growing percentage of our population seems to be accepting this as a consensus. To disagree is to be radical and out of the local mainstream.

Your article came less than two weeks after an incident involving my wife and I. While having dinner at a local restaurant, we were discussing the preparations for the second Gaza flotilla, as well as an article reporting on a potentially large oil discovery in Israel. Another patron had been eavesdropping, came to our table and began hurling abuse. We were called racists and Nazis, as well as several other all-too-predictable slurs. My wife was mortified and very upset. The fact a complete stranger felt justified in verbally abusing people having a private discussion does not bode well. It seems that to support Israel in the north is becoming synonymous with racism, while lending support (moral or otherwise) to terrorists is enlightened and progressive. I can understand why the woman quoted in the article chose to remain unnamed.

Thom Jarvis
Yellowknife

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Remembering Sbarro terrorist attack

Ten years ago, eight-year-old Tamara Shimashvili was shopping with her mother, Lily, in Jerusalem's Bell Shopping Centre, where I had an optical centre at the time. The young girl asked her mom if they could go next door to Sbarro for pizza. Shortly afterward, I heard the sadly familiar blast of a *pigua*, a terrorist attack, and, tragically, both were killed in the explosion. Aug 9, 2011, which fell approximately on Tisha b'Av, was the 10th anniversary of the horrific Sbarro attack, and while we will be soon remembering the victims of 9-11, it is important to recall the Sbarro victims as well. They are: Giora Balash, 60, from São Paulo, Brazil; Zvika Golombek, 26, Karmiel, Israel; Shoshana Yehudit (Judy) Greenbaum, 31, Passaic, N.J.; Tehila Maoz, 18, Jerusalem; Frieda Mendelsohn, 62, Jerusalem; Michal Raziel, 16, Ramot, Jerusalem; Malka Chana (Malki) Roth, 15, Ramot, Jerusalem; Mordechai Schijveschuurder, 43, Neria, Matte Binyamin; Tzira Schijveschuurder, 41, from Neria; Ra'aya Schijveschuurder, 14, from Neria; Avraham Yitzhak Schijveschuurder, 4, Neria; Hemda Schijveschuurder, 2, Neria; Lily Shimashvili, 33, Jerusalem; Tamara Shimashvili, 8, Jerusalem; Yocheved Shoshan, 10, Jerusalem.

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UN recognition of 'Palestine'

As the Palestinian Authority gears itself for an application to the United Nations in September to recognize "Palestine" as a sovereign state, it is essential that Israel emphasize and stress the fact that such a state would have as a component Hamas, an internationally recognized terrorist organization. In their charters, Hamas and the Palestine Liberation Organization still call for the destruction of Israel. It would be ludicrous for the UN to admit as a member state a country overtly committed to the destruction of another state. Israel knows that in any issue before the UN, it faces bias and prejudice, but nonetheless, hopefully, right-thinking countries will recognize the perversity of admitting a government made up of Hamas as a member state.

Bert Raphael
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Protesters seek return to welfare state

Leslie Susser
JTA

The wave of protests sweeping Israel is about much more than the lack of affordable housing: it's a grassroots demand for the major redistribution of the nation's wealth.

In social terms, protesters are calling for a more caring government attuned to the needs of young, middle-class citizens who serve in the army, pay heavy taxes and provide the engine driving the country's burgeoning economy.

In economic terms, it's a call for the reversal of nearly three decades of fiscal conservativism at the expense of social services such as education, health and welfare, as well as an appeal against eroding salaries and rising prices.

In other words, the protesters are demanding that today's thriving free-market Israel use its wealth to create conditions for a restoration of at least some elements of the long-defunct Israeli welfare state.

As an estimated 150,000 people demonstrated Saturday night in 12 locations across the country, the central theme was a demand for "social justice." To some, it was reminiscent of the students' revolt in Paris in the late 1960s: an alliance of students, workers and, in the Israeli case, a large, financially strapped middle class of people, mostly in their 20s and 30s, demanding a new economic order.

But there were key differences: in the Israeli case, there was no violence. Instead, there was a veiled, largely unspoken threat: if the government fails to act and middle-class people continue to struggle to make ends meet, many more of the best and brightest will leave for countries where there is no defence burden and it's easier to make a living.

As the protests entered their third week, the great Israeli paradox loomed large. Never has the country been economically stronger, yet never have so many of its young people felt so frustrated at their own personal financial status.

The current situation is partly a result of a constitutional lacuna.

In the mid-1990s, a number of basic laws were passed – together they are eventually meant to form the basis of a constitution for Israel. One of the laws – on the dignity and freedom of man – enshrined property rights, but a balancing companion act on social rights continues to be held up. It would deal with issues like the right to housing, education, health and welfare, and set parameters of state responsibility for their provision.

The bill is again on the agenda, promoted by Meretz Knesset member Zahava Gal-On.

But the country's current socio-economic predicament goes much deeper than any law. It's the result of more than two decades of a virtually consistent small government economic policy.

The turning point came in 1985, with inflation running at over 450 per cent per annum. It became clear that Israel could no longer afford to maintain the old-style, government-subsidized welfare state.

The economic stability plan introduced by then-prime minister Shimon Peres and then-finance minister Yitzhak Modai entailed stringent cuts in government spending. With its dramatic success in saving the economy, the small government approach quickly became economic orthodoxy.

The economic buzzword in the 1990s was privatization, started by the Likud, taken on board by Labor and then accelerated by Benjamin Netanyahu. When he first became prime minister in 1996, Netanyahu spoke of a thin man, the private sector, tottering under the weight of a fat man, the public sector, and vowed to turn things around. Netanyahu had a strong ideological commitment to free market forces, privatizing government companies and outsourcing social services.

A tent city of protesters in Tel Aviv lobby for better housing conditions in the country. ***[Israel Sun photo]***

This meant the accelerated handover of services to the private sector that once were the sole preserve of government. It was accompanied by a weakening of trade unions and an overall erosion of working conditions and salaries.

The result? Owners and a select few mega-salaried executives became richer and the middle class relatively poorer. It also led to the rise of the Israeli tycoons, who controlled a great deal of the country's wealth and power. Banks, energy companies, supermarket chains and media properties all were concentrated in the hands of a dozen or so billionaire families.

Netanyahu's economic philosophy also entailed a reduction of corporate taxes. Big companies paid five per cent to 20 per cent income tax, while the middle class saw the prices of everything from food to cars to apartments rise considerably. The system produced impressive economic growth but left wealth in the hands of the few. The trickle-down effect, middle-class Israelis said, had failed to materialize.

The upshot was that by May 2010, Israel's economy was robust enough for Israel to be admitted to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development – the exclusive club of the world's strongest economies known as the OECD. But Israel was also the OECD member with the biggest gaps between rich and poor.

Some blame preferential spending on settlements in the West Bank for the lack of funds for social services in Israel. Others focus on welfare for the growing haredi population in Israel. Still others point to the limited taxation of the tycoons – tax concessions nationwide are estimated at approximately $11 billion per year, about 11 per cent of the national budget.

For years, middle-class discontent simmered under the surface, always eclipsed by security concerns or peacemaking moves. For embattled Israel, peace and security inevitably took top priority.

Until now. With terrorism virtually non-existent and the peace process deadlocked, young Israelis have turned their attention toward generating a mass movement against the socio-economic system.

Their anti-establishment energy took the form of street protests because there is a strong sense that none of the traditional parties represents their interests, and Israel has a long history of street protests, encompassing everything from Ethiopian immigration to the campaign to release captive Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit.

For the most part, the protests have not been focused. But now the leaders of the protest movement are formulating a list of concrete demands and general principles for change. These are expected to include demands for public housing on a large scale; major tax reforms that would increase taxation of the super-rich and lower indirect taxes on the general public; a shift in budgetary priorities, transferring part of the defence budget and the increased tax money from the rich to fund social services; and demands for Israel to comply with OECD averages when it comes to the numbers of doctors, policemen and firemen per 1,000 citizens, and the number of children in classrooms.

Netanyahu has set up committees to examine all the relevant economic issues and to negotiate with the protesters, who are likely to be backed by trade union boss Ofer Eini. The prime minister almost certainly will produce a new economic plan, but it may not be enough. What the people are demanding is a new social contract.

The political question is whether this could have an impact on the next election, scheduled for 2013, and the agenda over which it will be fought. That depends on how pressing security issues are around that time and whether these protesters can sustain enough momentum to translate their street movement into real political power.

Voices from the past, voices in the present

Whether the personal or the historical, versions of the past go in and out of fashion. Like it or not, we cannot help but look backwards through the eyes of the present. More often than not, we wish to know not simply (and sometimes not even) what actually happened, but what that means to us, decades, centuries or millennia later.

As Jews, we relate to our festivals and commemorative days this way. Over time, these special dates acquire an accretion of (sometimes contradictory) meanings connected with – but not identical with – the original set of events that anchored them on our calendar. The commemoration of Tisha b'Av, just past us, is a good illustration of this phenomenon. By now, it has come to stand for a string of Jewish catastrophes, for the abstract idea of destruction, for Jewish continuity despite devastation. For many of us today, it is impossible to read some of the verses of Eichah/Lamentations without thinking uncannily of the Shoah. For others, the existence of the State of Israel ameliorates the bite of Tisha b'Av.

Our always evolving relationship with the past helps explain the neglect or rediscovery of writers. For example, the now celebrated fiction writers Aharon Appelfeld and Ida Fink both struggled initially to publish their works. Appelfeld, who came to pre-state Israel as a young adolescent, after surviving the war wandering alone in the forests of eastern Europe, was advised not to squander his writerly talents on the European past but instead to engage with the dynamics of a young, dynamic country. Ida Fink, who survived the war posing as a Polish labourer and reached Israel in the late 1950s, was told repeatedly that her stories about life and death during the Shoah were not dramatic enough, that her voice was too quiet for her subject. By now, however, both writers have published to great critical acclaim. Appelfeld's massive oeuvre is read as reflecting not only on the European past but also on the Israeli present. Fink's quiet voice is recognized for its subtlety and insight.

A striking example of our shifting relationship with the past and with writers who reflect on the past is the case of Hans Keilson, who passed away less than three months ago at the age of 102. Like Otto Frank, Anne's father, Keilson was a German Jew who left Germany for Holland soon after Hitler came to power. Sheltered in the home of a Dutch couple after Germany occupied the Netherlands, Keilson, a physician, remained active in the Resistance. Under the protection of false papers identifying him as a German, non-Jewish doctor, he visited hidden children who were separated from their parents, essentially to comfort them and help them negotiate the attendant stress.

Sara R. Horowitz in Toronto

While in hiding, he began writing a novel about the effects of Nazism on Jews. It was completed after the war and published in 1959 in German, and in English translation three years later. English language reviewers liked *The Death of the Adversary*, but neither German nor Israeli reviewers liked the novel. He also completed a novella, *Comedy in a Minor Key*, about a Jewish man hidden by a Dutch couple, published in German only, in 1947 – the year that Anne Frank's famous diary was published. Both Keilson's works fell into obscurity.

A few years ago, a translator stumbled upon an old copy of the novella in a bargain book bin. Mesmerized by it, he contacted Keilson, then in his late nineties, for permission to translate it into English. Already a centenarian by the time of publication, Keilson lived to see both works garner accolades, and a reading public ready – in the way it was not half a century ago – to appreciate his psychological acuity and acerbic humour as a means of reflecting on the Shoah.

The relationship between present and past is something organic, akin to a coral formation. Later events build upon the structure of earlier ones, keeping the entire enterprise alive. If the past is alive for us and in us, we don't so much preserve the past as integrate it into our broader perspective. What we recollect helps us to understand what we experience and observe right now, and what we understand of the now leads us to recalibrate and reassess the way we see the past.

The enigma of Jewish identity

Alan Montefiore is a scion of a distinguished Jewish family with deep roots in British society. His grandfather, Claude, wrote important books on Judaism and was one of the founders of the more radical (liberal) wing of British Reform. His father, Leonard, was a prominent member of the West London Synagogue, the cradle of Reform Judaism in the British Isles.

One of Leonard Montefiore's many contributions to Anglo-Jewry was to be among the founders and funders of the Leo Baeck College, which for over the last half-century has trained rabbis for the Progressive movements in Britain and abroad.

Rabbi Dow Marmur in Toronto

His son is a philosopher. Alan Montefiore's most recent book, *A Philosophical Retrospective* (Columbia University Press), is an attempt to describe, if not define, his Jewish identity in the language of his academic discipline by combining abstract thought with autobiography and family history. Philosophers are likely to read the references to the author's life as illustrations of the universal questions about identity as they relate to fact and value. Ordinary Jews may read them as attempts to explain the enigma of Jewish particularity in universal terms.

The author isn't the only Jew in Britain or elsewhere to be puzzled by being Jewish. Even a Polish Jew who lived and worked in England for many years, the late Isaac Deutscher, whose many books include a biography of Trotsky, another marginal yet clearly identifiable Jew, struggled with his background.

Deutscher, a scion of a haredi family, properly rejecting the notion of a Jewish race, asked: "But if it is not race, what is it that makes me a Jew? Religion? I am an atheist. Jewish nationalism? I am an internationalist." And answered: "In neither sense am I, therefore, a Jew. I am, however, a Jew by force of my unconditional solidarity with the persecuted and exterminated." He described himself as a "non-Jewish Jew."

Though nothing positive seemed to claim Deutscher's loyalty as a Jew, the Shoah compelled him to identify with his forebears, and perhaps what they stood for, because they had perished. I've known many Holocaust survivors who shared Deutscher's Judaism.

But they're more likely to have quoted the late Toronto philosopher Emil Fackenheim. He said something similar, albeit in affirmative terms, when he declared that by their very survival, Jews deny Hitler a posthumous victory. But unlike Deutscher and other Jewish intellectuals, Fackenheim saw in Israel the ultimate proof of Jewish survival. His disciples sometimes chose to understand this to include identification with Israeli right-wing politics.

Even though neither Alan Montefiore nor his family were exposed to Nazi atrocities, he's by no means indifferent to what happened to the Jewish people in those years. As the joint president of the Wiener Library in London - one of the most significant institutions that preserve the historic evidence of the Holocaust – he's well aware of the effect of the Shoah on contemporary Jewry. I also recall visiting with him a Nazi concentration camp and the great impact it had on him.

But the primary Jewish references in *A Philosophical Retrospective* are to the author's family and its history, particularly to his grandfather, who died in 1938, when it was still possible for "an English gentleman of the Jewish persuasion" to oppose Zionism, as he did, and to insist that the only way to affirm the universal values of Judaism is through belief in One God.

Although it's not clear how the grandson views Israel and God, he does tell us that already his father had abandoned the pre-World-War-II anti-Zionist stance of *his* father. And Alan Montefiore acknowledges approvingly the secular Judaism that's being shaped in Israel today.

Irrespective of how he understands and defines his Jewish identity, he's a Jew *by birth* and, therefore, accepted as a Jew by every stream in Judaism. The fact that he's prepared to use his biography as the subject of philosophical discourse suggests that being Jewish is no longer something one has to be quiet about, whether or not one practises Judaism.

In consequence, many non-Jews are nowadays attracted to Judaism. Some embrace it and become Jews *by choice*. Descendants of Jews who once hid their origins are rediscovering their roots. They're Jews "by surprise." As Jewish identity has become more varied, it has become even more complex and enigmatic, and thus a very suitable subject for philosophic investigation.

A giant in Holocaust studies

Inconceivable as it sounds today, the formidable Israeli historian Yehuda Bauer was once the sole scholar in Israel teaching Holocaust studies at the university level.

"Many people didn't take it seriously as a topic," said Bauer, recalling the era of the 1950s and 1960s. "It was not recognized as a legitimate topic of inquiry, though books on the Holocaust were published in Israel during its early years. It was considered a journalistic topic. The academic community in Israel needed time to recognize it as a serious topic."

Bauer – who had written his PhD thesis on the British mandate in Palestine and who had taught courses on the history of Zionism – turned his talents to researching the Holocaust in 1961.

This was the year the show trial of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann took place in Jerusalem and the year Raul Hilberg's seminal book, *The Destruction of the European Jews*, was published.

But for Bauer, 85, whose family immigrated to Palestine from Prague on the eve of World War II, a man named Abba Kovner was the tipping point.

A Holocaust survivor, partisan fighter in Nazi-occupied Vilna and Hebrew poet and writer in Israel, Kovner convinced Bauer to focus on the Holocaust rather than on the yishuv, the Jewish community in Palestine.

"He told me I was wasting my time," said Bauer, who was then a member of Kibbutz Shoval, an outpost in the northern Negev Desert where he lived for 41 years until 1993. "I took his advice."

Having decided to specialize in the Holocaust, Bauer, a Hebrew University faculty member, blazed a path that others would follow.

For years, he was the only academic in Israel teaching Holocaust studies, though, as he hastened to add, Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, always employed historians who had survived Nazi persecution and oppression.

Bauer's colleague, Israel Gutman, a survivior from Poland who arrived in Palestine shortly after World War II, was the second Israeli academic after him to specialize in the Holocaust.

To the best of his knowledge, Israeli universities currently employ 20 to 30 such specialists, many of whom teach post-graduate students.

"You need to acquire a discipline, say in history, before you can concentrate on a topic like the Holocaust," he explained.

I interviewed Bauer at his home

Sheldon Kirshner

in Jerusalem

in Pisgat Ze'ev, a neighbourhood-cum settlement in northeastern Jerusalem built on land annexed by Israel in the aftermath of the Six Day War. Despite his dovish views, he has lived there for the past seven years. He claims that the Palestinian Authority has implicitly recognized Pisgat Ze'ev as Israeli territory. All politics aside, the panoramic view from his balcony of the Judean Desert is nothing short of mesmerizing.

Bauer believes the calibre of Israeli Holocaust specialists is second to none. As he observed, "We in Israel are perceived to be in the first line, though we are not the only ones. The United States, Germany, Poland and Britain are among the leaders in Holocaust studies."

Canada lags behind, he noted. But Bauer paid tribute to such "outstanding" Canadian historians as Michael Marrus and Irving Abella, who have both written important books.

Now an adviser to Yad Vashem and a lecturer at its International School for Holocaust Studies, Bauer resigned from the Hebrew University in 1996 after a 35-year career.

"But I carried on voluntarily for another seven years," said Bauer, the founding editor of the *Journal for Holocaust and Genocide Studies* and a member of the editorial board of the *Encyclopedia of the Holocaust.*

These days, he advises Yad Vashem on content issues, delivers lectures to politicians, diplomats and army officers and is generally available for consultations.

As an author, Bauer has written about every conceivable aspect of the Holocaust, having delved into the lives of perpetrators, bystanders and victims.

Bauer's latest work, *The Death of the Shtetl* (Yale University Press), concerns the destruction of predominantly Jewish villages in eastern Poland in 1941 and 1942. By his estimate, approximately one-quarter of the six million victims of the Holocaust came from these localities.

Bauer's previous works include *From Diplomacy to Resistance, The Holocaust in Historical Perspective, The Jewish Emergence from Powerlessness, Jews for Sale: Nazi-Jewish Negotiations 1933-1945* and *Rethinking the Holocaust.*

There are essentially two schools of thought in Holocaust historiography, but Bauer is neither a functionalist nor an intentionalist. Intentionalists claim that the Nazi leadership, from the outset, intended to exterminate the Jews of Europe. Functionalists counter that the Nazis, while deeply antisemitic, took advantage of wartime events to kill Jews en masse.

Bauer, having blended both theories into his analysis, said, "No serious historian today identifies exclusively with one school or the other. That's passé. In a way, the Nazi intention all along was to murder Jews. But the Nazis had no master plan. The Holocaust was not pre-planned. It was rooted in opportunity."

Rather than describing the Holocaust as unique, he prefers to call it unprecedented. "There are parallels and differences between the Holocaust and other genocides," he said. "But there are elements of totality and universality in the Holocaust not found anywhere else."

In his view, Adolf Hitler was absolutely central in Germany's unprecedented extermination scheme. "I don't think anyone else in the Nazi regime but Hitler would have sanctioned the Holocaust. The personality of Hitler is very important."

SS chieftain Heinrich Himmler, in a memorandum to Hitler on May 25, 1940, rejected "the Bolshevik method of physical annihilation of a people" as "un-German and impossible" and recommended the resettlement of Jews on the tropical island of Madagascar. "But by then, there was a movement toward a genocidal solution to the so-called Jewish Question," said Bauer.

Yehuda Bauer at his home in Jerusalem
[Sheldon Kirshner photo]

He disagrees with the notion, propagated by American historian Daniel Goldhagen, that the "eliminationalist" antisemitic culture of the Germans spawned the Holocaust. "He simply doesn't know German history. Most Germans before Hitler opposed racism and supported social democracy and liberalism. There was less antisemitism in Germany than in Poland and Romania, but he's right to say that by the 1940s most Germans supported Hitler's anti-Jewish policy."

Calling the 1943 Warsaw Ghetto Uprising the first rebellion in German-occupied Europe, Bauer rejects the idea that Jews went to the slaughter like sheep. "The Jews had no leadership, no organization, no arms, and the surrounding population was usually hostile."

A veteran of the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, he regrets that politicians in Israel, particularly the late Menachem Begin, have used the Holocaust to advance political agendas. "I'm against clichés in political speeches," he said in a reference to this practice. "They cause me physical pain."

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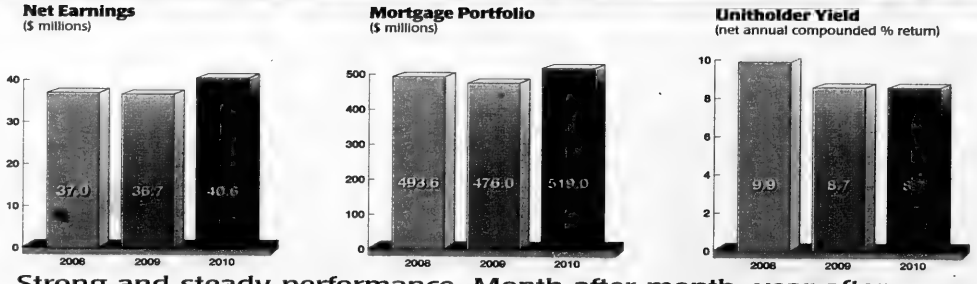

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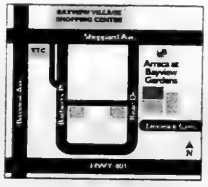

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UN ploy could spark third intifadah: expert

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The Palestinian Authority's plan to have the UN General Assembly vote on its unilateral declaration of independence this September could spark a third intifadah.

Prof. Asher Susser, a senior fellow at Tel Aviv University's Moshe Dayan Center for Middle East Studies, made the comment to *The CJN* while on a media tour in Toronto last week.

He said the Palestinian Authority (PA) plans to orchestrate "peaceful" demonstrations a few days in advance of the vote, but it now worries these gatherings could turn violent and ignite another regional conflict with Israel.

Asher Susser

"The resolution itself will not pass at the UN Security Council because the U.S. will veto it," Susser said. "But the fear is it will cause a lot of disappointment on the ground in the West Bank and Gaza, because nothing will change" for the Palestinian people.

The PA, sensing it may have overplayed its hand at the UN and oversold the merits of its declaration to its own people, fears a chain of events that will backfire on it, Susser said.

"If demonstrations get out of hand, it could lead to something like a third intifadah without the intent of the PA to spark one. And this would put economic aid and western support of the Palestinians on the line. Neither side really wants this," he said.

Susser believes the only outcome possible from the PA's UN gambit will be an "escalation of tension" between Israel and the Palestinians.

If there is an upside, he said, it's that the September vote could create a "crisis situation" in which both Israel and the PA are forced back to the negotiating table.

However, Susser does not agree with the way both sides have chosen to address peace talks thus far.

He believes that the "all-or-nothing" approach to peacemaking isn't viable.

"I don't think it's the wisest tactic for either side to negotiate their narratives," he said, referencing Israel's permanent demand for the Palestinians to recognize it as the Jewish homeland and the Palestinian's unwavering demand for the right of return.

Neither side will ever acquiesce to those conditions, as it would mean forsaking core beliefs.

"The Jews and the Palestinians should not ask each other to undress from their narratives," he said.

Instead, Susser said both sides should focus on interim peace agreements that will "last for the foreseeable future."

"[Israel] needs to rethink what we're negotiating about and what we're trying to achieve. We have to make some hard decisions. We may need a less-than-perfect solution for where we live," he said. "This means territorial compromise for less-than-peace. Leaving things just as they are is not working for Israel. It's time for Israel and [the Diaspora] to think outside the box. The time has come for a grand debate about where Israel should go for the next 60 years."

Speaking of Israel's "neighbourhood" in the Middle East, Susser said the area is about to get a lot more hostile due to the fallout from the so-called "Arab Spring."

While secular liberals may have ignited the Arab Spring in Egypt, those well-intentioned protestors "opened the door to more Islamism," he said.

The result will likely be the ascension to power of the Muslim Brotherhood in that country, Susser predicted.

"Secularism in the Arab world is in decline and retreat. [Israel's] peace treaties with Jordan and Egypt will hold, but they will be cooler," he said.

Despite the more hostile nature of the countries around it, Israel is unlikely to be thrown into war because it still maintains a deterrence advantage over its neighbours, he said.

Since Israel's 2009 war in Gaza, Hamas has not been interested in another round of conflict with Israel, nor has Hezbollah since the Second Lebanon War, Susser said.

All the peace treaties signed with Israel by its Arab neighbours have been done because Israel has been able to maintain its military advantage, Susser said. Beyond that, Israel is now "at the pinnacle of its economic success."

This allows Israel to deter its enemies from attacking it, despite a more virulent Islamist environment emerging in the region.

While organizations such as Hamas may always ideologically believe in the destruction of the Jewish state, they won't act on this impulse because it's not pragmatic to do so, Susser said.

The Arab Spring is a result of great socio-economic and political disappointment in much of the Arab world, where prior governments have failed to give their citizens a better standard of living, he said.

"Hamas and Hezbollah are capable of making rational, political decisions. Once elected, Islamist governments – like a potential Muslim Brotherhood government in Egypt – will have to govern and deliver. They will have to keep their ideological aspirations on hold and keep the peace. But it rests with Israel to maintain its power advantage," he said.

Hadassah rebrands itself

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Canadian Hadassah WIZO (CHW) is rebranding itself in order to clear up any confusion the public may have about the organization, says Alina Ianson, the organization's executive director.

"We're not the same organization as Hadassah [in the United States], and we're not the same as World WIZO.

"In 1917, Canadian Hadassah was established as a Canadian organization, and coincidentally, it had the same name [Hadassah]. Later on, we affiliated ourselves with World WIZO, and added that to our name. We are also affiliated with Hadassah International in New York."

Alina Ianson, Marla Dan

The "two-minute elevator speech" about CHW, she said, is that it is a volunteer women's organization that provides material and moral support to enhance the lives of women, children and youth in Israel through its health-care, education and social services projects."

They decided to portray this mandate, she said, by packaging the name together into a concise manner. "We support children, health care and women, thus we have rebranded ourselves to be CHW: Children, Health Care, Women. [This gives us] one look, and one voice."

Ianson, who has been in her position for 2-1/2 years, said the rebranding was initiated in 2006, as a result of feedback by members and the community at large. "They just weren't sure what the organization was all about."

Many people did not know about the multitude of projects CHW supports in Israel, she said, including CHW Hadassim Children and Youth Village, HW Nahalal Youth Village and CHW daycares.

It also supports a number of health-care projects such as CHW fertility unit at Hadassah Hospital and the CHW M. Fanny Comprehensive Breast Care Institute at Assaf Harofeh Medical Center.

Women's projects include CHW Calgary Bat-Yam Women's Centre, CHW Rose Kanee Community Centre, a national parenting hotline and women's shelters.

"As you can see, there are a lot of projects, and the organization's leaders recognized that we had to streamline our presentation to the public. We needed to give a better message about what we do in Israel."

She said that Marla Dan, CHW national president, has been promoting the rebranding in all centres across the country.

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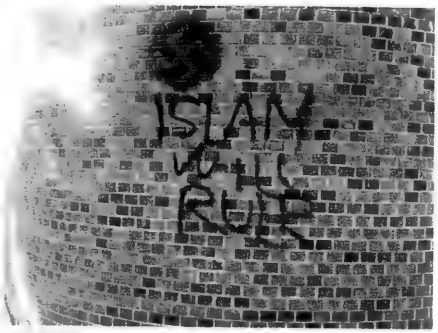

The discovery last Thursday of antisemitic, pro-Islamist graffiti on the outside wall of the Robbins Hebrew Academy on Bayview Avenue isn't cause for alarm, Rabbi Jarrod Grover says.

The rabbi, spiritual leader of Beth Tikvah Synagogue, which houses the Hebrew day school – now closed for the summer – said a red-and-black stenciled swastika and the words "Islam will rule" were discovered by a facilities manager who immediately informed senior synagogue staff.

"I notified the police and then wrote a letter to the congregants. My priority was to assure parents that there is no reason for panic," Rabbi Grover said.

"It is repulsive that there are people out there who have so much hate that they need to spray-paint it [on a wall.] We live in a world where people are ignorant and feel the need to take it out in this way. This is not the Canada I know, I love and I grew up in."

"The wider message we have to send is that this vandalism is unacceptable and we need to continue learning about antisemitism and the Holocaust," he added. "Then, maybe some good will comes of this."

Anita Bromberg, national director of legal affairs of B'nai Birth Canada, said B'nai Birth was informed of two other incidents last week involving stenciled swastikas: one at a townhouse complex at Avenue Road and Roselawn Avenue, and a second at a Korean church with a school attached not far from Beth Tikvah.

"The only disconnect is that the words 'Islam will rule' only appeared at Beth Tikvah. We can't tell yet where the stencils were obtained."

She said police have categorized the vandalism at Beth Tikvah as a hate crime, but had no leads as of late last week.

Shimon Fogel, CEO of the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA), said in a statement that Beth Tikvah contacted CIJA for assistance in responding to the incident.

"Our primary concern is for the safety of Beth Tikvah, its staff, and congregants. We have been in close contact with police to ensure that immediate measures are being enacted to strengthen Beth Tikvah's security, as well as Jewish community institutions in general.

"We will remain vigilant in the wake of this disturbing and offensive event. Earlier this week, CIJA issued greetings to our friends in Canada's Muslim community on the occasion of Ramadan. We know that this outrageous act will be condemned by Canadian Muslims and members of all faith communities who share our commitment to security, peace, and respect for all faiths."

In a message on Twitter, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty said he was saddened by the vandalism at the synagogue. "[There is] no place in Ontario for intolerance and hatred. In this we stand together."

Mall in heart of Thornhill

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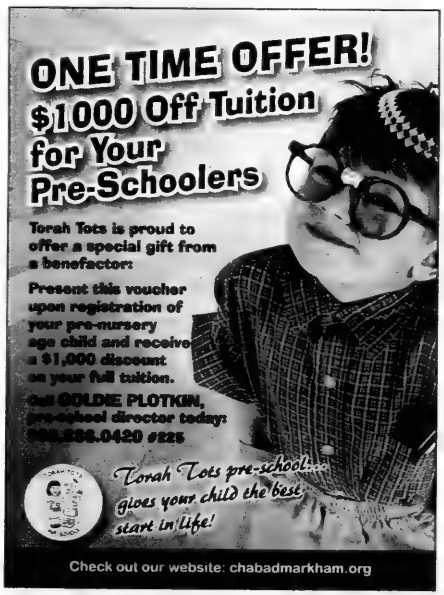
The Promenade has been a big part of the Vaughan community over the past 25 years, and our celebration is intended to thank them for their continued loyalty," Eva Murrant, the mall's general manager, said in a statement.

Given the mall's location, in the heart of Thornhill, home to one of Canada's largest Jewish communities, a number of Jewish organizations, including Jewish Family & Child and Kol Torah Sephardic Congregation, rent space in its third-floor office area.

The Promenade is also home to an Aroma Espresso Bar, an Israeli coffee chain, and the first-ever Yogen Fruz, a frozen yogurt chain that was founded in 1986 by Aaron and Michael Serruya, two Jewish brothers from Thornhill, that has since expanded internationally.

Promenade staff also saw the celebration as an opportunity to give back to the community by partnering with the Vaughan Food Bank to help raise awareness and gather food for the needy. Shoppers are encouraged to bring non-perishable goods to the guest services desk at the main entrance until the end of September.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Jason Alexander to launch UJA Campaign 2012 at Sony Centre

The man behind Seinfeld's George Costanza in Toronto on August 23

By Daniel Horowitz

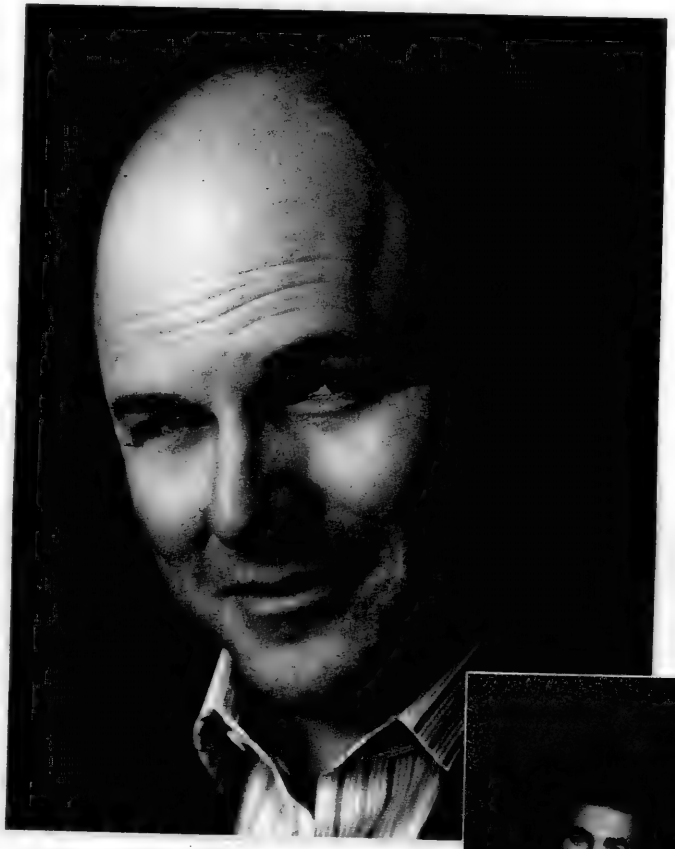
On Tuesday, August 23, the man you knew and loved during his nine year stint as George Costanza on NBC's *Seinfeld*, will bring his unique and hysterical comedic insights to the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) stage.

The featured speaker at UJA's upcoming community launch of its Campaign 2012 at Toronto's Sony Centre at 7:30 pm, Jason Alexander portrayed the unforgettably neurotic Costanza from 1989 to 1998.

Whether it was the infamous Penske File episode, or when George attacked an unsuspecting mourner at a funeral for "double-dipping," Alexander's personification of insecurity, paranoia, and other neuroses, as well as his unique quips and one-liners quickly became—and remain still—a part of our lexicon.

The role of George Costanza was an actor's dream, especially having the opportunity to work with such a talented ensemble cast week after week. And, in an interview with The CelebrityCafe.com, Alexander was asked if being remembered as George, and not Jason, would bother him.

"Oh, um, one percent," Alexander said. "You know, this is the clarion cry of every actor that's ever done, or that's ever played a famous role. But at the end of the day, no, it doesn't truly bother me, The things that I prefer, when I walk through hotels, when they yell out "George!", I try not to stop, because so many times, people have been actually calling somebody named 'George'! So, uh, I've been embarrassed a few times too many, ha ha! I do think that if you're going to yell out to me in a hotel, know my name, you know? You'll probably get a much better answer from me that way. But no, I have no delusions that on my final day on this planet, IF the news cares to recognize it, they will say "George Costanza has left the mortal coil today."



Jason Alexander

UJA's Campaign 2012 – chaired by Gilbert Palter and Barbara Bank – is focused on four essential areas:

- Social justice (tzedakah) for all
- Education in aid of the Jewish identity so important for our future
- A clear, unified voice in the face of anti-Semitism and racism
- Standing up for, and with, Israel

Elliotte Friedman of Hockey Night in Canada

During his performance at the Sony Centre, Alexander, who recently dropped around 30 pounds as Jenny Craig's newest celebrity spokesman, will be interviewed in a one-on-one interview with another Seinfeld fan, Toronto's own, Elliotte Friedman of Hockey Night in Canada fame.

Known more for pucks and a stick, than yuks and shtick, the 41-year old Friedman jumped at the chance to moderate the interview with Alexander.

"I think you have to renounce your Jewish identity if you didn't like Seinfeld," says Friedman, tongue firmly planted in cheek. "I still watch the repeats on television and my wife has the entire series on DVD. One of my closest friends looks a bit like Jason, and is frighteningly similar to the George Costanza character, too."

Friedman, who has visited Israel several times, and whose youngest sister, Erica, lives in Tel Aviv with her husband and two children, has a strong sense of identity when it comes to the Jewish state.

"I've always believed in a strong Israel," says Friedman whose maternal grandparents were Holocaust survivors. "Things have changed a lot in the past 20 years; Israel's lost a lot of support in the world. Things aren't easy when you're surrounded by people who root for your failure – or worse."

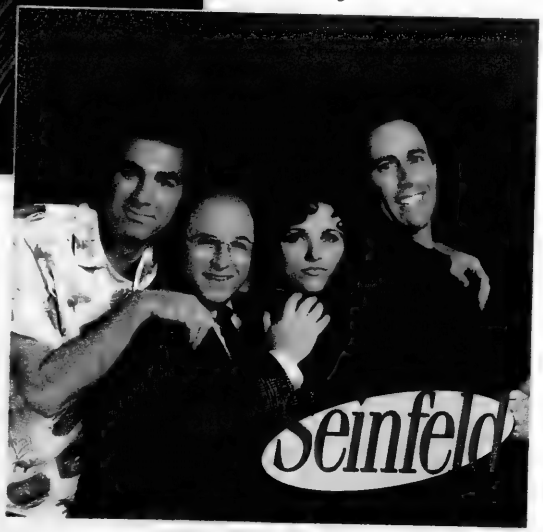
And, for a man used to discussing forechecking, goaltending and penalty-killing, and interviewing the likes of former Maple Leaf Doug Gilmour, does Friedman worry about being out of his element with Alexander?

Not a chance.

"The similarity between interviewing Doug Gilmour and Jason Alexander is that people want to learn about them; it's not about you," says Friedman. "So, your job is really to put them in the best possible position to come off well. A lot of it is research. If you're not well prepared, it can suck the life out of your guest. I assume I'll speak briefly to him the night of the interview, too, and get a better idea of what he likes to talk about and what he doesn't. And, at the end of the day, you want people to leave the event saying, 'I was entertained and I learned something interesting I didn't know before.' This will be an audience that loved Seinfeld. What can we tell them they didn't already know? What stories can we reveal that will make them laugh?"

Between Friedman's second-to-none, laid back and informative interview talents and Alexander's treasure trove of comedic, behind the scene comedic insights, chances are that there will be plenty to make even the most knowledgeable Seinfeld fanatic laugh.

This definitely promises to be a "show about something."



Alexander with the cast of Seinfeld

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Tu b'Av and women in white dresses

With Tisha b'Av over, we leave the saddest part of the calendar behind and turn to one of the most joyous – and least known – holidays, Tu b'Av. The 15th of Av – which falls this year on Aug. 15 – may not have the fame of Passover or Chanukah but listen to what the Mishnah says about it: "There were no greater holidays for Israel than Tu b'Av and Yom Kippur, for on them the girls of Jerusalem used to go out in borrowed white dresses... and dance in the vineyards. What would they say? Young man, lift up your eyes and see what you choose for yourself." **[http://bit.ly/tubav1]**

Tu b'Av was the traditional day for courting. These days, you don't see many girls of Jerusalem borrowing white dresses and dancing in the vineyards. Modern boosters say the day should be rekindled as a day in which Jewish men and women search for their shidduch.

According to the Talmud, there are six reasons Tu b'Av was made a holiday. **[http://bit.ly/tubav2]** Among them: Marriage between different tribes of Israel was finally permitted on that day. In the desert, a ban on inter-tribal marriage had insured that land would not pass out of the hands of the tribe it originally belonged to. Virtual Jerusalem explains the significance. "The ability for all of the tribes to marry each other – necessary to facilitate a deep, fundamental sense of Jewish oneness – is worth celebrating." **[http://bit.ly/tubav3]**

Yosef Abramowitz and Susan Silverman suggest that we could learn a great deal from those ancient courting practices. "The young girls borrowed white dresses so that the young men could not choose among them according to materialistic concerns... Today, we live in a world that is status- and fashion-conscious, a world of beauty pageants and beauty ideals set by television and movies, and some synagogues are even described as 'meat markets' for looking over the 'unmarried merchandise.' Tu b'Av tells us to look beneath the surface when looking for – or at – a life partner, just as Yom Kippur forces us to look deep into ourselves before God grants us life anew." **[http://bit.ly/tubav4]**

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Rabbi Yossi Sarid says: "Yom Kippur is the day of unbounded love toward HaShem, through self-sacrifice and affliction of the soul, ceding all our physical needs, in accordance with the commandment of the day. This love that is based on giving ourselves totally to God is the essence of Yom HaKippurim... Tu b'Av is the day of love between man and wife, the love that brings to perfection." **[http://bit.ly/tubav5]**

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach says Jews should repossess "our own, Jewish day of love: Tu b'Av." How? "Well, you could send your special someone a heart-shaped gefilte fish – well-refrigerated, of course. Or FedEx him or her a steaming hot bowl of chicken soup symbolizing your passion. But a far better way is for you women to don gorgeous white sundresses and organize with friends to dance away in Central Park in front of a mesmerized gathering of available single men. When the cops come to arrest you, you can say that your rabbi made you do it." **[http://bit.ly/tubav6]**

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My link to the three weeks of mourning

As a teenager, I spent my summers at overnight camps, on a teen Israel experience, and working at a day camp. Each year, the three-week period connecting the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem commemorated on the 17th of Tammuz, and its ultimate destruction, commemorated on ninth of Av, carried a similar message. Through organized programs at camp, the reading of Megilat Eicha (Lamentations) and fasting, we recounted themes of ancient destruction, exile from the Land of Israel and the cataclysmic impact of these events on the course of Jewish history. While I went through the actions, my sorrow then was often perfunctory.

Class Act

Daniel Held

During university, I spent a summer volunteering with the Jewish community of Buenos Aires. On the 17th of Tammuz, I went to synagogue expecting similar tropes to those at home, but was surprised to find a deeper, more personal and emotionally attached sorrow. That year, the close of the 17th of Tammuz coincided with the anniversary of the AMIA bombing.

Before going to Argentina, I hardly recognized the word AMIA. I knew little about the attack on the Buenos Aires Jewish community centre that killed 85 people in 1994. It was a topic hardly mentioned in my Jewish education.

Following *Ma'ariv*, I left the synagogue with a group of youths. We spent much of the night on the street outside the rebuilt and newly fortified AMIA complex. In the cold of the Buenos Aires winter, leaders of the city's youth movements came together for a vigil and a memorial. These university-aged students had been in their early teens at the time of the terrorist attack. Many had lost friends in the bombing, which took place during winter vacation – a time when children played in the gym or swimming pool at AMIA – and each could recall precisely where he was at the time of the attack. The group shared stories, memories and tears. They remembered friends and relatives, lit candles and sang songs. The group disbanded well past midnight.

Early the next morning, we returned to the street outside AMIA for a communal rally. The street was blocked off and crowded with thousands of people. The ongoing investigation into the bombing has been marred by incompetence, corruption and conspiracy. The anguish in the speakers' voices was fuelled not only by the terror wrought by the attack, but also by the betrayal of justice in the years following.

The juxtaposition of the three weeks of mourning in Jerusalem and the commemoration of the AMIA bombing was powerful for me, infusing new meaning into a period of traditional sorrow. What had once been three weeks of restrictions resulting in cursory mourning interrupting an otherwise enjoyable summer became a period of greater reflection as I recalled the experience of my Argentine friends.

Our communal gaze is often so fixed eastward that we inadvertently overlook the Jewish experience in other corners of the world. In many ways, my relationship with Israel, like my personal connection to the three weeks, is informed by my sense of peoplehood and my connection to Jewish communities and their experiences and histories around the world.

AEPi readies for upcoming year

Every year, the Ottawa chapter of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity strives to help the Jewish community, and this year is no different. Although it's only August, AEPi has set some ambitious goals for the upcoming year, and members have already started planning.

They plan to kick off the year with a club night at the popular Tila Tequila nightclub on Sept. 9.

"It's important for us to have a big party to start the year. It lets everybody know we're back and plan on having another big year," said chapter vice-president Ayal Sadeh. Tickets are $5 before the event and higher at the door.

This night is strictly for fun, but Sadeh assured me that this year won't only be about fun.

"Just like in past years, we will also put a lot of effort into philanthropic events to help the community," he said.

AEPi Ottawa has already planned a few such events, including one on Nov. 4 in the Carleton University atrium when it will team up with Hillel and the OneMatch Stem Cell and Marrow Network to register potential donors.

AEPi has co-sponsored this event on campuses across Canada before and it's always been successful. It has been responsible for finding countless matches and saving many lives.

"This is a really important event for us," Sadeh said. "It allows us to get the community working toward an important cause. It's an especially easy way to get everyone involved, because all we're asking is for a time commitment. There is no monetary commitment."

On Campus

Justin Dahan

He urges everyone to come out. "There is no better feeling than knowing you may have just saved somebody's life."

There are a few other events that AEPi Ottawa likes to be involved with annually, including a blood drive in which members donate blood together – another way the chapter helps to save lives. Members also volunteer every year at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute Telethon, where they help take phone donations, as well as assist with setup and cleanup.

AEPi is always looking for new members. "Joining AEPi was the best decision of my university career, because it helped me connect to the Jewish community on a campus where we have sparse representation," says Tobiah Abramson, the chapter's director of recruitment. "It was not only a great way to make friends, but it was also fantastic to be part of the community and keep my Jewish self engaged," he said.

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Once, while driving with my family across the Canadian-American border, a border agent asked me what my job was, to which I replied, "I'm a rabbi." When asked the purpose of my trip, I said we were going on vacation to which he replied: "Rabbis take vacations? I never saw my priest take a vacation." This comment caused me to ponder rabbis taking vacations...

When Yitro, Moses' father-in-law, came to visit, he saw Moses working from morning to evening. Yitro said to him, "The thing that you do is not good. You will surely become worn out – you as well as this people that is with you – for this matter is too hard for you" (Exodus 17-18). Yitro suggested that Moses appoint others to take some of the workload, thereby freeing Moses to decide the most difficult matters.

Yitro's advice promoted efficiency, understanding that a person needs time for himself in order to re-charge his batteries, so to speak – time to pause and to pay attention to family life. Stepping back to look at "the big picture" usually benefits everyone.

This got me thinking: I'm no Moses, but rabbis, too, need to step back from time to time in order to consider their lives and put things in proper perspective.

Recently, my wife and I decided to take our whole family camping for the first time.

Going camping with a large family is no easy task.

Sephardi Window

Rabbi Ilan Acoca

It takes a lot of organization, and attention to detail is crucial. Many of our friends told us it would be fun, but not to expect much sleep. On top of all of this, we were cautioned about the possibility of encountering bears or other wild animals. Nevertheless, my wife, skilled in many things, is an excellent trip planner.

We prepared for the big day, and off we went. Happily, things went very well. We experienced new things, to the excitement of the children, and, moreover, we slept very well, waking up to the sound of singing songbirds and beautiful sunrises. It gave us a chance to relax, to re-energize ourselves, to enjoy our wonderful family, and to consider new ideas with renewed enthusiasm.

This trip increased my appreciation of all of the blessings that I have. It made me realize how fortunate I am to have a wife who is so dedicated to her family and gives so much of herself to everyone.

This year we are celebrating our 15th wedding anniversary. I still remember the day we got married – the happiest day of my life! I also remember wondering what married life would be like, what my wife was expecting from me, and whether I would be a good father among other things.

My wife and I have been able, with God's help, to build a healthy, strong Jewish home in which we enable one another to raise our beautiful children and to serve our community – and we are grateful.

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Students see human cost of Mideast conflict in Sderot

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Students from North America recently spent a day giving back to the community of Sderot during a two-week Hasbara Fellows trip to Israel to educate and train them to become pro-Israel advocates.

Sderot has been plagued emotionally, psychologically and economically by rocket attacks from neighbouring Gaza.

Carleton University student Hashem Hamdy, the citywide president for the Israel Awareness Committee in Ottawa, visited Israel for his first time on the Hasbara Fellows trip in June with 43 students.

Hamdy, who is not Jewish but is involved in the pro-Israel movement on campus in defence of the Jewish state's democratic values, said that he was grateful to have travelled to Israel to learn more about the complexities of the region, "which you can't really understand unless you see it with your own eyes."

He said some of the activities on the itinerary "were very politically charged.

"We heard from both sides of the perspective. We heard from Gush Shalom, a non-partisan Israeli peace movement, and from the Israeli Coalition Against House Demolitions, but we also heard from *JPost* journalists, we went to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we went to the Knesset," Hamdy said. But it was the time the group spent in Sderot that gave the students a better idea of the human cost of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

During a city tour led by the Sderot Media Center, the students visited the police station where hundreds of Qassam rocket shells are stored as well as a local playground where concrete mazes doubled as bomb shelters.

"Even though there wasn't a red colour alert while we were there, seeing a bomb shelter every hundred metres is really kind of surreal," Hamdy said.

"It was always in the back of your head. When we stopped for lunch, [the guide] said, 'There is a bunker across the street in the playground, there is one next to us at the bus station – you guys try and see if you can run there in 15 seconds.' Imagine thinking like that every day," he said.

"They're economically trapped there because the property values are so low, no one wants to buy their houses and they can't physically afford to leave."

In addition to a city tour and a briefing on the situation facing Sderot residents on a daily basis, the group of students also took time out of their day to volunteer at the food distribution centre, which provides packages of fresh produce for more than 600 needy families.

This food distribution centre gives them an opportunity to eat properly in an economically depressed area," Hamdy said.

Concordia University student Ehle Shachter, who was on a Hasbara Fellows trip from May 22 to June 7, was inspired to initiate a campaign to collect money from the trip participants for new carts for the Sderot residents to use to pick up their packages.

Shachter said she noticed the carts and bags were tattered and worn.

"My tour guide and I came up with the idea together and he thought it was a great idea, especially in a town that is so poor… I felt that we should really be doing something especially while we were in Israel. Everyone was really generous, and we raised more than $1,000." The money was enough to purchase 30 new carts.

Shachter's initiative didn't end with her group. Following her group's lead, Hamdy's group also raised money to buy carts for the families that rely on the food distribution centre. Shachter, who said she now has a much better understanding of the challenges facing the people of Sderot, wants to use this knowledge to spread the word about their plight.

She said she hopes that through her position with the Hasbara Fellowship she'll be able to organize campus events to raise awareness of the situation in Sderot.

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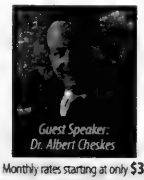
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Is liberal democracy in Egypt a pipe dream?

The media, among others, seem to have been surprised by the overwhelming show of power by Islamists during demonstrations in Cairo's Tahrir Square on July 29. The *Washington Post*'s reporters, for instance, called it "a stunning show of force that left the liberal pioneers of Egypt's revolution reeling."

These reporters, Leila Fadel and Ernesto Londono, described the scene: "[A]s the Islamists poured into Tahrir, liberal and secular Egyptians were shocked by the tone and intensity of the slogans. 'The people want Islamic law,' the crowds of sweat-drenched Salafists chanted under the punishing sun."

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

In short order, Fadel and Londono expressed their bewilderment (as did many other journalists covering these events): "Although the vast majority of Egyptians are Muslim, the number who support implementation of strict Islamic law has long been a mystery because hard-line religious communities were persecuted and harassed by [former president Hosni] Mubarak's intelligence service."

There should, however, have been no mystery or surprise at all. Empirical data collected in polls over many years have clearly shown that a substantial majority of Egyptians do not share the liberal aspirations of the reformers. Indeed, the presence of those very reformers in Tahrir Square earlier this year had a significant, but misleading, impact on many in the West who apparently have projected their own hopes for liberal democracy onto the country as a whole.

Gallup, in a 2008 in-depth survey of attitudes in Muslim-dominant countries, found that in Egypt (along with majorities in Jordan, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh) 70 per cent of men and 62 per cent of women want *sharia* not as a source, but rather as the only source of law.

John Esposito and Dalia Mogahe, whose book *Who Speaks for Islam?* is based on the Gallup research in 35 predominantly Muslim nations, wrote that, in general, "while acknowledging and admiring many aspects of western democracy, those surveyed do not favour wholesale adoption of western models of democracy. Many appear to want their own democratic model that incorporates *sharia*, and not one that is simply dependent on western values. Actually, few respondents associate 'adopting western values' with Muslim political and economic progress."

Egypt, as it turns out, falls in the most conservative category of those rejecting western notions of liberal democracy. While a majority of Egyptians say they want democracy and accountable government, what they mean by "democracy" (apparently a reference to free, multi-party elections) is not how the West ordinarily interprets the concept (elections plus guarantees of individual freedoms and minority rights, etc.)

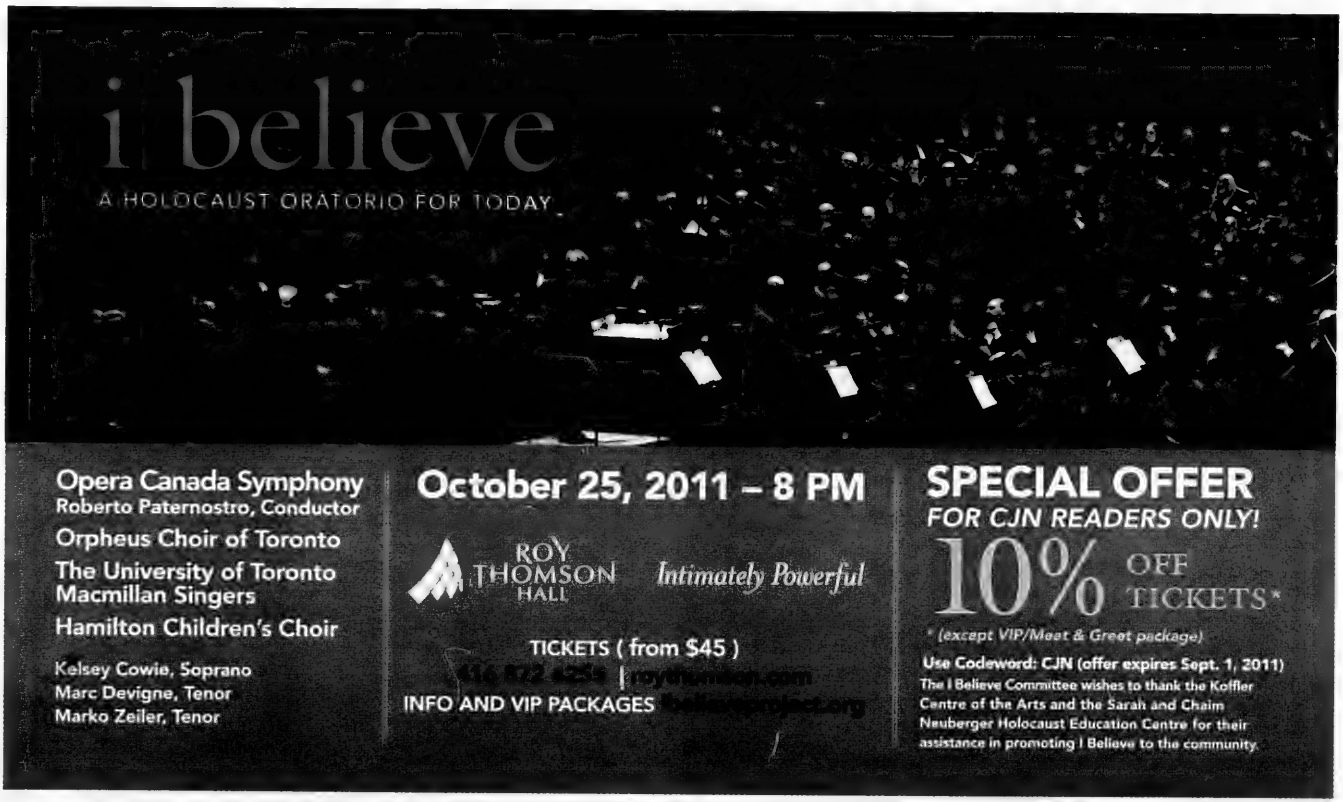
For instance, according to the PEW Research Center's survey (published in April 2011), only about one-third of Egyptians say that gender equality and religious freedom for Copts and other minorities are very important.

Another PEW survey (published in December 2010) found that "[a]t least three-quarters of Muslims in Egypt and Pakistan" favour the imposition of *sharia* punishments, including the death penalty for those who leave the Muslim religion.

While many analysts argue that Egypt is very unlikely in the years ahead to become an Iranian-style theocracy, the religiously conservative nature of its society of 85 million (90 per cent of whom are Muslim) needs to be recognized and understood for what it is. These analysts also note that the Muslim Brotherhood and more radical Islamists such as the Salafists could end up with as many as 50 per cent of the seats in November's parliamentary elections and constitute the largest bloc. Liberal, secular forces are a distinct minority and not well organized politically.

In the meantime, the Egyptian army remains in control and may not yield power, or most of it, to a civilian authority – even after elections. Unfortunately, the army has harassed and arrested Arab journalists and, according to the July 30 *Economist* magazine, has doled out harsh jail sentences in military courts to 10,000 civilians since the "revolution," many of them liberal reformers.

In short, there is no basis to the belief – or hope – that Egypt will become a liberal democracy in the foreseeable future.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Recent drownings cause concern among lifeguards

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Since May, some 29 people have drowned in Ontario waters. While this number is lower than this time last year, any number is high enough to cause concern among lifeguards and aquatics staff at Toronto pools. The fact that many of the drowning victims were not children, but adults and teens, is especially disconcerting.

"Swimming is a critical life skill. Most people would acknowledge that teaching children to swim is essential, but once these same children hit their teens or early adulthood, participation in lessons or other organized water activities drops," says Naomi Bancroft, aquatics manager at the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre. Bancroft says that while there are often wait lists for children's swimming lessons at the centre, few teens sign up for the more advanced lessons.

It takes only seconds for a person to drown – and it's often silent. Quoting research on drowning by the Red Cross and the Lifesaving Society, Bancroft says, "Drowning doesn't look like drowning. Typically, we see movies and TV shows that depict people splashing, shouting and flailing. More accurately, people slip under the water quickly and quietly. You don't notice they're gone until you look for them."

Bancroft stressed the importance of lessons in staying safe in the water: "Many of the drowning victims this summer were non-swimmers who ventured into the water or rode on a watercraft while not wearing a life-jacket. Swimming lessons, coupled with water safety knowledge, may help to reduce the number of drownings in Ontario waters. Everyone working in water safety in Ontario is saddened by the recent tragedies. We're all committed to working towards their prevention."

Other tips Bancroft shared include:

Listen to advisories or warnings from lifeguards at swimming pools or other supervised bodies of water. If possible, swim only in supervised areas with regular lifeguard patrols.

Never go swimming alone. Always stay with a buddy.

Always wear a life-jacket on boats or other watercraft – and never drink and boat.

Swimming lessons aren't just for kids – if you're a teen or adult non-swimmer, it's never too late to enrol in a class.

Never leave children unattended around water – even if they have taken lessons.

The Miles Nadal JCC follows the Canadian Red Cross swim-lesson criteria (considered one of the pre-eminent curriculums) and also offers opportunities for people to continue to enjoy the water and improve their skills through ongoing recreational swims, lane swimming and a Masters Swim Club. "Enjoying the water safely should be a lifelong experience. Lessons aren't just for kids," says Bancroft.

Morris Weisdorf *(Carolyn Blackman photo)*

100-year-old keeps himself looking good

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Morris Weisdorf, who turned 100 on July 15, looks in the mirror every time he leaves his apartment.

"I make sure my tie is straight, my hair is neat and my glasses aren't cracked. It's important to look right, even to go downstairs for lunch. At my age, too many people let themselves go," said Weisdorf, who lives in the Terraces of Baycrest.

Born in Poland into a family of eight children, Weisdorf came to Canada in 1936 to get married.

"My father had a brother here, and he arranged for me to come over."

He and his wife, Jennie – she died in 1986 – had three children, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Weisdorf said he came to Canada "on a Thursday, and the next day found an ad in the Yiddish newspaper for a tailor. I learned how to be a tailor in Poland, so I went to the store and started working right away.

"I liked Canada because my money was worth more than in Poland. In Poland, we went hungry. When I started working though, I sent my family money. I did my best, and now I'm getting paid back. My own family visits me every day."

His entire family, except for one brother, died in the war, he said. "I found him through the newspaper in 1960. I brought him over, and he still visits me every week."

Weisdorf said he continued working as a tailor, and went on to design patterns for suits and pants at Tip Top Tailors. "I remember I had my interview on the fifth floor. Then I worked for Morris Custom Tailors. When I had an extra dollar in my pocket, I joined Beth Emeth [Bais Yehuda Synagogue].

> 'At my age, too many people let themselves go'

"I knew everyone at shul. Whenever I went they would come over and shake my hand. It made me feel good. My family made me a kiddush on my birthday, and I was called [to the Torah]."

He has "simple" secrets for living to 100, he said. "Don't drink too much, don't run around, keep yourself in shape and respect people.

"I don't feel any different than I did at 99. I'm happy because I have my kids. They give me everything I need. I can't complain."

FAMILY MOMENTS

Mazel Tov

The Canadian Jewish news

Mazel tov on the marriage of Steve McDonald and Lisa Anthony. With love from family and friends.

Mazel tov Andrea Moscoe on earning your honours BA in environmental studies from Wilfrid Laurier University. Love, Mom, Dad, Brandon and Cassie.

Ilen Litvak and Ranaan Mintz are excited to announce the engagement of their son Yonan Mintz to Rachel Siegal, daughter of Joe and Lynn Siegal.

Happy birthday dad! We love you! All our love, Hannah, Shayna and Cole.

Mazel tov Josh & Tovah Carr on Judah's birth. Grandparents Patricia & the late Sholem Altman, David Carr & Esther Carr. Great-bubbies Jean Altman, Marion Seeklus.

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What's New

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Thursday, Aug. 11

FAMILY FUN AT EARL BALES

Mystic Drums performs at Earl Bales Park at 8 p.m. A family fun movie will be shown under the stars at 8:30 p.m. 416-392-3846.

RABBI VERSUS MISSIONARY

Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue presents a debate between **Rabbi Michael Skobac** and a missionary at 7:45 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 13

ORILLIA COUNTRY SHUL

Shabbat services continue during August, 10:30 a.m., 151 Creighton St. S. in Atherley. This year's leaders are: Aug. 13, **Rabbi Tina Grimberg**; Aug. 20, **Rabbi Cory Weiss**; Aug. 27, **Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld**. Call 705-327-7069.

SINGLES SHABBAT

Beth Lida Synagogue, 22 Gilgorm Rd., holds a singles Shabbat. Traditional *Shacharit* service at 9 a.m. followed by a mix and mingle at kiddush.

Monday, Aug. 15

KAVANAH GARDEN

Kavanah Garden Guardians is a half-day program for kids ages 6-10 featuring garden and nature-based activities, crafts, ecology and food preparation. Aug. 15-19 at 18 Lebovic Campus Dr. $150 Contact risa@shoresh.ca for more information.

ISRAELI MOVIE NIGHT

The movie *Two Legacies* will be shown at 7:30 p.m. at Beth Tzedec. A discussion with producer **Moshe Alafi** follows the film.

Tuesday, Aug. 16

MUSIC AT EARL BALES

The Toronto Saxophone Quartet performs at the Barry Zukerman Amphitheatre, Earl Bales Park, at 7 p.m. (In case of rain, performances will take place inside the community centre.)

FAMOUS TRIALS

Historian **Gerald Ziedenberg** discusses famous Jewish trials. Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 7:45 p.m. Aug. 16, "The Julius and Ethel Rosenberg Trial"; Aug. 23, "The Adolph Eichmann Trial"; Aug. 30, "The Shlomo Shwartzbart Trial."

Other News

JUNCTION SHUL SERVICE

Congregation Knesseth Israel (The Junction Shul), 56 Maria St., celebrates its 100th anniversary at a commemorative morning service Sept. 15 at 9 a.m. Reception following the service. RSVP before Aug. 18. 416-609-7027 or www.junctionshul.org.

MELTON ADULT SCHOOL

Registration is open for fall courses "Dramas of Jewish Living (history)" and "Ethics of Jewish Living." Both courses are taught at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Wednesday mornings 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Knowledge of Hebrew not necessary. Courses start Oct. 5. Call 416-789-7400.

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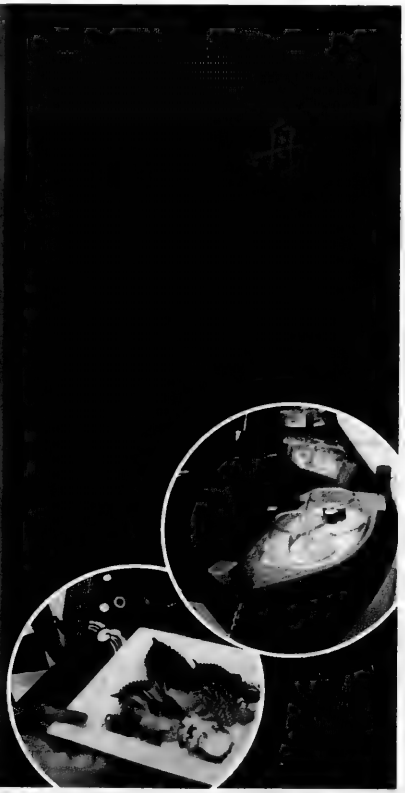

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TRUNK SALE

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for 2 hours on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings to work with young adults with special needs starting in September at DANI'S Place (Sheppard Avenue and Bathurst Street.) Contact ssokol@dani-toronto.com.

BAR MITZVAH CLUB

Beth Joseph Lubavitch Synagogue, 44 Edinburgh Dr., is starting a bar mitzvah club for all boys. The club meets Wednesdays. Contact **Rabbi Boruch Landau** at 647-201-0261 or barmitzvaclub@gmail.com.

VENDORS WANTED

Vendors wanted for Reena's bazaar Sept. 11 at Reena's Toby and Henry Battle Developmental Centre, 927 Clark Ave. W. Contact **Aviva** at 905-889-2690, ext. 2216, or awindman@reena.org.

HEBREW CAMP

JumpStart Hebrew is a one-week camp program at Beth Sholom Synagogue open to the community, for children entering grades 1-4. Runs Aug. 29-Sept. 2, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and will be staffed by teachers from Beth Sholom Hebrew School. Activities include oral Hebrew, reading and reading readiness activities, music, drama and cooking. Lunch will be provided two days. Cost, $75 for members of Beth Sholom and Beth Sholom Hebrew School and $90 for the community. Contact **Karen Goodis** at karen@bethsholom.net or 416-789-6103, ext. 225, for more information and registration.

HERITAGE MUSEUM

The Morris and Sally Justein Heritage Museum at Baycrest presents *The Dream Fulfilled – Theodor Herzl and the Jewish State,* with more than 400 items from the private Herzl memorabilia collection of **David Matlow**. Open to the public. For hours and to schedule group tours, call 416-785-2500, ext. 2802, or ababins@baycrest.org.

FOLK DANCING

Participatory international folk dancing every Tuesday 7:30-10 p.m. (weather permitting), Sir Winston Churchill Park, corner of Spadina and St. Clair avenues. Call **Helen**, 416-912-7112 or www.ofda.ca.

ACCOMMODATION REGISTRY

Are you looking to rent your basement apartment or an extra room in your house? List it free through the Accommodation Registry at UJA's Jewish Information Service of Greater Toronto. If you are looking for a place to live, we will be happy to assist you as well. JIST is located in the Harold & Miriam Green Lobby in the Lipa Green Centre, 416-635-5600, jinfo@ujafed.org. For more community information, visit www.jewishtoronto.com and follow the link to Doing Jewish In Toronto.

MELTON FALL SESSION

The Melton Mini-School holds a 10-week graduate class starting Oct. 11 on the Arab-Israeli conflict, taught by **Michael Rubin** at Beth David Synagogue. Call 416-789-7400 to register.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Heartline Bereavement Group grief support program meets at Hospice Thornhill. Contact **Bonnie Strand** at 905-764-0656, ext. 227.

CEDARVALE MINYAN

Cedarvale Shul is located in the basement of Cedarvale Terrace at 429 Walmer Rd. On Shabbat, enter through the rear doors at back of parking lot.Weekday minyan at 7:45 a.m. Shabbat at 9:30 a.m. Kiddush follows services. For information on shul services, call 416-707-3161.

FASHION SHOW BENEFIT

Deja Vu Boutique presents a fashion show and dinner born from one woman's journey with breast cancer. All proceeds go to Markham Stouffville Hospital. Sept. 18 at the Hilton Suites Hotel. For tickets, call 905-472-9566.

TORAH IN SPANISH

Torah classes in Spanish given by **Rabbi A. Bertfeld** Wednesdays 9 p.m. at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation. For information, 905-886-7935.

THE CHORALAIRS

The Choralairs of North York sing pop, Broadway and folk songs and are looking for new members. No audition required. The new season starts Sept. 13 at Earl Bales Community Centre, 7:15 p.m. For more information, call **Sally**, 416-636-8247, or **Martha**, 905-884-8370, or e-mail sallyl@sympatico.ca.

MULTIPLE MYELOMA WALK

A 5-km walk in support of the Molly and David Bloom Chair for Multiple Myeloma Research at the Princess Margaret Hospital will be held Oct. 16. For more information, call 416-946-6584 or www.mm5k-walk.ca.

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FOR SENIORS

Association of Jewish Seniors holds its general meeting Aug. 18, 9:30 a.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. **Dr. David Tal** will speak about "Successful aging." Call **Tammy** at 416-635-2900, ext. 458.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. (55+). **Valerie**, 416-395-7881. Casino Rama Aug. 17; social lunch Aug. 18 (kosher, dairy). Ongoing activities: Mondays, line dancing, 10 a.m.; Tuesdays, fitness class with qualified instructor, 10-11 a.m.; Wednesdays, art class, 10 a.m.; Thursdays, social bridge, 12:30 p.m.

Seniors Woodworking Club Fully equipped shop in Earl Bales Park. Call 416-630-6487.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m., Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell. 416-630-9444.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday afternoon socials. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl**, 416-635-6317, or **Marcia**, 416-932-1229.

Bernard Betel Centre 416-225-2112. Aug. 11, dietitian **Jenny Lyttle** speaks about "Nutrition tips to benefit your health," 1:30-2:30 p.m.; Aug. 18, **Barry Shainbaum** speaks about "Inspiration through music," 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Wagman Centre, 416-785-2500, ext. 2275. Entertainers of the Wagman Centre looking for energetic seniors. Now working on a program dedicated to the 1950s – folk tunes, crooners' songs, rock 'n' roll. Contact **Judy Ross**, 416-733-0580.

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.

Open house week Aug. 21-26 to sample many of the adult programs. Registration is now open for fall programs.

Drop-in duplicate bridge game with **Samy Toledano**, Thursdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Pay at the door. No charge for people attending first time.

Chai Dancers performing group has an opening for dancers. Some dance experience required. Contact **Teme,** ext. 4364.

Mah-jong beginners and intermediates, Aug. 10-Sept. 14, 1-3 p.m. $58/$68.

International and Israeli folk dancing with **Teme** and **Sandy**, Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. Drop in, pay at the door.

Recorder classes with **Judy Miskin**. Wednesday 1-3 p.m., free for members, $25 for non-members.

Shalom Singers Choir with **Esther Ghan Firestone** is always looking for new members. Rehearsals Thursday mornings.

Learn to read Hebrew, speak Hebrew and understand Judaism in three crash courses offered at the Prosserman JCC and the Miles Nadal JCC. First course is reading Hebrew, Sept. 18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. $75 includes kosher lunch and materials.

MILES NADAL JCC

750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211. www.mnjcc.org.

The Michael Bernstein Chapel, holds services every Thursday at 7:15 a.m. and Sunday at 8 a.m. followed by a breakfast. Everyone is welcome for regular services and Yahrzeit observance. Call **Coleman Bernstein**, 416-968-0200.

The exhibit *Harry Joy: A Life in Photography* will be on display in the gallery until Aug.31.

What's New is now online. You can find it at cjnews.com

BUDDING CIVIL SERVANTS: The Cadets for Public Service Program of Atidim visited Toronto City Councillor James Pasternak, at lectern, and toured City Hall on Aug. 2. The program aims to improve Israel's public sector by training young people from 23 to 30 who are interested in bringing change to Israeli society. The participants receive schooling and tutoring beyond the scope of a university degree in a specially tailored academic program designed by Atidim, the School of Public Policy at Hebrew University, in co-operation with the Israeli Civil Service Commission.

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'Babs' Asper was 'driving force' in community

Myron Love
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Ruth "Babs" Asper, who died suddenly on July 30 at age 78, is being remembered for her passion, her wide-ranging philanthropy and her quiet community leadership, despite having lived much of her life behind the scenes while I.H. (Israel) Asper, her late husband and partner in philanthropy, garnered the headlines.

"Babs was a very dear friend for more than 50 years," said fellow community leader and philanthropist Dee Buchwald, whose late husband, Harold, was a founding partner in the law firm Buchwald Asper Henteleff more than 50 years ago. "There were very few like Babs. I will miss her terribly, as will the entire community. She was someone you could always rely on to be there for you."

Marjorie Blankstein knew Babs from the time the two of them served together on the board of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, the forerunner of the present Jewish Federation of Winnipeg.

"Babs was a terrific woman," Blankstein said. "She was bright and energetic, knowledgeable, warm and friendly. Her passing is quite a loss."

Yude Henteleff, surviving partner of Buchwald Asper Henteleff, said she was more than just the glue that held her family together while her husband pursued careers, in turn, as a tax lawyer, political leader and business mogul.

"She was Izzy's partner in philanthropy," Henteleff said. "They shared a passion for the arts and human rights, Israel and, especially, their community."

Babs Asper grew up in south Winnipeg and met her future husband in high school. After university and her marriage to Izzy, she worked to help support her husband while he attended law school.

While she was a stay-at-home mom while her children – David, Gail and Leonard – were growing up, she volunteered with a number of different organizations such as the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education, the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre and the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. She and her husband jointly founded the Asper Foundation, which she chaired.

There have been very few initiatives that have had as dramatic an effect on the Winnipeg Jewish community as the Asper Foundation. Its grants played a major role in building the Asper Jewish Community Campus, as well as in the wider educational (the Asper School of Business and the Babs Asper professorship in jazz performance at the University of Manitoba), artistic and medical fields in Winnipeg. The foundation has also supported many projects in Israel.

But the project that had been closest to Babs Asper's heart over the past decade was the creation of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, which was conceived by her husband shortly before he died in 2003.

Babs and her daughter, Gail, have turned that vision into a reality with their tireless fundraising efforts. Just about a week before her passing, she and Gail toured the museum (which is scheduled to open in 2012) to check progress, and Babs was reportedly very impressed by what she saw.

"Babs died too soon," Henteleff said. "She had so much still to look forward to. In her own quiet way, she was a driving force in our community. Her passing is a dreadful loss."

Israeli ambassador visits Camp Kadimah

Joel Jacobson
Atlantic Correspondent

HALIFAX — Spending a few hours at idyllic Camp Kadimah in Nova Scotia evoked words of praise from Israel's ambassador to Canada, Miriam Ziv, Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter, and Halifax MP Geoff Regan.

Israel's Ambassador to Canada, Miriam Ziv, talks with Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter, left, and Camp Kadimah co-director Jim Spatz during a recent visit to the camp.
[Bonnie Abramsky photo]

"I'm very impressed – by the size of the camp, the fact that children are here from the Atlantic provinces, Ontario and Israel, and by the happy atmosphere of everyone," Ziv said. "I'm so impressed that the Atlantic Jewish Council does so much in such a small community."

The camp guests watched the final march-past of Maccabia, the annual team competition that ties in athletics, drama, song, dance and other camp activities.

Dexter remarked about the spirit of the campers and staff at Kadimah, which is celebrating its 67th year. It's located on Lake William, near Barss Corner in Lunenburg County on the south shore of Nova Scotia.

"I grew up a short distance from here and had many joyous summers on lakes in this region. It's a magnificent setting," he said.

"The level of engagement, the extraordinary spirit of the kids who were clearly having a great time, was very impressive," he continued. "It's hard to imagine they carried out this event in just three days. The team banners [created once the start of Maccabia is announced] were spectacular. It's really hard to believe such young people created those."

Regan was accompanied by Benjamin Burgar, a summer student intern in his Halifax office. "While I could see the fun everyone was having, I was most impressed that Ben, a camper and staff member at Kadimah for nine years, was treated like a rock star when we arrived. Everyone knew him."

This was Ziv's third trip to the Halifax region since her term as ambassador started a year ago. She met with Dexter on business issues last November and attended Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations in May.

At Kadimah, she met with several campers and staff from the north of Israel. "This is a wonderful way to expose them to Jews in the Diaspora. I had a wonderful discussion with them, talking about peace and democracy. Most of them didn't know what an ambassador was or what I do, and they were very curious."

She said the Israelis expressed their joy at being at Kadimah. "They appreciate what the Atlantic Jewish Council has done in bringing them here. They feel very much part of the camp, certainly not separate."

She noted she has travelled across the country, meeting Jews from coast to coast. "It's easy for the ambassador to be absorbed in Ottawa, but there's a big country outside. The consuls general [in Montreal and Toronto] visit the regions, but the ambassador is supposed to be there for all of Canada. I want to reach out to the provinces and encourage them to work with Israel. There is so much the provinces can do, in addition to what the federal government does with Israel."

In his earlier meeting with Ziv, Dexter talked about a trip he made to Israel in 2008 with other provincial leaders, and about a planned trade mission to Israel involving Nova Scotia businesses this coming November.

"We know how important Zim [the shipping firm] is to Nova Scotia as one of the key components of our Halifax port. I'm looking forward to going to Haifa to meet with Zim officials and affirming our relationship," Dexter said.

"We also know of the technical strength in Israel, how Israelis take ideas and innovation from paper to the final product to increase Israel's GDP. In Nova Scotia, we're good at establishing patents, but often don't take them to the end product. We can learn from what Israel has done."

Canadian Press reporter Stephanie Levitz of Ottawa, who has covered Parliament Hill, attended Kadimah for almost 10 years as a camper and staff member. In a tweet to Regan, she encouraged him to have a grilled cheese sandwich there.

"They're the best," she messaged, recalling her favourite Kadimah meal.

Did he have one? "No," said Regan. "They served us a turkey dinner, and that was certainly worthwhile."

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Manitoba report critical of nursing home

Myron Love
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WINNIPEG — Families with relatives living at the Sharon Home say a newly released provincial report that looked into the workings of Winnipeg's only Jewish nursing home vindicates their allegations of abuse there.

Lillian Peck

The report, by the province's Protection of Persons in Care Office (PPCO), was made public at a meeting at the Sharon Home on July 25. But problems that have been festering there came to light last fall, when a 93-year-old resident, Lillian Peck, was transferred to a hospital where it was found she was suffering from severe, untreated bed sores. She died shortly thereafter.

Immediately after the incident, one nurse was fired, while seven others received short suspensions.

The PPCO report was critical of the lack of care Peck received, as well as leadership and communication at the residence. As a result of its findings, Manitoba's ministry of health is reviewing leadership and communications issues at the home, as well as its operating licence. The report also proposed an action plan to make improvements.

At the beginning of the year, Marsha Palansky – Peck's daughter – and four other families with relatives living in the home formed an informal group and pushed for a government investigation of the facility.

"The administration wouldn't meet with us as a group," said Harriet Berkal Sarbit, spokesperson for the five families, and daughter of the late Rabbi Louis Berkal, longtime cantor and assistant rabbi at Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, who lived at the Sharon Home for a year before his death in 2009.

"They called us troublemakers," Palansky said.

In light of the nursing home administration's stonewalling, the families turned to the provincial government. Berkal Sarbit praised the positive response and support they got from the ministry of health and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA), which is responsible for overseeing nursing homes in the city.

Both the WRHA and the PPCO conducted investigations concerning Peck's care and treatment, while the province is conducting a performance-standards review of the home and an outside consultant will examine how its administration deals with family members.

"The reviews are unprecedented," Berkal Sarbit said.

The Sharon Home opened its new south Winnipeg location in 2002 and completed the facility in 2008. The building replaced the old north Winnipeg Sharon Home, which was built in 1912.

Berkal Sarbit, Palansky and others who spoke on condition of anonymity because they still have parents living at the Sharon Home have a number of criticisms of the facility. They claim that Sandra Delorme, its president and CEO for the past nine years, rarely visits the patients and doesn't know most of their names.

They also allege that family members who question the care of their loved ones have been threatened with being banned from the home and that some have actually been barred.

They also decry a lack of programs and services for the residents, as well as general neglect.

They are calling for the election of board members who have thus far all been appointed and include few if any people who have family living in the home.

Berkal Sarbit also objects to the practice of carrying bodies of deceased residents out the front door instead of exiting unobtrusively out the back. "I know of no other nursing home that takes the dead out the front door," she said.

She said the July 25 meeting was the first town hall meeting that the administration and board have ever held.

Berkal Sarbit added that "Winnipeg's Jewish nursing home can be so much better. Our committee can only accomplish so much. It is up to the wider Jewish community to demand change."

Delorme did not respond to requests for comment, and one board member who was contacted declined to discuss the issue.

Fire leaves 18 Tosher families homeless

David Lazarus
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — It might take a significant amount of time for the close-knit enclave of chassidic Tosher Jews in Boisbriand to recover fully from a devastating July 30 fire that left 18 families homeless.

"It's an absolute miracle that nobody was hurt or killed," said Isaac Weiss, a volunteer with the community's Hatzolah emergency medical service.

"If this had happened just one hour later, people would have been asleep, and for sure somebody would have died," said Weiss, 35.

As it is, "there are about 150 kids who are now homeless," he said.

According to reports and Weiss' own chronology of events, the fire broke out at an 18-unit, three storey apartment building at around 11 p.m., about two hours after the end of Shabbat. Initial indications were that the source of the fire was an electrical problem, and there is no suspicion of arson.

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ההכנסות של ישראל וגידול התוצר הגולמי לנפש הן מהגבוהות בעולם- אבל הכסף הזה לא עוזר לרוב המוחלט של התושבים, אלא רק לאלה שבגדה המערבית(יהודה ושומרון בשמה הישראלי). משום מה בוחרים שובתי האוהלים בישראל לומר שהמחאה של קיץ 2011 איננה פוליטית ושהיא חובקת את הימין והשמאל, הדתי והחילוני. זו לדעתי גישה עוורת שמתעלמת מהמציאות- לישראל יש כסף, זה רק עניין של עדיפות. הם עוורים או מה? אבל שישאר בינינו.

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Panel of experts to address protests in Israel

— *Proposals expected by the end of September* —

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was expected to reveal Monday the makeup of a team of experts whose task will be to propose economic steps to address the mounting public protests.

The panel is to be chaired by Prof. Manuel Trajtenberg, who formerly headed the government's economic advisory council, and is slated to include academic experts, businessmen, Bank of Israel representatives, and officials from the finance, industry and other ministries.

Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz will head the team, but it is still unclear which other ministers will be included.

The PMO said only that the team would include ministers from every party in the coalition.

The PMO confirmed that Netanyahu had personally approached a number of experts but refused to divulge their names. His aides said that the delay and secrecy stemmed from the need to examine possible conflicts of interest that some of the experts may have in joining the team.

Sources at the PM's office said that Netanyahu will define the mandate of the committee, which is to submit proposals for reform to the socioeconomic cabinet by the end of September. That body, headed by Steinitz, will review the ideas and submit its own recommendations to Netanyahu by the end of October. Netanyahu may make additional changes, after which he will submit a final draft to the cabinet for approval. That is supposed to happen in late October or early November.

"I want the government's full backing in the enormous change we are about to make in Israel's economy," Netanyahu said at Sunday's cabinet meeting.

Netanyahu said that Trajtenberg's panel will submit recommendations on the following issues: "One, a change in priorities, with the goal of easing the economic burdens on Israel's citizens. Two, a change in the mix of tax payments. Three, expanding access to social services. Four, increasing competition and efficiency in the goods and services markets, with the goal of reducing prices. Five, implementing the housing plan we've already launched."

Dafni Leef, the woman widely regarded as the originator of the "tent city" protests.

Sources in the PM's office said that the "team of experts will formulate recommendations and will sit with the representatives of the protest in order to hear them. We are hopeful that we will have interlocutors and subjects to discuss, and that there will be a clear representation of the demonstrators. We will alter some of our priorities, but we will not exceed the budget limits."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, left, and Professor Manuel Trajtenberg. *[Israel Sun photos]*

Over the weekend Netanyahu said during private meetings that the economic crises in Europe and the United States and the lowering of the American credit rating show that "rushed and irresponsible steps may easily undermine Israel's economy." He added that "some key countries in Europe are on the verge of bankruptcy. I will not allow this to happen in Israel."

The decision to set up a panel of experts replaces the move Netanyahu announced last week: to have a small group of ministers conduct a dialogue with the protesters. A panel headed by an outside expert will be less vulnerable to coalition pressures, but will also have less status and authority. Moreover, the fact that it won't submit its recommendations directly to the cabinet or the prime minister, as the panel of ministers was to have done, but only to the socioeconomic cabinet, will both delay the process and make it more likely that the proposals will be altered substantially.

Trajtenberg, a professor of economics at Tel Aviv University, currently heads the Council for Higher Education's planning and budgeting committee. Under Netanyahu's predecessor, Ehud Olmert, he set up and led the economic advisory council. His appointment to head the current panel is surprising, as he is not considered close to Netanyahu.

> ***Netanyahu tells cabinet, 'I want the government's full backing in the enormous change we are about to make in Israel's economy'.***

"I'm attentive to the protest, but we can't satisfy everyone," Netanyahu stressed at the cabinet meeting. "We'll listen to everyone. We'll act sensitively and responsibly... We'll conduct a real dialogue. We won't present lip-service solutions. We want to bring real solutions. In the end, we'll be judged on our practical solutions."

Knesset Speaker Reuven Rivlin said Sunday that the ongoing protests might lead to early elections.

Trajtenberg told the cabinet that public frustration is high, but this is also an opportunity to effect real change.

French JCCs consider focus on culture over 'community'

Alex Weisler
JTA

PARIS — It's hard to think of a more innocuous word for most American Jews than "community." But in France, things aren't so simple.

France's national ethos frowns on displays of ethnic difference. So, for many French Jews, the word "community" conveys a sense of separatism and insularity that clashes with the way they see their lives: French first, Jewish second.

That, in turn, causes headaches for France's Jewish centres communautaires, community centres.

"When you say 'Jewish community,' it's considered segregation and then it's not French enough," said Smadar Bar-Akiva, executive director of the World Confederation of Jewish Community Centers. "It's interesting because in other countries, community is the most important thing."

The issue is distracting enough that the Fonds Social Juif Unifié (FSJU) – the umbrella group that co-ordinates most aspects of communal French Jewish life – is considering changing the name of the centres, removing the emphasis on community and stressing something that better reflects the facilities' commitment to culture and identity.

"We're working now on improving the image of the JCC," said Jo Amar, the FSJU's director of cultural action. "We have felt for a long time that we have a problem."

Though plans for change are far from set in stone, representatives of some French community centres said a shift could be welcome.

"The spirit is to find a balance between community centre and cultural centre," said Sharon Mohar, an Israeli transplant who co-ordinates cultural efforts for a centre that serves the 2,000-family Jewish community in Bordeaux.

The question is also tied to how the centres relate to non-Jews. Mohar recalled an instance in which some older members of the community cautioned against allowing non-Jews to attend a community-run preschool, fearing that they would scare away Bordeaux Jews. But she found that a policy of openness ended up appealing to Jews.

Jo Amar

"In 2011, most people are just people, and it's not that it's less important for them to keep Jewish… but I think they are truly trying to find a balance between this part and the rest," she said. "The balance is critical – [otherwise], we're talking about a ghetto, and that's not the reality people want."

Ilan Levy, who co-ordinates cultural programs for the three-year-old Hillel building serving the Jewish community in Lyon, France's second-largest city, said Jews tend to be more apt to attend events intended for non-Jews, too.

"If we make events for all the people, then the others come and the Jews say, 'Oh, if the others come, then we can go,'" Levy said.

At France's largest Jewish community centre in Paris – catering to the country's largest Jewish community – there is a renewed focus on bringing in new audiences and interacting with them virtually, said Jean-Francois Strouf, the centre's communications co-ordinator.

The centre is developing an online university teaching Jewish and non-Jewish topics. The first of its kind in France, the project recently received funding from the Paris regional government and should be operational by 2013.

The facility prides itself on providing the Paris community with a well-rounded slate of programming that doesn't discriminate on the basis of religion or, within Judaism, by denomination.

"It appears that a community centre in the United States is a kind of private club," said the facility's director, Rafy Marceanu, citing the sometimes high membership fees and perks such as pools and fitness centres. "In France, it's the place of all Jews, and everybody finds his place."

Regarding the larger rethinking of JCCs' identities, the FSJU's plan is still a work in progress, and each centre will have the ability to make its own choices about any future name change. But Amar said the conversation is still worth having. "We want to put it on the table and revisit the whole notion," he said.

Cologne unearths Jewish past, looks to future

Alex Weisler
JTA

COLOGNE, Germany — This city in western Germany is banking its future on its Jewish past.

But at present, the investment is exacting a heavy price: $52 million (US), to be exact.

Following a divisive, decades-long battle, Cologne's municipal government voted recently to allocate that sum toward the construction of a new museum focused on the city's medieval Jewish quarter. Its centrepiece will be the product of a massive excavation project that began in 2007 in the middle of the city, on the square in front of city hall.

For years, the project had been dogged by opponents who said the country didn't need another monument dedicated to the Jewish past or complained about the disruption that the project would create in Cologne, Germany's fourth-largest city.

But with Cologne's decision to fund the museum, adding to the $18 million already allocated by the state government of North Rhine Westphalia, the city has made a decisive choice: to embrace its Jewish past to attract future tourists.

"A city like Cologne, you always have to think about what you can present to bring new tourists," said Cologne City Councilman Ralph Sterck, who voted in favour of the project, which passed by a two-thirds majority in the 90-member council. "We are proud of what we have for history, so we want to show the world."

The museum's projected revenue was among the factors that prompted city council members to support the allocation, he said, but there was also the element of embracing Cologne's Jewish heritage. All over Europe, from Girona, Spain, to Vilnius, Lithuania, cities and countries are making similar decisions in the hopes that becoming a Jewish travel destination will bring in tourism dollars.

In Germany, much of the effort to memorialize Jewish history has focused on the Holocaust era, and Cologne has three other museums concentrating at least partly on World War II-era history. The new project is spotlighting a period when Jewish life thrived in the city – the 1400s.

The museum, which plans to open in 2015, will offer a new way of looking at German Jewish history, said Georg Quander, Cologne's deputy mayor for cultural affairs. It was Quander who lobbied the City Council to provide the funding for the planned museum.

"History is always an exchange between several cultures," he said. "I think it's very important to understand this. Maybe it's more important than to separate them."

Sven Schutte, the leader of the Cologne excavation and museum project, concurred.

"If you concentrate just on the Jews in the Nazi times, you put the Jews in a corner that they never have been in," he told JTA. "To show all this rich history is something which should be done."

Schutte, who is not Jewish, said he is glad the museum will focus on how Jews have been integrated into Cologne city life for centuries rather than excluded from it.

"If you look at Jewish museums, even in Berlin, you see a separate history and you can think that the Jews come from the moon, that they were not an integral part," he said. "This is a site where you can learn how to live together with other people."

The massive project to unearth Cologne's medieval Jewish quarter began four years ago. The city had begun excavating its past decades ago, but until recently, the focus was on its Roman quarter. Archeologists working on the Roman quarter actually threw away Jewish material that they had unearthed.

But in the late 1980s, the calls began for excavating the Jewish quarter, and in the 1990s, some archeological work was done. For a long time, pedestrians could peer down through a glass pyramid on a city square and see the medieval mikvah, or ritual bath, that Cologne's Jews had used hundreds of years ago.

But the real work on the Jewish quarter did not begin until 2007. Archeologists early on uncovered evidence of a thriving merchants' quarter where the Jews lived. They unearthed a synagogue that had been in use since the year 780 and the home of a goldsmith. Both will be showcased in the new museum.

At its peak in medieval times, the Jewish quarter housed about 1,000 people – the size of a small German city. It was the oldest Jewish community in Europe north of the Alps, and often enjoyed special privileges, such as when the Roman emperor Constantine decreed in the year 321 that Jews could be elected to the city council.

When Jews were targeted during the Crusades, Cologne officials often protected the Jews by hiding them in fortresses and safe houses. In 1349, a pogrom in the midst of the Black Plague killed many of the city's Jews.

About 20,000 Jews lived in Cologne immediately before the Holocaust. About 40 per cent emigrated before they could be deported to concentration camps.

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Archeologists find Second Temple artifacts

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JERUSALEM — Artifacts from the Second Temple period have been found in Jerusalem.

A sword in a scabbard that belonged to a Roman soldier and an engraving of the Temple's menorah on a stone object were discovered recently during excavation work in the 2,000-year-old drainage channel discovered between the City of David and the Jerusalem Archeological Garden near the Western Wall.

The findings were announced on the eve of Tisha b'Av, which commemorates the destruction of both the first and second Temples in Jerusalem.

The channel served as a hiding place for residents of Jerusalem from the Romans during the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE.

2,000-years-old iron sword. *[Israel Sun photo]*

The excavations are being conducted on behalf of the Israel Antiquities Authority, in co-operation with the Nature and Parks Authority and are underwritten by the City of David Foundation

The 2,000-year-old iron sword was discovered still in its leather scabbard, along with parts of the belt that carried the sword.

The engraving of the menorah shows that its base was tripod shaped. Researchers believe that someone who saw the menorah was impressed by its beauty and etched his impressions on the stone, afterward tossing it away.

Israel Briefs

Bill confirms 'Jewish state'

The Knesset is considering a bill that would enshrine in Israel's basic laws a definition of the country as a Jewish state and the homeland of the Jewish people. Avi Dichter of the Kadima Party and Zeev Elkin of Likud introduced the bill and have received 42 supporting signatures. The measure needs 61 votes to be signed into law. In one section, the bill aims to elevate Hebrew to Israel's only formal language. Arabic would be afforded "special status" in the country. In addition, the legislation will grant "constitutional status to state symbols, national holidays, the flag and the national anthem." It also confirms the State of Israel as having a democratic government. If the bill passes it will become Israel's eighth basic law. Israel, which has no formal constitution, uses basic laws as a way to legislate government issues and civil rights. "Cementing issues that seem basic in a basic law has become doubly important these days, when there are those who wish to annul the Jewish people's right to have a national home in their own country," Dichter said.

Fogel murders conviction

An Israeli military court convicted one of two Palestinians charged in the murder of five members of a West Bank Jewish family. Hakim Awad, 18, of the northern West Bank town of Awarta, was convicted in a series of weapons-related and security offences, as well as five cases of murder, after confessing to killing five members of the Fogel family in the settlement of Itamar. The other suspect in the murders, Amjad Awad, 19, is being tried separately, as the two are testifying against each other. During his trial, Hakim Awad described being beaten by relatives after they learned of the murders, and that he had threatened to return to Itamar to kill again. Sentencing arguments will be heard next month. The prosecution says it won't seek the death penalty.

Israel hosts Wikimaniacs

Israel is hosting the seventh annual Wikimania conference, a three-day event for Wikipedia enthusiasts and contributors. At the heart of this year's conference, which was scheduled to begin this Thursday, is an effort to bring the resources of Wikipedia to places without dependable Internet access. Hamakor, an Israeli-based non-governmental organization, and Wikimedia Israel are working together on a pioneering program to install 50 refurbished computers with an offline French version of Wikipedia. The computers were distributed to two education centres in West Africa with no libraries or informational resources. The effort was made possible by a new Wikimedia initiative called OpenZim, which works to bring Wikipedia to areas of the world without Internet access. Participants from 56 countries – some of which do not have diplomatic relations with Israel, according to Tomer Ashur, director of the Wikimedia Foundation in Israel – were slated to attend the conference.

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Israel considering changes to dairy products pricing

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JERUSALEM — Talks with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on how to lower the prices of dairy products and introduce changes to the industry ended with no results late last month after 4-1/2 hours of tense meetings.

In principle, it was agreed that the economy must be opened up to dairy imports, but a dispute between Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz on one side and Agriculture Minister Orit Noked and Industry, Trade and Labor Minister Shalom Simhon on the other prevented any actual decision on how much to lower customs duties and quotas.

"There is no reason for the Israeli public to pay more for dairy products than people in most western nations," Netanyahu said. The solution to the market failures in the dairy supply chain must be based on increasing competition, which will lead in the long term to lower prices for consumers, he added.

The meetings were conducted in the Prime Minister's Office. PMO Director General Eyal Gabbai mediated.

Netanyahu insisted that the parties reach a decision at the meeting, saying talks could not be stretched out any longer because the public is up in arms.

The treasury has asked to permit imports of 5,000 tons of hard cheeses without any customs duties, but the Industry, Trade and Labor Ministry only agreed to increase the quota from 1,080 tons to 2,500 tons. The 1,080-ton amount comes with a hefty 50 per cent customs duty. Unlimited amounts of more expensive specialty cheeses, such as brie, camembert and parmesan, can be brought in – but with 100 per cent duty.

The Finance Ministry wants all 5,000 tons to be admitted with no, or minimal, customs duties. The Industry, Trade and Labor Ministry is willing to allow only the 2,500 tons – but with zero per cent customs. The Agriculture Ministry is still insisting on the 1,080 ton limit, though duty-free. "We should wait and see how the market responds to the customs reduction, and only then decide on opening the market to imports," Noked said.

Another dispute that Gabbai was asked to referee concerns the price the dairies pay farmers for raw milk. Noked refused to allow the current price of 2.19 shekels per litre to be changed. Simhon proposed lowering the price by 10 agorot, but Steinitz wanted to double that price cut. Every one agora reduction in raw milk prices would reduce the retail price of a litre of milk by around eight agorot.

Hard, "yellow" cheese was chosen to be the first product for expanded imports, since it has a long shelf life. The hard cheese market is worth 700 million shekels a year. Opening the market to imports would harm Tnuva in particular, which has an 80 per cent market share in this area. Cottage and yellow cheeses are two of Tnuva's most profitable products, and the company has already been forced to lower its cottage cheese prices.

Increasing cheese imports would also hurt dairy farmers. It takes about 13 litres of milk to produce one kilogram of cheese, and farmers fear large-scale imports would reduce demand for raw milk.

No timetables or details were set on such imports at last month's meeting. Gabbai is to meet with representatives from the relevant ministries to work out the details, with the goal of reaching an agreement as soon as possible.

Steinitz said opening the market to imports would be done with sensitivity, in order to cause as little harm as possible to the country's dairy farmers.

Tnuva said in a statement that it would wait for the full decisions of the prime minister and the cabinet ministers before commenting.

Knesset committee approves funds for Gaza evacuees

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JERUSALEM — The Knesset Finance Committee has approved another 400 million shekels ($112 million) for former business owners, who were evacuated from Gaza in 2005. The bill will now go to the full Knesset for its second and third readings, where it is expected to pass.

The committee approved the private member's bill sponsored by Likud MK Zeev Elkin that would raise the compensation by 11.5 per cent for business owners who left Gaza. If it passes, the total paid in compensation to the evacuated business owners would total 3.48 billion shekels ($974 million) over the years.

Elkin explained the law is needed since the compensation paid up to now has not completely covered investments put into the businesses and money spent to rebuild them after the evacuation.

The committee, chaired by MK Moshe Gafni of United Torah Judaism, said farm owners who were moved could choose between compensation in the form of additional agricultural land or money. The compensation for farmers will also include the loss of crops in the growing seasons they were unable to farm during the transition.

"The proposed law was approved in the spirit of the national inquiry commission on the matter of the authorities' handling of the Gush Katif and northern Samaria evacuees," said the Finance Committee spokesperson.

Gafni said the committee views passing the law and providing aid to the evacuees as of utmost importance, and as such is a moral commitment.

"This is a historic moment of closing the saga of the serious harm to human dignity of the Gush Katif and northern Samaria evacuees," said Elkin.

Science and Technology Minister Daniel Hershkowitz, a member of Habayit Hayehudi party, who was the chair of the ministerial committee in charge of aid to the Gaza evacuees, said passage of the bill would finally end the suffering of the evacuees after six "horrible and unneeded years."

Israeli soldiers carry away a man during the evacuation of the settlement Payat Sade in Gaza in 2005. *[Nati Shohat/Flash90 photo]*

An important addition to canon of Anne Frank literature

Joseph Serge
Arts Editor

In 1986, when Gerti Elias moved with her husband, Buddy, from Berlin to her mother-in-law's home in Switzerland, she found a treasure-trove of old boxes and suitcases in the attic filled with letters, cards and documents – some 6,000 in all – all of which she knew were of important historical value.

Her husband, after all, was the cousin and childhood friend of Anne Frank, and his mother, Helene Elias, was the sister of Otto Frank, Anne's father. Many of the letters found were written by family members including several by Anne, her sister, Margot, and Otto – one of which was a touching letter written shortly after his liberation from Auschwitz when he was still unsure of the fate of his daughters.

The documents were turned over to Mirjam Pressler, the German translator of Anne Frank's diary, to write a narrative of the Frank family. The result is *Treasures from the Attic: The Extraordinary Story of Anne Frank's Family* (Doubleday), an important addition to the wealth of Anne Frank literature.

Before Hitler's rise to power, the Franks were a financially well-off, assimilated secular family living in Frankfurt. They were a close, loving family. Otto would advise his sister, Leni, on her love life, and his frequent letters from abroad, where he travelled often for business, were much anticipated by his mother and siblings.

All that changed in 1931 when Hitler came to power, forcing the Franks to leave Germany. Otto's mother, Alice, went to Switzerland with her daughter, Leni, and Leni's two sons. In hindsight, Otto made the wrong choice and took his wife, Edith, and their two young daughters, Anne and Margot, to Amsterdam.

The children were encouraged to express themselves in writing from an early age, and poetry and greeting cards were frequently sent to one another for birthdays and holidays.

One of the first letters from Anne to survive was written in December 1938 when she was nine, to her grandmother. In it, Anne asks her if "it was Chanukah over there [Switzerland] too." It was written in German, but her later letters were all in Dutch. She signed with her nickname "Zartlein" (delicate little one).

Anne and the rest of her family wrote to Alice and Leni frequently in the years before they went into hiding, shedding light onto their thoughts and emotional states at the time. A letter from Edith implies that Otto was looking to get papers to go to England and Cuba, which if either succeeded would have provided a highly different outcome.

Following the German invasion of Holland and the introduction of the anti-Jewish laws in 1940, the future started to look grim for Otto and his family. In one letter to her grandmother, Anne writes, "I hardly get a chance to get a tan because we're not allowed to go to the swimming pool. It's a shame, but there's nothing we can do about it." It's with bitter irony, of course, that we realize that within a year or two, getting a tan would be the least of Anne's worries.

One of the last letters from Otto before the family went into hiding in 1942 to his sister, Leni, included the cryptic comment that "we can't correspond with... you anymore... there's nothing we can do about it." (That last line echoes Anne's sentiments. One wonders if "there's nothing we can do about it" was a constant refrain in the Frank household.)

By 1942, the letters stopped coming, and we wonder how Alice and Leni lived with the uncertainty of what became of them.

They had reason to be fairly optimistic when they received a formal business letter from Johannes Kleiman, the head of the Dutch Opekta Company for whom Otto worked. He included a mysterious comment that "our little girl has gotten as tall as my wife." Since the Kleimans had no daughter, the Eliases believed the comment was about Anne.

By far the most moving segment of the book is the chapter called "Uncertainty," which describes the events immediately following the war.

Of course, back in Switzerland, Leni and Alice were aware of the horrors that befell Europe's Jews. They had seen the newsreels and the newspaper pictures. Inevitably, they were filled with anxiety for what fate befell their relatives.

Unexpectedly, late in the summer of 1945, they got a moving letter from Otto, who was on his way to France from Odessa. The letter would pull the rug out from under their feet.

In it, Otto explained to them that his beloved wife, Edith, died in January, but his "hopes are for my children," who obviously weren't travelling with him. He held out hope that they were safe. This is the first time that Leni and her mother heard that the Nazis had captured Otto and his family.

The chapter follows a series of back and forth letters between Otto and his relatives back in Switzerland, mostly read out of sequence due to the unreliable mail delivery of the time. They soon got a heartbreaking letter from Otto telling them that he heard from a reliable witness that that his daughters both died in Bergen-Belsen. These letters and emotions that they evoke are among the most moving pages I've ever read.

In a letter dated August 1945 to his mother, Otto references, for the first time, Anne's diary, which he found at the Dutch safe house. "I don't have the strength to read it," he tells her.

But he did read it and started sharing excerpts with family and friends, eventually getting her diary published.

The diary and the play that shortly followed were hugely successful, although Otto was sometimes disappointed that no one talked about his other daughter, Margot. "Everyone talks about Anne, but I had two children. No one talks about Margot," he said.

Moving and heartwarming, *Treasures from the Attic* is an emotional and insightful look at the Frank family before, during and after the war. Today, when letters are a dying art, replaced by the short shelf life of the e-mail, text and tweet, we have to be grateful for the historical value of the good old-fashioned letter.

Leapin' Louie hits Toronto's streets

Kathryn Kates
Special to The CJN

David Lichtenstein, a.k.a. Leapin' Louie Lichtenstein, is the most explosive Lithuanian Jewish cowboy, part comedian/part clown, to ever come out of Oregon.

Those attending the 12th annual Scotiabank BuskerFest, Toronto's international street performers festival in the St. Lawrence Market neighbourhood, Aug. 25 to 28, can catch this eccentric cowboy comedian let loose on our streets throughout the four-day festival with his interactive 40-minute show.

Lichtenstein, who also goes by "The Roping Fool," entertains with physical comedy, world-class lasso and whip tricks, topped off with a unicycle equipped with a horse saddle. It is the first time that Leapin' Louie will appear on Toronto's streets – or for that matter, anywhere east of Edmonton and west of Montreal.

"My grandma taught me to do a little bit of trick roping when I was 11 on her ranch," says Lichtenstein about his late maternal Jewish grandma, Eunice Curtis. "I didn't do too much with it until I met jugglers later on at the Oregon Country Fair and at festivals in Oregon where street performers hang out.

"She had an interesting life – she went around picking pine cones for the Christmas wreath business and then she travelled around to florists to tell them how to use them in bouquets year-round to expand her business. For decades, she would drive up and down the West Coast of America in a truck, sleeping above the pine-cone-filled truck and bringing it back to the warehouse on her ranch before shipping them off. When I used to go visit her ranch as a kid, I got bitten by the cowboy life, even though I was pretty much a town kid with my mom and dad."

The Toronto BuskerFest is North America's largest street performers' festival. Last year, the event attracted more than a million spectators. This year, organizers expect the festival will reach even a bigger audience.

In addition to Leapin' Louie, acts include unique pogo-sticking, hula-hooping, fire-breathing, artistic juggling, and body-contorting.

"I do a lot of street festivals, but we don't have street festivals in the States, so it is not what I do in America," Lichtenstein said. "I just got back from Europe where I do festivals that are identified as street festivals in some way. In the States, I work with a nightclub circus called the Wanderlust Circus. I do the art festivals and state county fairs."

Lichtenstein's act includes some Jewish cowboy jokes, which he says, people think is silly, but seems normal to him. He says that when you are looking for original comedy, you have to look to yourself. As of late, he's taken to wearing a yarmulke under his cowboy hat.

"Mostly acts in America and in Canada, too, try to stay pleasing everybody, so putting something specific as being 'the most explosive Lithuanian Jewish cowboy,' is against the rules for a lot of people," he said.

"I like to think I am a rule breaker, but I guess all street performers think they are rule breakers, even when they are doing the most standard juggling show," added Lichtenstein, who wants his audiences to have fun as well as look at things a little differently and perhaps question what's going on around them.

Lichtenstein has taken his act to more than 23 countries worldwide. He is a member of Clowns Without Borders and has led groups to Haiti twice in the last two years to work with children and adults devastated by the earthquake.

Leapin' Louie will be performing at Scotiabank BuskerFest from Aug. 25 to 28.

When he's not on the road, he enjoys hiking in the mountains, gardening and spending time with his two teenage children James and Lela.

Buskers at the festival will retain proceeds from the "hat" passed after their performances, except for two special group benefit shows, where proceeds go to Epilepsy Toronto: the Fire Show on Aug. 26 at 9:30 p.m., rain date Aug. 27, and the Grande Finale on Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m, where the winner of the Metro's People's Choice Award will be announced.

Visit www.torontobuskerfest.com for more information about BuskerFest.

High school student dreams of becoming a cantor

Laura Fixman
Intern

Jonah Lazar told his mother he wanted to be a cantor when he was 11 years old, and now at 17, he has already gained international singing experience.

He was the only Canadian asked to perform in a chamber choir at the North American Jewish Choral Festival in New York. Lazar was also the only Canadian member of HaZamir, the international Jewish high school choir, when they performed in New York in March of this year.

"It was a burden being the only Canadian but it was pretty cool," Lazar said. "I think I represented Canada pretty well."

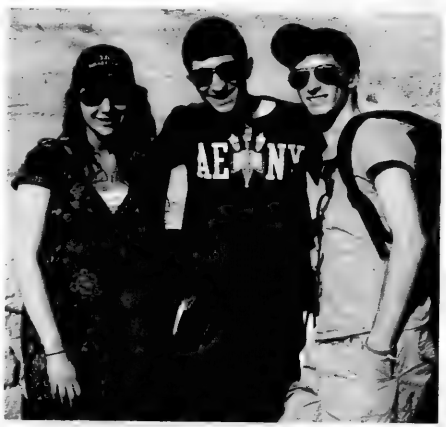
He said that performing at the North American Jewish Choral Festival was memorable.

"The audience told every member that we gave them hope," he said. "This one actually means something to someone, and it was actually helping other people."

Lazar majors in vocal music in Earl Haig Secondary School's Claude Watson Arts Program. This year, he won the Grade 11 Vocal Music Award, and he said that if he sticks with his coach, Robert Loewen of the Royal Conservatory of Music, he has a chance of winning the same award in Grade 12.

"I realized there's a lot more technique that I'm missing now that I started with my coach," he said. "For example, posture plays a big role in how the sound comes out."

After high school, Lazar hopes to get an undergraduate degree in music and then attend the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, because he said that's where the best cantors go.



Jonah Lazar, centre, with Renanim Youth Singers Samantha Cooper and Jordan Freedman.

He had some advice for others with similar dreams. "Keep learning, keep singing and keep doing what you love," Lazar said. "Sing with people who have a similar repertoire."

He added that he had several role models and influences that helped him to decide to become a cantor. One of those role models, Jeremy Burko, is now a cantor and started in the children's choir at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, as Lazar did. Lazar said he sees Burko as a friend, a coach and mentor.

Jonah's mother, Barbara, said that Burko is proud of her son's accomplishments and that Burko sees him as a protégé. She said that she is also proud of her son's accomplishments, but what sticks out in her mind is how she felt when he sang with Cantor Aaron Bensoussan at Beth Emeth.

"It felt like they were in their own spiritual space," she said. "They were inspired and they just blew me away. There were times when they took me to a different spiritual plane."

Lazar said that he's nervous when he goes on stage, but once he focuses on the music his anxiety goes away. He added that what he loves about his musical activities is the people he gets to sing with, particularly in the Renanim Youth Singers, of which he's been a member for six years.

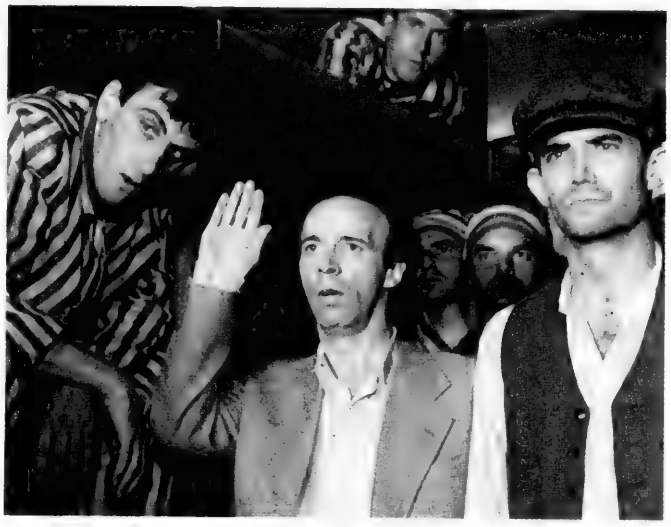
"They all have the same interests as me musically, and they all strive to be better musicians," he said.

He added that his plans for the future include returning to HaZamir, being a part of his school choir, the Earl Haig singers, and being a member of the Beth Emeth men's chorus.

Lazar will be singing with Cantor David Edwards at the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services at Beth Emeth.

EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE



Rubino Romeo Salmoni was the inspiration behind Roberto Bengini's movie.

TEATRON JEWISH THEATRE PREPARES FOR NINTH SEASON

As he gears up for a ninth season of theatrical offerings, Teatron Toronto Jewish Theatre's founding artistic director, **Ari Weisberg**, looks back on the theatre's previous year, which he asserts "was our biggest and most successful one yet. Many of our performances were sold out, forcing us to add performances and extend our runs."

Teatron's upcoming season opens in November with **Motti Lerner**'s powerful drama *Deceived*, about an American Jew who is caught transferring valuable information to Israel. It's based on the story of **Jonathan Pollard**. In January 2012, Teatron is staging *A Tiny Piece of Land*, by **Joni Browne-Walders** and **Mel Weiser**, which focuses on an American dentist's visit to a long-estranged brother in Israel and the ideological political clash that follows.

The third and final piece in Teatron's new season *is Can I Really Date a Guy Who Wears a Yarmulke?* **Amy Holson-Schwartz**'s romantic comedy pairs non-religious Eleanor with the Zionistic and observant Aaron, and asks the question: "Can Eleanor, whose secular brand of Judaism might include the occasional latke but definitely does not include God, see past his yarmulke to find her true love?"

As in past years, Teatron shows no hesitation in confronting some of the major issues that challenge the contemporary Jewish world. The plays are performed in the Toronto Centre for the Arts, 5040 Yonge St., and subscriptions are $62 to $113. www.teatrontheatre.com, 416-733-0545.

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Yiddish Concert: Serendipity 4 –consisting of **Theodore Bikel**, **Tamara Brooks**, **Shura Lipovsky** and **Merima Kljuko**– perform a Summer Yiddish Concert in association with the Ashkenaz Festival and the Committee for Yiddish. $25 advance, $30 at the door; students $15, children under 13 free. Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Sunday, Aug. 21, 7:30 p.m.

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New Concert Season: The Royal Conservatory of Music's new season, which begins in September, includes a series on Music From Across the Middle East. The series starts with *Andalusia to Toronto*, a homage to the historic multicultural sounds of the Iberian Peninsula (Arabic Muwashahat, Jewish Ladino, Roma instrumental) and features horn player **David Buchbinder**, singers **Amanda Martinez** and **Michal Cohen**, and other musicians. (No, the Spanish province of Andalusia isn't part of the Middle East, but its powerful musical influence certainly extended in that direction.) The new season also features the return of violinist **Gidon Kremer** in a program celebrating composer **Sofia Gubaidulina**. www.rcmusic.ca

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Call for Submissions: The New Ideas Festival (NIF), a juried three-week festival produced by Alumnae Theatre, is seeking original completed scripts and proposals for its upcoming festival next March 2012. Scripts chosen for the festival will receive a full production with six performances. Scripts in development may be selected for a staged reading. Submission deadline, Sept. 15, 2011. Fee $10. Details at www.alumnaetheatre.com.

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Carousel Coming: The Civic Light Opera Company presents the **Rodgers-Hammerstein** musical *Carousel*, featuring such standard song classics as *If I Loved You, June Is Bustin' Out All Over* and *You'll Never Walk Alone*. Fairview Library Theatre, Sept. 7 to 24. www.civiclightoperacompany.com

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Yiddish Alive: The International Association of Yiddish Clubs (IAYC), a federation of more than 100 associations in United States and Canada, meets in Detroit Aug. 26 to 29. The theme of the meeting is "Yiddish Alive!" Details on the diverse roster of scholars, writers and performers slated for the four-day program are available at www.derbay.org/novi.

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At the Galleries: Driftwood artist **Jerry Friedman** is showing his work at his studio on the Artists of the Limberlost studio tour, Aug. 13 and 14. The tour features the works of eight artists in their studios along historic Limberlost Road, 12 kilometres east of Huntsville. The works of 14 guest artists are also shown. www.artistsofthelimberlost.ca

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Passages: Rubino Romeo Salmoni, the Auschwitz survivor whose story inspired the Oscar-winning 1997 film *Life Is Beautiful*, died last month in Rome at 91.

The film, as directed by **Roberto Benigni**, tells the story of a man who invents elaborate fictions to shield his son from the horrors of the German concentration camp in which they are imprisoned. The film is a free adaptation of Salmoni's memoir, *In the End, I Beat Hitler*. Salmoni would write proudly that he lived to celebrate his golden wedding anniversary and had "12 splendid grandchildren – I think I can say I ruined Hitler's plan for me."

Salmoni was "a great man who with his courage and determination managed to save himself from the hell of Auschwitz-Birkenau," said Rome Mayor **Gianni Alemanno**. "Romeo was an example for young people and for the whole of Rome."

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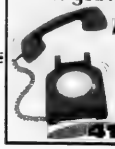
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Maccabi Toronto makes pitch for 'Mini-Maccabiah'

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Martin Scott and the Maccabi Toronto Academy are pitching the concept of a "mini-maccabiah" to managers of a $300,000 fund that will invest in "big Jewish ideas" to strengthen the Toronto community.

Scott, director of Maccabi Toronto, a sports club that operates elite soccer teams at the adult and youth levels, including the youth academy, believes an annual mini-maccabiah will attract young athletes, strengthen their Jewish identities and serve as a feeder to the annual JCC Maccabi Games, and perhaps eventually provide the talent for the Canadian team at the Maccabiah Games in Israel.

In a video presentation to UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's Six Points Jewish Venture Philanthropy Fund (JVPF), Scott said the Mini-Maccabiah is designed for "elite young Jewish athletes, boys and girls from eight to 12 in the greater Toronto area." Scheduled to run three days in June 2012, before many youngsters head to camp, the event "will bring young Jewish athletes together as team mates and competitors."

"This differs from anything that currently exists, as this is the first step towards the long-term objective of transforming the stereotype of what a Jew 'is'," Scott stated.

"The mini-maccabiah will identify and promote elite Jewish athletes, bring together the best and begin to nurture their development. Events will mirror the JCC Maccabi Games and include team sports, soccer, basketball, and baseball. Individual sports planned are tennis, bowling, swimming, and table tennis."

Scott said Maccabi Toronto is well positioned to pull off the project, which is expected to attract some 500 young athletes. It already operates a youth academy and one of its three teams, the one with boys born in 2002, is playing at an elite level in the Soccer Academy Alliance Canada (SAAC). It has dominated competition, running up a 24-1-1 record so far.

Maccabi Toronto already operates a youth academy and one of its soccer teams is playing at an elite level, dominating its league.

The team consists of youngsters of varying backgrounds, including those whose families originally hailed from Russia, Israel, South Africa, South America and Canada. They receive professional-level coaching.

Scott expects that following the first mini-maccabiah, the best players will be selected to form elite baseball and basketball teams to go along with the soccer squads. They will receive top-level coaching and training and will be entered in competitive leagues.

Other participants will be offered training and participation in more recreational leagues. The Maccabi Academy, Scott noted, already provides such sporting activities to 200 children from ages 4 to 14.

The JVPF is funded by a group of individuals who have pooled their financial resources and business planning skills to support new and innovative programs, consistent with Jewish values. They say it will invest in projects "that will make a long-term positive impact on the Toronto Jewish community."

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Chelsea complains to Malaysia over antisemitic abuse

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LONDON — The Chelsea soccer team lodged a formal complaint with the Malaysian Football Association about antisemitic abuse allegedly suffered by Israeli midfielder Yossi Benayoun during a friendly in the Muslim-majority country of Malaysia recently.

The Premier League club said on its website that while most fans at the game against a Malaysian all-star team had behaved appropriately, others had not.

"We believe Yossi was subjected to antisemitic abuse by a number of supporters at the game," the London club added. "Such behaviour is offensive, totally unacceptable and has no place in football."

Chelsea, distant runners-up to Manchester United in the English Premier League last season, said it had not complained at the time because of initial uncertainty about the nature of the abuse.

"Several players from both teams experienced similar treatment, sometimes louder and longer," the club added. "However, having taken time to consider the issue fully, it has become apparent that a formal complaint was necessary."

Chelsea was in Malaysia on a pre-season tour. From there, the team travelled to Hong Kong.

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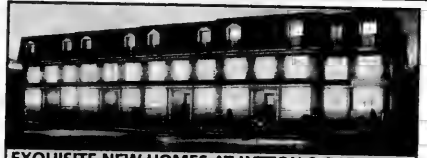

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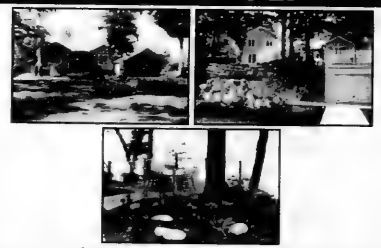

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Singing contest gives teen a unique opportunity

Laura Fixman
Intern

Dayna Goldhar was eating Shabbat dinner with her family when her zaide told her about the Hallelujah singing contest.

The contest, which her grandfather had read about, was for Jewish youngsters from around the world aged 16 to 26. Goldhar thought she was too young, because she was only 15, but when she realized she would turn 16 in time to be eligible for the contest, she started working on her YouTube audition video.

"I didn't think anything would actually come from it so I didn't really take it seriously at first," she said.

She was initially told that she didn't make the top 30 finalists, a fact she accepted since she was the youngest possible age. She was shocked when she later read an e-mail saying that someone had dropped out and she was the next in line to be a finalist. "The first thing I did was call my mom, and she was crying," Goldhar said. "I was so excited, especially since I already thought I didn't make it."

Goldhar was scheduled to leave for Israel on Aug. 8 to begin a three-week tour with the other finalists, learning from professional Israeli musicians. The final stop is Ramat Hasharon, where they will perform live on Israeli national television.

Although she has been to Israel with her family before, Goldhar said this experience will be unlike anything else she's done.

"I'm going to be doing such amazing and different things in my favourite place in the world," she said. "I think I'll learn a lot about myself musically and become a better singer by talking to the professionals."

The competition also requires contestants to perform a Hebrew song in Israel, which is something Goldhar has never done before.

For her audition video, Goldhar sang *Winter Song* by Sara Bareilles and Ingrid Michaelson, which she had sung with a friend at the talent show at her school, the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto. She felt comfortable with the song because she knew it on guitar and had loved it for a long time, but she said that if she had had more time to work on the audition, she would have chosen a different one.

"It probably wasn't the best song choice because it didn't have a wide range for my voice," she said.

She said she was impressed watching the other finalists' videos. "Some of them look really intense and professional," she said. "To be honest, I'm a bit intimidated."

In September, Goldhar will enter Grade 11 at the Etobicoke School of the Arts, and she said that when she auditioned for the school, she didn't expect that she would get in there, either. Her success there helped her gain the confidence to enter the Hallelujah contest, and she's now determined to try anything, even if she thinks she won't succeed.

"I'm just taking chances and seeing where it will take me," she said. "Even if you think you won't get something, you never know."

Goldhar doesn't have a lot of experience performing, but this year she joined the Toronto Youth Music Theatre Company and came to realize that performing was something she wanted to continue doing.

Dayna Goldhar

She said she sees music as a form of personal expression. "People at school know me as the girl who sings a lot, and that makes me different, and that's what pushes me," she said. "I love the feeling of just being able to express myself without having to speak."

For more information on the contest, go to www.facebook.com/Hallelujah.star.

Sunshine and Judaism on Oahu

Lauren Kramer
Special to The CJN

Get off the plane in Honolulu and it's easy to forget about everything else in the world.

Within 12 hours of arrival, we were on the water in a catamaran, looking out for spinner dolphins. When a pod of 60 was spotted two miles from shore, we pulled on our flippers and masks and jumped in to watch their graceful movements. With a visibility of 30 feet it was like stepping straight into an episode of *National Geographic*. Around us the dolphins vaulted out of the water, spinning and somersaulting before diving back into the depths. Theirs was a mesmerizing underwater ballet as they swam massive concentric circles around and below us.

Later, after we'd clambered back on the vessel, a pod of bottlenose dolphins put on a second performance for us, playing, jumping and cavorting in the wake of the catamaran. A few played at the bow, moving so close that we could hear their breathy exhalations as they broke the surface of the water. Their symmetry was exquisite, their movements graceful, deliberate and smooth. One showed off a wound on his back. "That's from the cookiecutter shark," explained Lynn Sutherland, a marine biologist and crew member on the catamaran. "It's the ugliest thing you've ever seen, with a ratio of teeth to body weight greater than any other ocean creature. When it bites, it takes a plug of flesh from the dolphins," she confides.

One of my favourite excursions was our trip to the North Shore, an hour's drive from Waikiki, to the pristine beaches and lush, heavily forested terrain of northern Oahu. We peeked into the gift shops and art galleries in the charming, rustic town of Hale'iwa and grabbed a healthy lunch at a local bakery. Then we went on toward Waimea along a coastal road that divides spectacular beaches on one side from a thick canopy of forest that blankets the hills and mountains on the other.

At one beach we joined a small group watching green turtles feeding in the shallow waves. "Tripod" was sunbathing on the rocks in his usual semi-comatose state, posing nonchalantly for the onlookers. The massive, three-flippered turtle is a frequent visitor to this shore and couldn't care less about the spectators around him. A turtle protector briefed us on the protocol: the green turtles are a protected species in Hawaii, which means it's OK to look and take pictures, but no touching is allowed.

Looking out for spinner dolphins. *[L. Kramer photo]*

Later, we surrender to the muggy Hawaiian heat and gratefully took a swim at Waimea Bay Beach Park. A light rain was falling, but the beachgoers didn't seem to mind. They know that in minutes, the tropical rain will turn to sunshine, because that's how it goes in paradise.

So it's not hard to understand why the island has attracted a fair number of Jews to its pearly shores. Some say there are 10,000 members of the tribe living in Hawaii – but no one knows for sure since so many of them are 'underground Jews' – unaffiliated with any Jewish organizations.

"One of the reasons people come here is to escape," explains Alice Tucker, 78, a member of Temple Emanu-El, Oahu's Reform synagogue. Tucker and her husband settled permanently in Oahu in 1961 and raised their three children on the island. But there were Jews in Oahu as early as the 1850s, traders from England, Germany and the United States.

One of them was Elias Abraham Rosenberg of San Francisco, who arrived in Hawaii in 1886 with a Torah scroll and a silver filigreed *yad* in his luggage. Though his stay on the island was only six months, Rosenberg made quite the impression on the reigning monarch, King Kalakaua. He spent time teaching the king to read Hebrew and gained the monarch's trust.

Political unrest on the island prompted Rosenberg to leave in June 1887, but prior to his departure, he and the king exchanged gifts. The king received the Torah scroll and *yad*, while Rosenberg left Hawaiian shores with a royal golden medallion and a silver cup. Rosenberg died a month later, but over the years that followed, the scroll and *yad* gradually made their way to Temple Emanu-El, where they remain to this day, safely ensconced in a glass cabinet.

There are several Jewish options for those visitors whose escape to the island does not preclude a reprieve from religion. With 300 members, Temple Emanu-El is the largest and oldest congregation on Oahu, located a stone's throw from the Oahu Country Club and Queen Emma's summer palace, a retreat for the monarchy between 1857 and 1885. There's a Jewish chapel at Pearl Harbor, and a Conservative congregation, Sof Ma'arav, too.

Chabad of Hawaii, now located in Waikiki, has had a presence on Oahu for close to a quarter century. Last year, it purchased a building attached to the Ala Moana Hotel, and since then, Chabad has been reincarnating the 11,000-square-foot space from a nightclub to a sanctuary.

"We have a Shabbaton every week, sometimes in two shifts," says Pearl Krasnjansky, who runs Chabad of Hawaii with her husband. On a June weekend she served 70 meals, the majority of them to Jews living on the island. Only six were visitors, among them the musician Matisyahu and his family, who stopped in Oahu for a show before heading to Maui.

"Sometimes I have a vague idea how many are coming, but most of the time it's intelligent guesswork," Krasnjansky says with a laugh. "We're the de facto stop for births, death, holidays, Hebrew school and bar mitzvahs," she confesses, in between a constant stream of phone calls, e-mails and interruptions. "I wish I could clone myself so we could do even more."

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Midway State musicians always envisioned 'making it'

Midway State rock band

More news for young Jews on heebonics.ca

Laura Fixman
Intern

Mike Kirsh and Mike Wise, of the rock band the Midway State, said that their new album, *Paris or India*, was a chance for the band to work together without any outside influences.

"There were a lot more external pressures on the first one," Kirsh said.

"The four of us were way more involved [on the new album], instead of leaving it up to our management," Wise added.

Kirsh and Wise, who make up the Jewish half of the Midway State, have been friends since they were students at Thornhill Secondary School. Lead singer and songwriter Nathan Ferraro and drummer Daenen Branberger, both from Collingwood, Ont., originally formed the band with two other musicians who were fired. Wise and Kirsh joined in 2006, and they said that each of them brings different skill sets to the band.

Bassist Kirsh controls the finances of the band, and guitarist Wise is in charge of promotion. Kirsh said that taking control of more aspects of the band made this album a better experience for them than their first one, *Holes*, which was released in 2008.

"We're doing exactly what we want to do as a group now, instead of doing what other people want us to do," Wise said.

Kirsh added, "After the first record we made sure we were in charge of every aspect of our career."

They both had advice for aspiring musicians. Wise said it's important to have a backup career plan but not focus too much on it. Wise added that if you're too focused on a backup plan, you lose focus from your real dream.

"You also need to be punctual," Wise said. "That's what my zaide always told me."

Kirsh added, "You need to focus on getting really good at your craft before you present your stuff."

Wise said that being Jewish doesn't really affect their music, but being in the band does make them miss a lot of Jewish holidays. Kirsh said there's a common pressure in many Canadian Jewish households to be something more stable than a musician but that their families had been very supportive.

"Music is a big part of the Jewish community I grew up in," Wise said.

He added that he knows a lot of Jewish musicians, especially from Thornhill. When Wise went on Birthright about five years ago, there were so many musicians in his group, including Dan Kanter, who is Justin Bieber's guitarist, that the trip's leaders booked a venue that they could perform in.

Wise and Kirsh said the band gets along well, and there haven't been any major fights. Kirsh attributes this to their relaxed attitude toward problems.

"Sure there's tensions, since we're four artistic beings, but there's also a lot of group instinct going on," Kirsh said.

Wise added, "We see it as like being in a relationship."

Even when they were playing small shows with their band in high school, Wise and Kirsh, who are now both 26, said they always knew they would be successful. Their songs have since been in television shows such as *The O.C.*, and they have opened for Third Eye Blind, Death Cab for Cutie and K-OS. They were nominated for two Juno Awards and won a Much Music Video Award for Best New Artist in 2011. They did a duet with Lady Gaga, which was never commercially released but they said that it was fun to work with her.

During high school, Kirsh said they would make about $40 for a show, but they still knew that music would be how they would make their living.

"We always wanted to do this, and we always envisioned making it," Kirsh said.

When asked what they would be doing if they weren't in a band, they both had difficulty answering since they agreed that music was all they ever wanted. They said that they would try to answer for each other.

"Kirsh would be doing something cool, like running a scuba-diving school," Wise said.

"And he'd probably go to law school and become a very confused lawyer," Kirsh said, about Wise.

Their goals for the future are to keep playing and improving as musicians. They also want to continue to tour, and said they would love to play in Israel. They said they would like to have their songs in more shows and in movies. But, for now, they said they hope the band keeps doing as well as it currently is.

"If I could keep playing and have food on the table, it's hard to imagine ever doing something else," Kirsh said.

"If we stay on the trajectory we're on, we should be able to do that," Wise added.

Paris or India, released on July 19, has a different sound than their previous album, Wise said. The title track, *Paris or India*, written by Ferraro, is about choosing between two exotic and very different locations. He said the song is about a time in everyone's life when you have to make real adult decisions about the direction your life will take.

The album offers 10 tracks, and all of them show unique musical styles. *Heart of Glass* is a slow, romantic ballad, while *Atlantic* is a more upbeat melody and is a lot catchier. Other songs include *All Anew*, a more rhythmic track that's almost hyperactive in its pace. *Change For You* has a mournful-sounding chorus, but the verses have a bit more of a positive feel and are the type of lyrics that can get stuck in anyone's head for days.

Wise said that what the band learned from the first album made the second even better. "It's more eclectic than the first one and a little more linear," he said. "On this record every song is way more singular and unique."

Kirsh added, "We made a point to make a more upbeat album this time."

The Midway State will be touring around Canada in the fall. For more information, go to themidwaystate.blogspot.com or follow them on Facebook or Twitter at www.facebook.com/themidwaystate or @themidwaystate.

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Seniors and environmental issues

The Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP) is a national, non-partisan, non-profit organization committed to a new vision of aging for Canada that includes promoting social change that will bring financial security, equitable access to health care and freedom from discrimination. Its mandate is to promote and protect the interests, rights and quality of life for Canadians as they age.

At the June 2011 IdeaCity conference, I spoke with Susan Eng, vice-president of advocacy for CARP. I asked her where sustainability fit into the priority of advocacy efforts that CARP undertakes. It wasn't clear how issues around the environment and sustainability are prioritized by a group that is concerned with financial security, health care and freedom from discrimination for its members.

Sustainable Jew

Fred Winegust

Eng said CARP and its members noticed that during the spring federal election, intelligent discussion about environmental issues such as energy supply and global warming was absent. Perhaps with provincial elections coming up soon in seven of the 10 provinces, there is an opportunity for CARP members to engage in a non-partisan way on these complex and evolving issues and to promote civil discourse to get beyond polarized and ideological arguments.

To that end, some people, including myself, were asked to contribute articles to the CARP Action Online newsletter and to provide questions that would be used to solicit member opinions on the issue of sustainability and the environment.

My article (http://bit.ly/carpenv01) argues that leaving the world a better place for your children and grandchildren is important. I also proposed that this is a natural fit with current CARP advocacy for financial security and equitable access to health care.

More than 3,100 people responded to the survey (http://bit.ly/carpenvlongsurvey). At the time of this writing, the survey's results were still available online.

Of those surveyed, 84.8 per cent agree that we are going through a period of changing climate, and 65.8 per cent believe it is a man-made phenomenon; 74.7 per cent agree or strongly agree that individual actions can have a significant positive effect on the environment, but only 34.5 per cent believe it's possible or very possible to alter our behaviour to avert lasting environmental damage.

Of those surveyed, 88.7 per cent agree or strongly agree that manufacturers should be responsible for their products throughout their life cycle, and 71.4 per cent agree or strongly agree that a carbon tax on industries would create incentives to limit emissions. Regarding a cap and trade approach (every industry would be allowed to emit so much greenhouse gas and those that emit more would have to buy permits from those that emit less), 47.1 per cent are in favour and 45.9 per cent are opposed, indicating that this approach would be tough to develop a consensus around.

CJN readers who are CARP members can have an impact on the public policy options that need to be identified, prioritized and acted upon.

If you have the time, take the opportunity to shape and influence how this organization, with more than 80,000 members aged 50 and over, represents them and communicates their opinions and articulates policy options around sustainability and the environment.

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Ontario educator Louise Lewin, above, who was recently awarded one of France's oldest and most prestigious honours, for her work in promoting the French language.

Combined Jewish Appeal Sephardi Campaign chair Gérard Abitbol and Young Adults Campaign chair David Amiel who talk about the importance of the campaign for the community.

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CJN web columnist Masada Siegel wries about Venice, one of those dreamy cities filled with blue-green canals, quaint bridges, magnificent art and outdoor cafes.

On the last weekend in July, the Funks and Sweet Spirit Ministries raised their support of Israel one notch higher with their inaugural All Nations Bless Israel International Conference which was held in Winkler, Manitoba, with a full weekend of activities.

Israeli Canadian girl intends to join the IDF

Yossi Tastassa
Special to the CJN

The Almog family left Israel for Canada seven years ago. Shiri Almog was 10 years old at the time, and the experience left a lasting impression on her.

"I will never forget the winter of 2004," Almog told *The CJN*. "Until then, I... lived in Haifa and had a routine life at school and with my friends. Excluding that my father had been in Canada for a few months looking for work, everything was normal.

"In December, we landed in Toronto. The temperatures were -25 Celsius... and snow was all over. I found myself at Brownridge Public School, without knowing a single word of English. I was, of course, in an ESL class. Luckily, my teacher spoke some Hebrew, and some of the students in my class were from Israel. They helped me in dealing with the language gap I had. About a year later, my English was much better, and I was much more confident with myself," Almog said.

"In the beginning I missed my friends, my family... During that year [2004], the Israeli Scouts troop of the Greater Toronto Area was established and that was perfect for me. I have been active in the scouts since it was established. Next year, I will be in 12th grade and be a part of its leadership."

Shiri Almog

Through scouts, Almog made new friends with whom she is still in touch. Scouts also provided Israeli content for her life. "The Israeli vibe is very important to me," she said.

The atmosphere in Almog's home is Israeli, and the family visits Israel every summer. "In the beginning, Canada was very hard, and I did not like it that much. I slowly got used to it, and now I am getting along much better," she said. "My friends from Israel laugh at me. They say I have turned into a Canadian as I am much more polite than I used to be.

"After all, I have been in Canada seven years, which is a significant portion of my life so far. So I can say that I am both Israeli and Canadian. Israel will always be my homeland, and that is why after I finish high school I intend to go back to Israel and join the IDF. It is a duty I need to fulfil," she added.

She will have the status of a "sole soldier," since her family lives abroad, and for support she will have to count on friends and her grandparents in Haifa.

Almog stays in touch with her childhood friends by telephone, Facebook and Skype. She said her connection to Israel through her friends affected her decision to join the IDF.

Her dream career is to become an astronomer, she said. She would like to settle down in Israel eventually, where she hopes to establish her own family. And she would be happy to live in Haifa, near the Carmel Beach, which she loves.

As for the complexity of life in Israel, including the issues of security, Almog said: "I assume that one day I will face the same challenges my parents faced years ago."

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Palestinians set date for statehood bid

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JERUSALEM — The Palestinian Authority will reportedly ask the United Nations to recognize Palestine as an independent state on the first day of the new session.

PA President Mahmoud Abbas will ask UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to present the request to the Security Council on Sept. 20, when the UN General Assembly opens its 66th session, the French news service AFP reported over the weekend.

PA Foreign Minister Riyad al-Malki informed Ban of the planned timing, AFP indicated.

"We will insist on this historic initiative and Ban Ki-moon will present the request to the Security Council," al-Malki said.

Ban Ki-moon

Mahmoud Abbas

Lebanon will hold the presidency of the Security Council in September and Qatar will chair the Security Council, making September even more attractive for the request, al-Malki reportedly said. It's believed the United States will veto the request in the Security Council, but the General Assembly is likely to approve the upgrading of the Palestinian Authority's status from observer entity to non-member state.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a statement released late Saturday night that the decision is an "expected but regrettable step." The statement said Abbas has "apparently decided to avoid direct negotiations with Israel."

Meanwhile, a Palestinian official reportedly told AFP that Abbas and Israeli President Shimon Peres recently held four secret meetings in Amman and London in order to try to jump-start peace talks. A fifth meeting was cancelled two weeks ago after Netanyahu refused to allow Peres to go to Amman for a previously scheduled meeting with Abbas.

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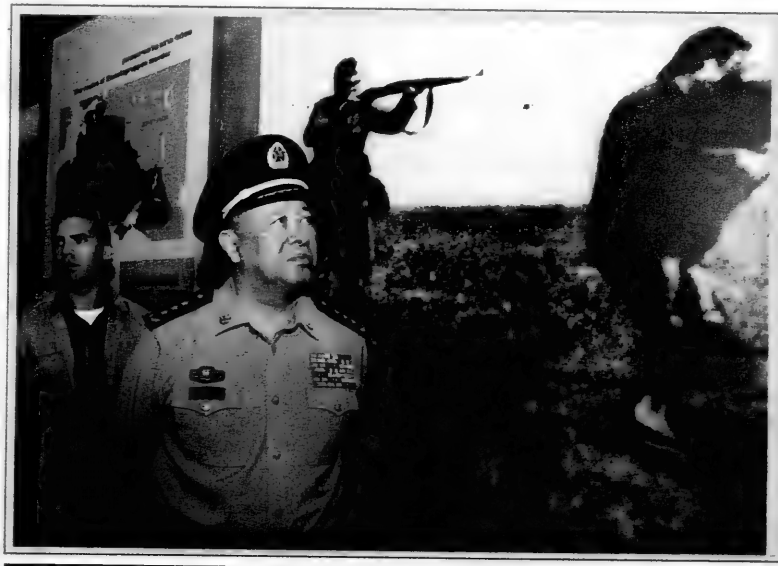

Historic visit

China's Gen. Chen Bingde, chief of the general staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, visited Israel this week. It was the first time the highest military official from China has paid such a visit to the Jewish state. Bingde was taken to the Western Wall and to the Israel Defence Forces' urban warfare training centre. He also met at the IDF's headquarters in Tel Aviv with Defence Minister Ehud Barak, who visited Beijing in June, and with IDF Chief of Staff Benny Gantz. In the photo, Bingde observes an exhibit at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum.

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Teva To Shut Plant

MONTREAL —The Israeli drug company Teva is closing its plant in Mirabel next year. The generic drug maker, the world's largest, employs 340 people there. The layoffs will begin next March and operations should wind up by the end of 2012, the company informed the union, the Canadian Auto Workers. Teva acquired the facility north of Montreal when it bought the Germany company Ratiopharm, also a generic-drug maker, in spring 2010. But only months later, Teva announced it was selling it and consolidating its Canadian operations in the Toronto area. Teva's Canadian headquarters are in Toronto and it has three facilities in the area. Teva employs about 1,900 people across the country.

WORLD

Female Talmud PhD

NEW YORK — Yeshiva University gave a doctorate in Talmud to a woman, Shana Strauch Schick, 30, for the first time. YU's graduate program in Talmud has been open to women since 2000, but Schick is the first to complete it. A New Jersey native now living near Detroit, she defended her dissertation Aug. 4 and graduates next month. She has a master's degree in Bible from Revel, YU's graduate school for Jewish studies, and a bachelor's in Judaic studies from YU's Stern College for Women.

Trade Office Closed

CLEVELAND — The state of Ohio's department of development is closing its trade office in Israel, part of cuts being made throughout the department's global markets division, the *Cleveland Jewish News* reported. The two-person Ohio-Israel trade office in Tel Aviv worked with Israeli businesses interested in moving to Ohio. The office, created by former governor George Voinovich in 1990, also helped Ohio firms wanting to export to Israel. Ohio also has offices in Brussels, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Toronto, Mexico City and Johannesburg.

Iran Names Street

TEHRAN — Tehran's City Council reportedly will name a street for Rachel Corrie, the American pro-Palestinian activist killed by an Israeli military bulldozer in Gaza. *Hamshari*, a daily paper affiliated with the city government, said the council had decided to rename a street Rachel Aliene Corrie. Corrie was a 23-year-old student who was killed while trying to prevent the demolition of Palestinian homes. In 2010, an Irish-flagged ship in the Gaza flotilla named the Rachel Corrie was stopped by the Israeli navy. The street will be the first in Iran named for a U.S. national since the 1979 revolution. Prior to the revolution, at least three main streets in Tehran were named for ex-U.S. presidents.

Philip Levine Named U.S. Poet Laureate

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Philip Levine, a Pulitzer Prize winner in 1995, has been named the 18th poet laureate of the United States. The appointment of Levine, who at 83 is one of the oldest U.S. poet laureates, was announced Aug. 10 by Librarian of Congress James Billington.

Levine, of Fresno, Calif., is the author of 20 collections of poems, including *The Simple Truth*, for which he won the Pulitzer.

Philip Levine

Levine "is one of America's great narrative poets," Billington said. "His plain-spoken lyricism has, for half a century, championed the art of telling the 'simple truth' – about working in a Detroit auto factory, as he has, and about the hard work we do to make sense of our lives."

As a student, the Detroit native worked in the city's auto plants. Levine taught for many years at California State University, Fresno, where he's a professor emeritus in English. He's also taught at New York University, as well as at Columbia, Princeton, Brown and Tufts universities, and the University of California, Berkeley.

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Israeli kids bond over the loss of their fathers

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

For the 38 Israeli children who ended a three-week North American trip in Toronto earlier this month, the bond they now share has less to do with their travel experience than it has to do with their struggle to deal with loss.

What these children all have in common is the loss of their fathers, who died in the service of their country.

As members of the Israel Defence Forces Widows and Orphans organization (IDFWO), a non-profit association that provides social, emotional and financial support to 9,000 widows and orphans of Israel's fallen soldiers, the children had a free vacation that included almost two weeks at Camp Chi in the Chicago area and a week travelling through New York and Toronto.

Volunteer chair Nava Shoham-Solan, who spoke with *The CJN* just hours before the group was preparing to go home to Israel, said the annual trips have always ended in Niagara Falls.

But thanks to the generosity of the members of the Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation, who hosted the children for two nights; the Kimel family who invited them to their Muskoka cottage for a day; and Marky's Restaurant owner Erez Karp for a sponsored lunch, they were able to extend the trip into Toronto for the first time and connect with the Jewish community.

From left, Dan Masad, Nava Shoham-Solan, Ro'i Schiffenbauer. *[Sheri Shefa photo]*

"We'd like to keep in touch with the Jewish community here," Shoham-Solan said.

The trip is less about therapy and more about offering them a break from reality, she said.

"The main mission is to have fun. If the head of the delegation senses that they want to talk about their loss, he can organize something. Sometimes, the kids, even if he doesn't organize something, they may speak about the loss."

What makes this experience special, she said, is that this is the first time they are surrounded by peers who can truly relate to their pain.

"With their regular friends, they can't speak about their loss because they don't like or want to hear them crying. This is an opportunity for them to be with children who have this in common," she said.

Ro'i Schiffenbauer, the 13-year-old son of Daniel Schiffenbauer, one of six airmen who died in a helicopter training accident in Romania last year, said this program has helped him cope "very much."

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While the instigating, deliberately planned violence against Israelis met with the usual clichéd nostrums condemning violence "by both sides," or with other forms of muted criticism, if at all, Israel's measures of self-defence almost always met with louder and louder iterations of condemnation and censure from around the world.

The mythical massacre in Jenin after the slaughter of Pesach celebrants at the Park Hotel in Netanya was a blatant example of the lies that were flung at Israel. The not officially withdrawn, but privately recanted Goldstone report regarding Israel's war against Hamas was but another example of the hypocrisy and hysteria that mark the sanctimonious, self-righteous judgments of the Jewish state.

From the editor's desk...

The seemingly constant excessive denunciations of Israel, of course, encourage Israel's enemies. And they also feed the mindless maw of the monster of antisemitism that appears to be rolling unhindered these days across large tracts of the western world.

As was said, the political situation facing Israel is becoming quite worrisome. No wonder our nerves are frayed. No wonder, too, in some quarters, our behaviour to people with whom we disagree shows a sharper edge that was not there before. And this is to be regretted.

It is not surprising that supporters of Israel – good and decent people all – will differ in the details of our support. (We are not here talking about the people in Israel whose political differences are as numerous as the many ways in which they prepare eggplant.) Differences of opinion are to be expected if not also desired. When a group of many views finds common ground, the resulting voice is heard more loudly. Different voices pitched together create a harmony.

Theodore Bikel

Mandy Patinkin

There are, of course, some opinions that are simply outside the boundaries, off the musical page, so to speak. We know them when we hear them. We know, too, when the singer beyond the bounds purports to join the "choir" of reasonable differences and strength-giving diversity. Our antennae have been up for some 2,000 years and finely honed for clear reception as a result.

Unity within a people is not to be confused with uniformity. We cannot, should not and must not expect, let alone demand, uniformity.

Lately, the extent of our intra-communal tolerance for different, reasonable political points of view in support of Israel is being tested.

Last year, a group of Jewish American entertainers signed a petition supporting a boycott by some Israeli performers and artists of a newly built theatre in Ariel in the West Bank.

Two of those entertainers will soon be entertaining in Toronto. Mandy Patinkin is scheduled to perform next month in *Mamaloshen*. Theodore Bikel is scheduled to perform at a synagogue as part of the annual Ashkenaz Festival. Both performers are well-established celebrities who profess lifelong support of Israel. They do not, however, support the West Bank-related policies of the Netanyahu government.

Patinkin and Bikel's impending appearances in Toronto trouble a number of people within the community. To be sure, they do not agree with the entertainers' political views. Indeed they are quite bothered by them. They are bothered that the artists joined the Ariel boycott and especially that they made their support of the boycott so vociferously public.

As a result, they have been campaigning in the community against the entertainers. Some simply want to make Patinkin and Bikel's views known in the community. Others want the performances cancelled altogether.

In demanding the cancellations, have they gone too far? What is the extent of tolerance that we owe each other?

The Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA) and UJA Federation of Greater Toronto issued the following appropriate statement in response to the anti-Patinkin, anti-Bikel lobbying:

"UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and CIJA, the advocacy arm of the Jewish federation system, reject all boycotts against Israel. We believe that boycott calls, whether all-encompassing or restricted to specific areas, unfairly target Israel, assist those who question Israel's legitimacy, impede negotiations and damage prospects for peace.

"While we respect the rights of those artists and performers to express their views, we profoundly disagree with their promotion of such boycotts. We also understand that community members will make their own choices about artists they wish to see and support."

Next week, I will examine other related aspects of the issue.

– MBD

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Doctors seek remedy for ailing system

Some 100 doctors and medical students who work for various kupat cholim (health organizations) demonstrated in Tel Aviv's central city hall square demanding better conditions for their work and for their patients. The sign in the middle reads: "A medical examination is a joke, but it is not funny." These protesters were part of a larger group of some tens of thousands of Israelis who again marched in "social justice" protests across the county on the weekend.

[Israel Sun photo]

Ex-mashgiach challenges COR overtime policy

Kashruth Council claims it is exempted from Ontario's Employment Standards Act

Jennifer M. MacLeod
Special to The CJN

A longtime mashgiach with the Kashruth Council of Canada has filed an action with the Ontario Labour Relations Board, saying the agency failed to meet minimum labour standards for overtime pay.

But the Kashruth Council, the country's largest kosher certification agency, which oversees the COR certification, says mashgichim "hold a religious office," exempting them from Ontario's Employment Standards Act (ESA).

Morley Rand, who was employed by the Kashruth Council for 23 years, appeared on his own behalf before an Ontario Labour Relations Board tribunal on Aug. 4, calling on the council to comply with overtime requirements, a request he first made four years ago.

A written statement from the council to *The CJN* said that Rand left the organization in early 2010 because of "actions which were 'wilful' disobedience and 'wilful' misconduct that were not acceptable to the employer."

Rand is currently appealing a ruling against him in a separate case related to his departure from the Kashruth Council. The council claims the overtime case was only launched as a result of Rand losing the first case.

The council told the Aug. 4 OLRB hearing that the mashgiach role is entirely religious in nature. Candidates, male and female, are chosen based on "kashrut knowledge and… educational background." There is a rabbinical reference check and a two-week on-site training period with a senior mashgiach.

A mashgiach is responsible for separating challah, checking fish for scales, checking fruits and vegetables for insect infestation, approving kosher products, kashering and immersing utensils in a mikvah and starting the cooking process, which can only be done by an observant Jew.

But Rand, whose son Michael (Melech), another former mashgiach, is also involved in the case, insists the nature of the job is practical, not a spiritual calling.

According to the council's statement, "Mr. Rand was paid overtime during his employment."

He disagrees.

In 2008, the Kashruth Council began paying time-and-a-half for public holidays and shifts exceeding 10 hours, but Rand said this "bonus" has nothing to do with the law. "If you have a six-day week of 10 hours, 60 hours, [then mashgichim receive] no overtime."

That's not unheard-of for a busy, experienced mashgiach, and the ESA requires overtime beyond 44 hours, he said.

The Kashruth Council recently circulated a notice to synagogues and on its website stating that its "overtime practices are in fact over and above the legal standards prescribed by the Employment Standards Act."

Rand finds this disingenuous. "By putting a letter on their site stating that they pay overtime – contradicting what they stated at the OLRB hearing – they have deceived their lawyer… Ministry of Labour lawyers, the [OLRB tribunal] vice-chair, me and the *National Post*," which ran an article about the case.

The Kashruth Council openly bills clients for overtime, but doesn't compensate mashgichim accordingly, Rand said. A memo sent in July to supervised institutions, including restaurants, bakeries and stores, advises of an increase in supervision charges due to "new Ministry of Labour Public Holiday Pay regulations."

The council's practices may also run counter to industry standards. Moti Bensalmon, speaking for Badatz Toronto, another kosher certification agency, said that "if [Badatz mashgichim] work more than 44 hours a week, they get paid time-and-a-half, which is what the law is. That's been our policy since Day 1."

Bensalmon's father, Rabbi Moshe Bensalmon, cofounder of Badatz, is also a former Kashruth Council mashgiach.

Bensalmon says the council's policy simply "doesn't jive… if a mashgiach works 9.8 hours a day, 58 hours a week, he won't get a cent in overtime."

The Labour Relations Board case is pending, and a decision isn't expected until the fall.

The Kashruth Council statement ends by saying that "if there is any silver lining to this recent publicity, it is… the opportunity to reaffirm the value that mashgichim add to the Kashruth Council and the greater Toronto Jewish community."

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"I always loved to sing and perform"

"From that first day in kindergarten, I always loved to sing and perform," he says. "I've been entertaining my whole life, from paid gigs at weddings and bar mitzvahs to free performances at charity events. My kids heard about Senior Star and suggested I enter. At first it seemed silly because I never really thought of myself as a "Senior". But they kept noodging me until I finally said yes.

"I'm 74 but when I belt out a tune, I'm 14 again"

"I loved it. The audience was tremendously receptive. This year, I was flattered when Chartwell asked me to come back as a judge. I got to see the competition from the other side of the microphone. Believe me, it was a lot harder judging and grading my fellow performers than it was competing with them. But it was still fun to be involved and I hope to come back next year in some capacity. When you're doing something you enjoy, time stands still. I'm 74 but when I pick up my saxe or belt out a tune, I'm 14 again."

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Film follows Schalit family struggles

Laura Fixman
Intern

The film *Family in Captivity* records the Schalit family's daily struggles to bring their son Gilad home after five years in captivity.

The documentary, directed by Tal Goren, was screened in Toronto Aug. 1. Yaara Winkler, Gilad Schalit's brother's girlfriend, told the audience she was there to share more of the family's story than is found in the film.

She thanked everyone, saying their attendance "means that so many people remember Gilad after five years and in a foreign country, which means the world to me."

The film follows the Schalit family, including Winkler, as they meet with world leaders, among them former U.S. president Jimmy Carter and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and talks about the letters and audiotapes they received proving Gilad was alive.

Winkler said what wasn't stressed in the movie was the international pressure they're trying to put on Hamas. She said the family meets frequently with the Red Cross in hopes that this will force Hamas to treat Gilad as a prisoner in accordance with the Geneva Convention, which would lead to regular correspondence with his family, visits by the Red Cross and information about his location.

Yaara Winkler with her boyfriend Yoel Schalit. Below, photo of Gilad Schalit that was used to promote the film.

"The problem is we're not facing a state or any kind of entity that respects international law," she said. "This is a terror organization. They do what they want and they're not seeking anyone's approval."

Winkler spoke about the tent the family erected outside Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's residence at the end of their 11-day walk across Israel. She said people come from all over the world asking to help.

It's important to keep taking action, she said. "It's better for us to sit in the tent with Gilad's shirts than to sit in the living room wondering what more we can do."

The Schalit family all have dual French and Israeli citizenship, Winkler said, so they filed charges in France. Thus, if Hamas leaders want to go to France, they will be arrested. She said this also encouraged France and the European Union to get involved in trying to secure Gilad's release. Despite these efforts, however, they haven't heard anything about Gilad in two years and there hasn't been any progress for some time.

"I wish I had something new to say," Winkler said. "I wish I had something to share with you that could be hopeful."

In exchange for Gilad's release, Hamas wants 1,000 Palestinian prisoners released, some of whom are serving life sentences for murder.

Winkler believes that there need to be some changes before Gilad can be released. "His release has so many other factors that are not directly related to it," she said. "We believe that some bigger things must happen so everything falls into place."

One of these changes could come in September, when Palestine attempts to gain recognition as a state at the United Nations, she said. If Hamas becomes an official Palestinian government, it will be forced to follow international law, which would require Gilad's release.

After the screening, an audience member asked what people can do to help. Winkler said that by attending the screening, they were already helping. It's important to keep doing things to keep Gilad in people's minds, she added.

"Keep on doing that, because then no one will forget him."

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Wrong side of history

Last week, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton pleaded with the world to cut commercial and military ties with the ruling regime of Syria. The country's sadistic dictator, Bashar Assad, "has lost the legitimacy to lead," Clinton said. Speaking after a meeting last Friday with Norwegian Foreign Minister Jonas Gahr Store, she added: "We urge those countries still buying Syrian oil and gas, those countries still sending Assad weapons, those countries whose political and economic support give him comfort in his brutality, to get on the right side of history."

Merely hours after Clinton addressed the world, a report was published in the *Daily Telegraph* that Iran is going to fund the building of a "a multi-million-dollar military base" at the Latakia airport in Syria. Latakia is a vital port city in Syria. The base is expected to be operational by the end of next year and will secure a supply route of weapons, weapons-related materiel and of course, military personnel from the anti-western theocrats of Iran to their anti-western satrap in Syria.

If she had harboured any doubts on the matter prior to the report in the *Telegraph*, it should be quite obvious to the secretary of state on which side of history the Iranian mullahs prefer to stand. They prefer the dark side, where open government is abhorred and light is not permitted to shine upon the inky, jet-black ways of a regime's enforcers.

Local observers believe more than 1,500 Syrians have been killed since March by Assad. Indeed, on Sunday, he ordered gunboats to fire on the residents of Latakia, killing some 21 more people. Western diplomats believe Iran is actively assisting Assad in the suppression and slaughter of the Syrian demonstrators. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is said to be sending riot control equipment to Assad and sharing intelligence monitoring techniques.

The *Telegraph* reported that the Iranian-funded military base at the Latakia airport will be manned by teams of Iranian Revolutionary Guard officers. Thus, upon the completion of the base and the stationing of the Iranian officers there, the surrender of Syrian sovereignty to the Shia overlords of Tehran will be complete. And with it, the threat to the region will be imminent and urgent. Iran's access to its Hezbollah surrogates further to the south, in Lebanon, will be much easier and its control over them that much tighter. The Iranian military base in Syria (for that is what it will be), will threaten Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the non-Shia Lebanese.

Dipping his pen in the blood of innocents, Ahmadinejad sits at his desk scheming and writing the history that Clinton and most of the civilized world scorns. To stop his latest sinister scheme, the world must first stop Assad.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

Israel's cabinet approved a deal worked out with Egypt to send the two countries' dispute over the 25-acre Sinai beachfront of Taba, near Eilat on the Red Sea, to international mediation. Israel had been administering the area, but Egypt claimed it as part of its territory.

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A Palestinian state (1)

I fail to recognize the similarity posited by letter writer Peter Silverman between the recognition of Israel in 1948 and the hypothetical recognition of a Palestinian state by the United Nations ("UN recognition of a Palestinian state," July 28). Israel proclaimed its independence on behalf of the Provisional People's Council, pending the election of a government. That's why U.S. President Harry S. Truman issued only de facto recognition after the Declaration of Independence and, as he promised, de jure recognition after the 1949 Israeli election.

The proclamation of Israeli independence was fully justified: the termination of the British Mandate on May 14, 1948, left no doubt as to the ultimate legal sovereignty of the beneficiary, the Jewish people. Sovereignty over Palestine was in abeyance during the Mandatory period, which started in April 1920, when the national rights of the Jewish people to reconstitute their nation were recognized at the San Remo Conference, and the Balfour Declaration thus became an act of international law, leading ultimately to the lawful proclamation of a sovereign Jewish state in Israel. In May 1949, the UN General Assembly, acting on a recommendation by the Security Council, admitted Israel – "a peace-loving state which accepts the obligations contained in the Charter," as a full member of the UN.

So, where is the similarity with the Palestinians? Did the Palestinians proclaim their independence over a defined territory? Would they have a legitimate right to do so? How could any "people" exercise their self-determination over a territory that was internationally recognized as lawfully belonging to another people – the Jewish People – 91 years ago? Could a putative Palestinian state be admitted to the UN as a "peace-loving state which accepts the obligations contained in the Charter," while the official documents of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Fatah and Hamas call for the destruction of Israel, a UN member state?

Salomon Benzimra
Toronto

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A Palestinian state (2)

Letter writer Peter Silverman is convinced that UN recognition of a Palestinian state will in some way change the status quo. However the day after this recognition, the Palestinian Authority will still be an independent government with its own legislature, civil service, broadcasting authority, courts, schools, police and militia in a territorial dispute with its neighbour.

Ezra Franken
Toronto

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Tel Aviv protesters

The headline you gave to Leslie Susser's piece on the Tel Aviv protesters, Susser's own words, is grossly unfair and demeans the protesters and the issues ("Protesters seek return to welfare state," Aug. 11). There are people in Israel who in 2011 live off the "welfare state." They are not camping out on Rothschild Boulevard. They are quite happy with the status quo.

Affordable housing and food are legitimate demands, basic requirements in a society that cares about human decency. Citizens who demand them are not looking for handouts or welfare. One of the glories of the "old Israel" is that society and the government cared about everyone, not just billionaire startups (upstarts?). Food prices came down before yom tov so that all could celebrate with self-respect. The income gap in Israel (or in Canada) is nothing to be proud of. Nor are its byproducts: a failing educational system, children who go to bed hungry, and others in need of the basics.

The Torah teaches concern for the disadvantaged: the widow, the orphan, the stranger. It doesn't denigrate them, and neither should we.

Michael Brown
Toronto

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Muslim prayers in public school

The Toronto wing of the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA) is providing a reasonable response and a rational viewpoint on the accommodation of voluntary prayers in the public school system ("Muslim prayer opponents promise further protests," Aug. 4). This is not a matter of Islamizing the school system. It's a matter of honouring the principle of reasonable religious accommodations without resorting to fear mongering. Those who seek to remove reasonable religious accommodation for members of the Muslim faith should be honest enough to suggest that it be withdrawn for Jews and Christians as well.

Risa Rocket Feldman
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This time it must work!

Arie Raif

On the first weekend of August, while watching TV coverage of the massive nationwide protests in Israel, the images of 250,000 people demonstrating peacefully in Tel Aviv had a profound impact on me. Huge crowds had taken to the streets in various cities to express their anger with Israel's social inequity. It was quite moving. There was a direct link between the past and future. A future, I prayed, that would be better than the past and present.

Protests are not new in Israel. In such a highly politicized society, rife with major issues about which everyone seems to have an opinion, demonstrations are a time-honoured tradition. In the 1960 and '70s, as both a private citizen and a politician there, I took part in many. It doesn't take much to get Israelis into the streets to raise their voices. Sometimes the government listens and acts. Not often enough. Until this summer, past protests to correct the inequalities of Israeli life have, at best, had limited success.

'The protests are like a cry from the heart in the name of the entire nation'

This time, in the wake of such a widespread, sustained campaign, it would be nice to believe real change will come. This time, I want to believe the protest must work. This time, it must lead to a shift in Israel's priorities. That's what I said the other day to a visiting relative from Israel, a colonel in the Israel Defence Forces reserves. After all, I told him, facts don't cease to exist just because they're ignored.

The demonstrators have forced Israelis from all walks of life to confront the gnawing injustice of the uneven distribution of the economic and defence burden, and the consequences. It has led many, including myself, to hope that at long last, there will be a change in Israel's priorities.

The protests are like a cry from the heart in the name of the entire nation. Sadly, it still seems largely a dialogue of the deaf as the Netanyahu government has not connected with the demonstrators. Despite paying lip service to the notion of change and appointing a committee to investigate the issues, the government seems unwilling to revise its fundamental social and capitalist perspective. As such, it's a safe bet that most of the demands will not be met.

This time, the oft-repeated, knee-jerk remark of "there is no partner" won't work as it does in the case of making peace with the Palestinians. This time, the people have an elected government supposedly accountable to the people and their demands. This time, the government must explain why it spends more on building Jewish settlements in the occupied territories (2.5 billion shekels annually – $700 million, all figures Cdn) than it does on housing, education and health. Since 1967, when Jewish settlement began in the West Bank and Gaza, the expenditure represents more than 110 billion shekels ($31 billion).

The cost of the IDF holding these disputed territories and protecting the settlers is astronomical. As if that wasn't infuriating enough, Israel's treasury pays one billion shekels ($279 million) every year in "kolel fees" for haredi Jews who do not work. Yet, at the same time, it charges tuition for university students, many if not most of whom have just served two to three years in the IDF as part of their military service. For Israel's politicians, studying the Gemara would appear to be more important than studying engineering, medicine, economics and literature. How else to explain that successive governments (left and right) have consented to the kolel fee (payment to yeshiva students) being higher than the salary a soldier receives for doing his/her mandatory IDF service. At the kolel, each student receives about 900 shekels ($252) per month, while a soldier receives only 350 ($98) to 700 shekels ($196) per month. Not surprisingly, this is extremely disturbing to many Israelis, especially to those who serve and risk their lives defending the country and receive less money than the haredi who evade the draft.

On the economic front, due to misguided coalition policies, the workforce in Israel stands at only 57 per cent, compared to much higher rates in most other countries. This major difference helps explain the significant contrast in the standard of living. If Israel's workforce would be at 75 per cent, there would be nearly four million people employed instead of the current three million. The per capita GDP of $30,000 would rise to $35,000, and the middle class could finish the month without requiring an overdraft at the bank.

The yoke of occupation costs Israel billions of shekels. When compared to the GDP, the country's defence budget is the highest in the world and constitutes about 25 per cent of the state budget. Somehow it's accepted year after year. Why hasn't the government implemented the two-state solution with the Palestinians, saving billions of shekels in the process?

Why, according to Tax Authority figures, is the pharmaceutical giant Teva's corporate tax rate practically zero? In 2008, the four biggest exporters – Teva, Israel Chemicals, Iscar and one of the high-tech giants, the top one per cent of Israeli exporters – paid a corporate tax rate of 7.2 per cent. By comparison, smaller exporters had to pay a corporate tax of 12 to 16 per cent. Altogether, 72 per cent of the 5.6 billion shekels ($1.5 billion) in tax breaks went to the four big exporters.

How is it that in a supposedly market economy, the government allows monopolies and cartels to impose high import tariffs on food, which prevent competition and cause high prices that make it particularly difficult for the middle class and poor.

The government's plan to reduce corporate tax from 24 to 18 per cent means that the ones that pay the most corporate tax are banks, insurance companies, the biggest industrial concerns, the retail giants and the mobile phone operators. (They can't get up and go elsewhere anyway). Under such a scenario, the state gives up a source of income when such tax revenue could be used to make Israeli society more equitable. Last week, the Jerusalem Institute for Market Studies reported that Israelis pay 75 per cent more tax on housing than citizens of other Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries. Why?

The answers are that Israel's social fabric has been destroyed over the past 44 years since the Six Day War as governments (left and right) obfuscated about how much they were really spending on the settlements. At the same time, they fed public fears about "the security threats" that would result if Israel gave up the West Bank. The various governments' real priority, however, was how to stay in power by preserving the ruling coalition cobbled together after each election. Of course, the price paid to keep these improbable, sometimes dysfunctional coalitions intact translated into billions of shekels to buy the co-operation of coalition members.

This summer, the government faces a huge challenge. This time, it will not easily distract the public from the current struggle to change social and economic priorities. It ignores this social movement at its own peril and to the lasting detriment of Israel.

My fervent hope is that ultimately new political forces will emerge that will finally eradicate once and for all the dubious electoral system that has brought so much evil to Israel and its people.

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Israelis recently took to the streets, pushing strollers, to protest the high cost of daycare services. ***[Israel Sun photo]***

Cotler stands his ground and makes key distinctions

The official Canada Day celebration in Jerusalem offered yet another opportunity to celebrate the increasingly warm relations between Israel and Canada. The Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA) hosted a lovely reception on the Israel Museum's terrace. The speeches and the signing ceremony between Ambassador Paul Hunt and Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman enacting the latest bilateral agreement encouraging Canadian-Israeli research and development celebrated Israel's and Canada's common commitments to innovation, democracy, freedom and multicultural tolerance.

Gil Troy

in Montreal

Clearly, there is a multipartisan commitment in both countries to warm Canadian-Israel relations. Speakers from Israel's ruling coalition and opposition praised Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper for defending Israel, courageously and altruistically. And among the half-dozen Canadian parliamentarians from different parties attending, Liberal MP and former justice minister Irwin Cotler was singled out, honouring all he has done to unite the two countries.

In a less pleasant but equally significant indicator of what the two countries have in common, Cotler was distracted this summer by an Israeli media version of a "hit and run." In an interview, an aggressive reporter from Israel's leftist *Ha'aretz* newspaper asked repeatedly where Cotler draws the line in condemning harsh anti-Israel attacks. Then, characteristically, the reporter ran with a story that distorted the main theme in a speech Cotler gave denouncing the delegitimization of Israel.

As a result, a misleading *Ha'aretz* headline on July 1 ruined Cotler's Canada Day by proclaiming: "Canadian MP Cotler: Calling Israel an apartheid state can be legitimate free speech." The newspaper implicitly charged: "Pro-Israel advocate OKs calling Israel an apartheid state." Anyone who knows Cotler – and who heard or read his remarks – knows that his theme was exactly the opposite. Even a selective headline focusing on his answer to the reporter's question, rather than the speech, should have been a boring restatement of freedom of expression 101: "Legendary McGill law professor supports free speech, even for ideas we hate."

Cotler has been an indefatigable opponent of the dastardly attempt to delegitimize Israel. He has spearheaded efforts among academics and parliamentarians to combat the "new antisemitism," which targets Israel, treating it as the "Jew among the nations," and singling out only one form of nationalism, Jewish nationalism, meaning Zionism, as racist. A co-founder of the Inter-Parliamentary Coalition to Combat Anti-Semitism, Cotler hosted 140 parliamentarians from more than 50 countries in Ottawa this November at the group's second international conference. And this summer, the Canadian parliamentary inquiry he participated that assessed the new antisemitism in Canada released its sobering analysis.

In a letter to *Ha'aretz*'s editor printed on July 4, Cotler stated his position clearly, saying that "the indictment of Israel as an apartheid state is false, defamatory and hateful, but the right to be wrong, defamatory and hateful – however offensive it may be – can nevertheless be an exercise in free speech." He added, characteristically, that it is our responsibility to "'delegitimize the delegitimizers,' to expose, unmask and combat this libel."

Cotler finds comparing the national conflict between Israelis and Palestinians to the racism of the old South African regime's oppressive color-based legal codes particularly odious because he fought apartheid years before opposing it was trendy.

Ha'aretz also obscured Cotler's main point these days – that the delegitimization of Israel is being masked, or as he calls it "laundered," with a hateful campaign to eliminate the Jewish state hidden in clouds of high-minded rhetoric fighting racism, supporting international law, advancing human rights, and, yes, condemning apartheid. This approach is doubly demeaning, tarring Israel and undermining democratic values.

"The result," Cotler wrote, "is not only prejudicial to the State of Israel – as in the indictment of Israel as an apartheid state or the singling out of Israel for differential and discriminatory treatment in the international arena – but prejudicial to the case and cause of the struggle against racism and human rights."

Surprisingly, the lovely reception celebrating the Israel-Canada bond and this journalistic brouhaha are mutually reinforcing moments. Both are characteristically democratic acts that reflect the ideological bedrock uniting these two members of a rather exclusive worldwide club.

Soirees marking national days are more elegant and more fun. But the messy business of drawing lines, making distinctions, defining rights, and warning when the right values are being used for wrong purposes is equally important, exemplifying the kinds of important, challenging and democratically defining activities taking place in Israel and Canada every day.

Casa Hillel kids come to Canada

A few months ago, I wrote about my experience in Guatemala with Casa Hillel, a unique group of indigenous Guatemalans who have chosen to convert to Judaism. There are six children involved, ranging in age from 11 to 18, all of whom converted in the last five years with their parents. When our Toronto Prosserman JCC Kolel "voluntour" left Guatemala last April, we knew we wanted to bring those six kids to Canada for a Jewish summer camp experience to strengthen their Jewish identity, help them understand Jewish ritual and history, and develop a love for Israel.

In May, miracle after miracle occurred. A generous donation in memory of Clara and David Nightingale, members of the Reform Jewish community for over 60 years, made this dream possible. Their love of Judaism and desire to help those in need inspired this gift.

We met with several impressive sleepover Jewish camps and had trouble deciding, since all were so good. Finally we decided upon Camp Gesher, although later this month, the kids will have the opportunity to attend Toronto's own fantastic Centre Camp. The parents of the younger kids had to be convinced to let them travel across the world to a place they have never imagined. The kids had to get school time off, since they go to school in August. We had to find a Jewish Spanish-English speaking counsellor who would volunteer at camp for one session. Finally, the embassy had to grant visas to the group.

We waited breathlessly day after day to hear that all had gone through well. It felt like forever. Shabbat was quickly approaching, and they were supposed to come that Sunday. With the help of our amazing partners – Michael Ettedgui and Yaldeinu, Shaul Zobary and Camp Gesher, Adrienne Rosen and Access Education (our partner in the voluntour) and travel agent Michal Shenkar of Payless Travel – we were somehow able to move many last-minute mountains, and on Sunday, July 24, as hoped, all six kids arrived.

After much hugging, the kids gathered around me and asked to say a blessing they had prepared. In a circle of teenagers, all of whom have chosen Judaism, a grateful Shehechiyanu was led by the kids themselves, right at the airport. They cried, and believe me, so did I.

Thus began several days of deep and constant gratitude like I have never experienced before. Thank you for this snack. Thanks for driving us to our next event. Thank you for breakfast. Thank you for this amazing day. Every dish was cleared and washed, counters scrubbed, beds made, bags carried, doors opened. Without asking! Hugs were exchanged freely and with true warmth.

I took them to Holy Blossom Temple to see a large synagogue. They cried again upon entering the sanctuary. They couldn't imagine so many Jews in one place. They'd never seen a hybrid car and were amazed at the dashboard. They couldn't get over my GPS and took pictures of it. They don't have dishwashers at home. They went to wash the dinner dishes, and I told them to just stack them in the dishwasher. After dutifully doing so, they asked, "Do we take them out now and wash them?"

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein

in Toronto

After a full day of exploring Toronto and the CN Tower (they didn't need the movie, the ride or other extras – they were thrilled with the elevator itself!) they took a three-hour English lesson, following every word and absorbing it all – and thanking the teacher afterward. They were astounded at Toronto's Prosserman JCC – its beauty and newness and all the Jewish classes and events a person can experience there. In my office, they touched the Talmuds and siddurim and other sacred books lining my shelves and gasped. I blessed them as they each reached out to touch a Torah with eyes closed and held breath.

They take nothing for granted. They're not jaded, spoiled or "entitled." They love being Jewish and treasure it as a gift of immeasurable value. They're extraordinary in a North American context. Let's hope that the strongest image the Casa Hillel kids take home is not our phenomenal and unrecognized privilege. Perhaps some of our Toronto teens should spend a summer in Guatemala to relearn the art of gratitude, appreciation, wonder and awe?

The Eichmann trial in retrospect

Criminal case 40/61, as it was innocuously called, began 50 years ago on April 11 in Jerusalem. It may have been the trial of the 20th century. The defendant was Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann, who played a decisive role in the Holocaust.

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, is marking the 50th anniversary of this seminal trial with an exhibition scheduled to run until the end of 2011. The exhibition consists of photographs, newspaper clippings and artifacts. They come from Yad Vashem's collections, the National Archive and the National Photo Archives.

Eichmann, who was executed in the spring of 1961 after being found guilty of crimes against humanity, is presented as a fugitive in hiding in Argentina and as the accused in the glass booth, where the celebrated trial took place.

The surveillance photographs of Eichmann in Buenos Aires, taken by Mossad agents tailing him, are telling. After escaping from Germany with the aid of former SS officers and the Catholic Church, Eichmann, a Red Cross passport in hand, arrived in Argentina under the pseudonym of Ricardo Klement.

As the historian Deborah Lipstadt writes in her newly published book, *The Eichmann Trial* (Random House Canada), Eichmann's cover was blown by three individuals: Lothar Hermann, a nearly blind German half-Jew who immigrated to Argentina in 1939; his teenage daughter, Sylvia, who knew nothing of her Jewish heritage and who dated Eichmann's son, Klaus, and Fritz Bauer, a Jewish lawyer from Stuttgart who spent the war years in Denmark and Sweden, returned to Germany and accepted a position as the attorney general of the state of Hesse.

Convinced that Klement was, in fact, Eichmann, Hermann sent his information to the German government. He bypassed the German Embassy in Buenos Aires, having been informed that it was staffed by former Nazis. Hermann's letter landed on Bauer's desk. Bauer did not consult his colleagues in the judicial system, suspecting they might harbour Nazi sympathies. Instead, he contacted Israel's security services. But the director of the Mossad, Isser Harel, sat on the data for four months before asking an Israeli agent in Argentina to check it out.

Having walked through Klement's dilapidated neighbourhood, the agent told Harel it could not be home to a former high-ranking Nazi official. Harel dropped the matter. Infuriated by Harel's lackadaisical attitude, Bauer lodged a complaint with Israel's attorney general, who persuaded Harel to dispatch a senior Mossad operative to Buenos Aires. He confirmed that Klement was Eichmann.

Sheldon Kirshner in Jerusalem

Eichmann was abducted by a team of Mossad agents, driven to a safe house and interrogated. He was flown out of Argentina, having been drugged and dressed in an El Al uniform.

At the Yad Vashem exhibition, there are two items of note. A photograph shows Eichmann, his eyes blindfolded, being escorted to the aircraft. A letter he signed states he is willing to face the music in Israel: "I wish finally to find peace of mind again."

Following his arrival in Israel, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion made a dramatic announcement in the Knesset on May 23, 1960: "Adolf Eichmann is already under arrest... and will be placed on trial shortly," he declared.

Photographs at the exhibition show an Israeli judge issuing an arrest warrant against Eichmann and Eichmann in his prison cell. Eichmann's personal effects – Argentine currency, an ID card, eyeglasses, a red wallet and notes to himself in German – are displayed under glass.

After the story of Eichmann's abduction broke, Ben-Gurion wrote a conciliatory letter to Argentina's president in an attempt to explain Israel's actions. His trial, Ben-Gurion explained, would be "an act of supreme historic justice."

Argentina, however, demanded Eichmann's return and brought the matter to the United Nations' Security Council. The upshot of the affair was that Israel's foreign minister, Golda Meir, apologized for the kidnapping. By August, Israel and Argentina had resolved the problem, says Lipstadt in her first-class book.

But Israel still had to contend with sharp criticism emanating from the United States. *The Washington Post* condemned Israel's "jungle law" and predicted that Eichmann's trial would be "tainted with lawlessness. *Time*, meanwhile, accused Israel of violating international law.

Before his trial, Eichmann was interrogated at length by Avner Less, a German Jew who had immigrated to Palestine in 1938. Eichmann spoke freely, but refused to acknowledge personal guilt, claiming he was just a "little cog" and "exclusively a carrier out of orders." If he was guilty of anything, he observed, it was of being too loyal to Germany.

During his trial, Eichmann reiterated these views. In a video at the exhibition, he says, "I was merely a cog in the machinery that carried out the directives of the German Reich."

But Eichmann was more than a powerless functionary, Lipstadt points out. Though he did not dip his hands in Jewish blood, he co-ordinated the deportation of about 1.5 million Jews to death camps. He was particularly effective in Hungary, having sent 440,000 Jews to Auschwitz in the space of less than two months in 1944, as the prosecutor, Gideon Hausner, said.

Eichmann's German lawyer, Robert Servatius, who had never been a member of the Nazi party, argued that the court lacked jurisdiction because his crimes were committed prior to Israel's existence, on foreign soil and against people who had no connection to Israel. And he challenged the judges themselves, saying that, as Jews, they could not be impartial. Servatius, too, said that his client's antisemitism was no different from that of respectable and distinguished segments of German society.

Adolf Eichmann in his Nazi uniform.

Eichmann – who briefly visited Palestine in 1937 before being thrown out by the British authorities – addressed this issue in his trial. "I had no innate hatred of Jews," he claimed.

Lipstadt begs to differ. Although she admits that antisemitism may not have been a factor in his decision to join the Nazi party, she says that the issue was hardly irrelevant. Eichmann, though born in Germany, was raised in Austria. "Antisemitism was rife in Austria, and few people were immune from it," she says.

Assessing the impact of the trial, Lipstadt says it raised Holocaust consciousness in Israel, cemented the word "Holocaust" into the world's lexicon, accelerated the growth of Holocaust studies, sped up the prosecution of Nazi war criminals in Germany and reinforced the notion that there is "universal jurisdiction" over genocide.

In short, the Eichmann trial was a landmark event, as Yad Vashem's exhibition and Lipstadt's book both indicate.

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Jewish and Arab teenagers enjoyed the camp experience at Camp Shomria

Jewish and Arab teens have fun at camp

Laura Fixman
Intern

Eighteen Jewish and Arab Israeli teens got to enjoy a North American camp experience for three weeks this summer.

The Grade 9 students came to Camp Shomria in Perth, Ont., about an hour's drive south of Ottawa, as part of a new Heart to Heart program for students who have been in the Children Teaching Children program at the Givat Haviva Educational Foundation in central Israel.

Children Teaching Children provides an opportunity for Jewish and Arab middle school-aged students in Israel to face "complex issues of national and individual identity, community life and conflicting narratives in a shared land," the Givat Haviva website says.

Eyal Rosenblum, the Heart to Heart liaison between Shomria and Givat Haviva, said the program was more successful than he had anticipated.

The students "just blended into the camp, and once they got there, they really wanted to take part in all the activities," he said. "It was almost too easy."

Rosenblum said one reason for the program's success was that there was a lot of preparation beforehand.

Givat Haviva has sent kids to Camp Shomria in Liberty, N.Y., for 10 years, he said, but the idea of sending them to Canada was first proposed in February. Between then and the time the teens arrived at camp on July 17, both they and their counsellors were well prepared for what to expect.

Sending the students to a North American camp is beneficial for everyone involved, Rosenblum said.

"When you live in the same village or town your whole life, you're bound to feel tension, and it doesn't give you time to think or reflect," he said. "We wanted to give them space to just be together."

The Heart to Heart participants spent a day in Ottawa, where they toured the Parliament Buildings and visited the Canadian Museum of Civilization. They were also in Toronto for a few days, where they went to the top of the CN Tower and spent what Rosenblum felt was too much time in the Eaton's Centre.

They ended their stay in Toronto with a reception in their honour at the Multi-Faith Centre in Koffler House at the University of Toronto. During the reception, several of the Israelis spoke about what a great experience they'd had at camp and how thankful they were for the opportunity.

"It was amazing. It was just like a kibbutz, but in Canada," one of the students, Roni Zweigenbeig, said. "The food was also delicious."

Rosenblum said it was the simple things that made the experience memorable for him.

"Just having Arab boys and Jewish boys sharing a cabin together was amazing to see," he said. "Most of them had never seen a lake before, so seeing their reactions when they saw the lake and seeing them learn to swim for the first time were among the best parts for me."

Shay, one of the participants, said her favourite part of camp was her madrichim (counsellors).

Rosenblum agreed that the leaders are an important part of the program's success. "Before anything else, the [Israelis] felt that connection to the counsellors," he said. "It was a life-changing experience for the kids, but it was just as life-changing for the counsellors."

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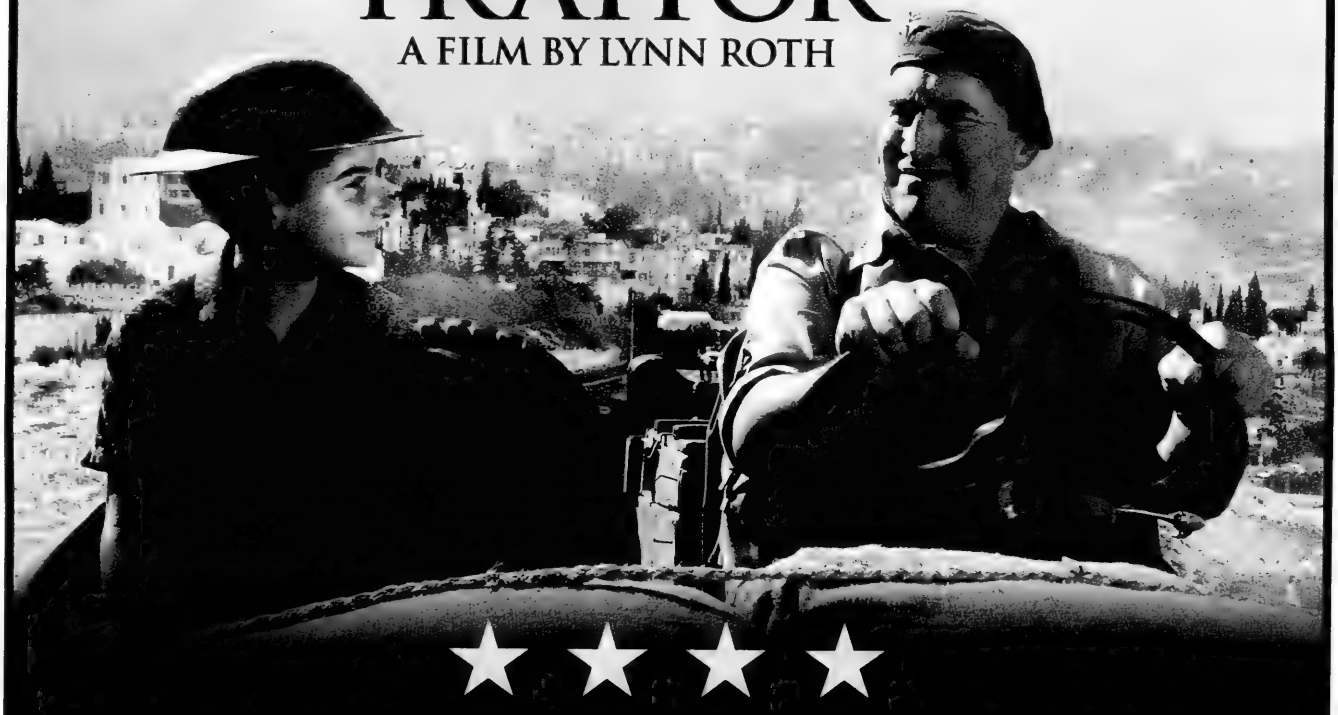

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Birthright celebrates 11 years of free trips to Israel

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Nearly 800 Birthright alumni and hopeful participants gathered on Thursday in Toronto to celebrate 11 years of changing lives.

The Mega Event, presented by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and Magen Boys Entertainment, celebrated the fact that since 1999, nearly 300,000 young Jewish adults have travelled to Israel with Taglit-Birthright Israel to learn about their homeland for free.

Dean Medina, outreach co-ordinator for UJA's Community Connect and one of the co-chairs of the Mega Event, said that the hundreds of Jewish youth who packed The Warehouse Thursday night, as well as the money that was raised to support more Birthright initiatives, exceeded his expectations.

Although it's too soon to calculate the grand total of funds raised, Medina said he's confident the grand total surpassed their initial goal.

"Israelis, Birthright alumni, non-Birthright alumni, literally young adults from all corners of the Toronto Jewish community came together to celebrate not only over 10 years of Birthright Israel's existence, but the strength and pride of our Jewish community," Medina said.

Throughout the night, party-goers were treated to performances by DJ Skratch Bastid, as well as Bongo & B Ent., a drumming company.

"We had some amazing hand drummers by Peter B and Marko Bongo, and they started getting everyone going with a choreographed drumming session," Medina said.

Later in the night, two Air Canada flights to Israel were raffled off.

Medina added that if not for UJA's support, the party would not have been the success it was.

"[UJA] believed in this project, and as a result we were able to throw what was probably the biggest Jewish party for young adults ever in the history of Toronto."

Kicking off the celebration was a private reception called From Founders to Future. It was held in honour of Birthright co-founder Charles Bronfman, who was also celebrating his recent 80th birthday.

Chaia Nadal, Birthright Israel Foundation of Canada's director of development, said that the reception, which included speeches by Bronfman and Toronto's consul general of Israel, Amir Gissin, was meant to honour three generations of community supporters and volunteers – Birthright alumni, their parents and grandparents.

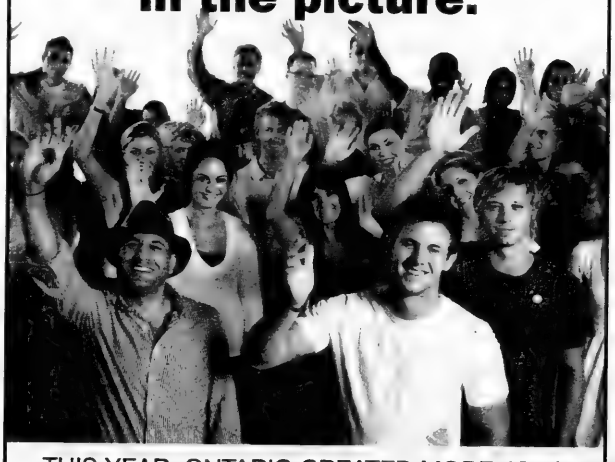
Speaking to a crowd of about 150 people, Gissin said that Birthright is not just a life-changing experience for Diapora Jews who travel to Israel, as it also deeply affects the Israeli soldiers who travel with the groups and forge relationships with "their peers, their extended family in the Diaspora.

"When soldiers are on the bus for 10 days with kids their age, who are being exposed to Israel for the first time, the kind of friendship and understanding that is being created is amazing and it affects Israeli society in a very significant way," Gissin said.

Bronfman, who credited Birthright alumni and volunteers for the ongoing success of the program, said, "When people ask [co-founder] Mike Steinhardt and I, 'Has this exceeded your expectations?' I say, 'It's exceeded our wildest dreams.'"

Party guests, from left, Melissa Schapira, Carrie Ostroff and Shaye Shiewitz. *[Photo by David Collin]*

Unfortunately, we couldn't fit everyone in the picture.



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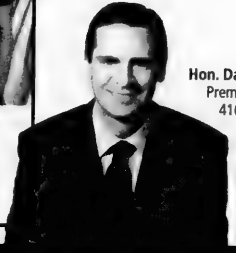

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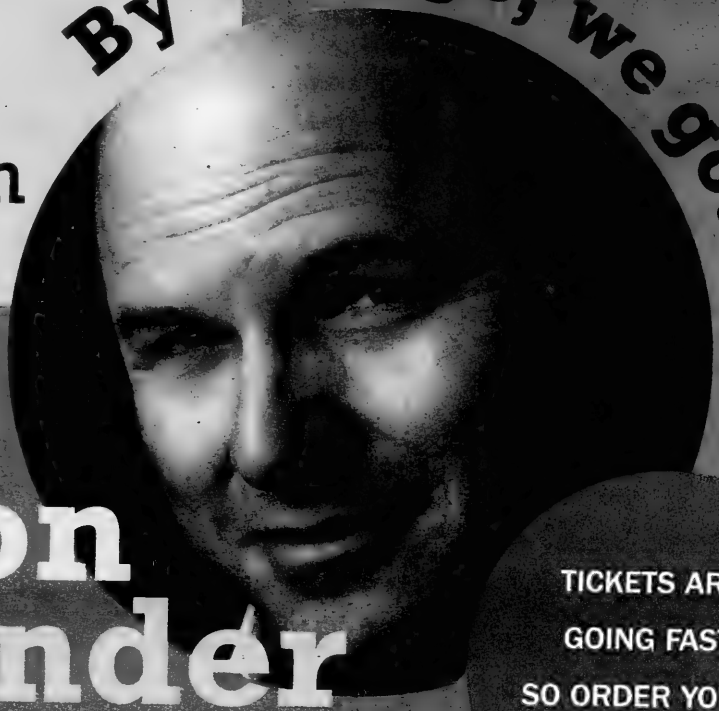

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Labour Day: a Jewish holiday

Rabbi Aaron Levy

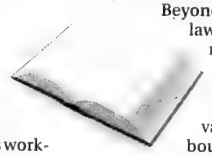
A recent front-page article in the *National Post* brought attention to the claim currently before the Ontario Labour Relations Board that the Kashruth Council of Canada hasn't been paying its mashgichim overtime, as mandated by provincial law. While COR disputes the charge, the case impels us to consider what Jewish law and values teach us about employer-employee relationships.

Of course, like all matters in Judaism, this is a complex and lengthy topic, so we'll just barely skim the surface of a few traditional texts in the space of this column (and we won't touch on the history of Jewish involvement in modern labour movements).

In the fourth of the Ten Commandments, just as Jews are bidden to observe Shabbat by refraining from work, so too are their employees "so that your male and female servant may rest as you do" (Deuteronomy 5:14). Every person, Jewish or not and regardless of socio-economic status, must be given respite from work for one day each week, for we don't live to work, but rather work in order to live.

The Torah also forbids withholding the wages of a day labourer: "You must pay him his wages on the same day, before the sun sets, for he is needy and his life depends on it" (Deuteronomy 24:15). The Babylonian Talmud further develops this law into the requirement that all employees must be paid on time and offers a bold interpretation of the biblical verse: "'His life depends on it' – Anyone who withholds a labourer's wages is like one who takes his life from him" (Bava Metzia 112a).

Rabbinic Reflections



The Mishnah regulates working hours and benefits: "One who hires workers and tells them to start early or stay late, in a place where the custom is not to start early or stay late, the employer may not coerce them. In a place where the custom is to feed the workers – the employer must feed them, to provide sweets – the employer must provide sweets. Everything goes according to the custom of the land [*minhag hamedinah*]" (Bava Metzia 7:1). Prevailing norms of employment – even in seemingly trivial matters – must be upheld so that employers can't incrementally degrade working conditions and create a race to the bottom for their employees.

The talmudic dictum "dina d'malchuta dina" – "the law of the land is the law," means that secular law becomes ensconced as Halachah (Jewish law). Contemporary labour laws –federal, provincial or municipal – certainly fall under this rubric, so adhering to them is, therefore, doubly mandated – by government and by Judaism.

Beyond the various Jewish laws regarding the treatment of employees, the Talmud offers an anecdote that illustrates the broader value accorded to labour in Judaism. "Rabbi Judah used to go into the beit midrash carrying a pitcher on his shoulders and would say: 'Great is work, for it honours the worker'" (Nedarim 49b).

As we approach Labour Day, let's each ensure that all our businesses, communal organizations and personal hires follow civil and Jewish employment law in both letter and spirit, and that we truly honour workers.

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Finding each other in Elul

The month of August signifies the midpoint of the summer, and that soon we will be entering the fall season. Everything around us is preparing for the changing circumstances in nature between summer and fall. Interestingly, this reflects what's happening in the Jewish calendar as well.

The end of the month of August is also the beginning of the Hebrew month of Elul. This is an important month in Judaism, since it signifies the last month before the High Holidays.

During the month of Elul, it's customary to blow the shofar on weekdays after Shacharit. It's also customary to assess our behaviour over the past year and seek out those people who deserve an apology from us.

In fact, the name of the month Elul in Aramaic means "search," which is certainly the prime activity of the month. We often think that it's about searching ourselves internally and honestly confronting who we have been.

It's about searching our hearts and searching our souls. In fact, Maimonides says that the shofar blast is to awaken us to begin the search.

Midrashic Moments

Rachel Turkienicz

But the sages of the Talmud add another interesting layer. According to the rabbis, God is never the problem. As a forgiving parent, God will and does grant us unconditional forgiveness. When we have done something wrong and we approach our parents with the apology, we will most often be forgiven. The problem occurs if we have hurt someone else.

As children, if we hit a sibling and go to our parent with the apology, the parent will correctly teach us that we must first apologize to our sibling for the hurt we caused. But then we must also apologize to our parents, because when we hurt a sibling we also hurt them. Parents suffer when their children suffer.

So the rabbis teach us in the midrash that the search of Elul is to seek and find those people whom we have hurt. We must approach the High Holidays having done our due diligence.

On several occasions, the sages have explained Yom Kippur this way: "Matters between you and God, who is everywhere, can be forgiven you. Matters between you and your fellow human beings will not be forgiven until you conciliate them."

While we search ourselves, we identify who we must seek out on Elul.

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Roman Israel: age of transition, Pt. 1

Past Forward

Alex Gropper

The Romans ruled Israel for more than 700 years, from 63 BCE until 638 CE, and left a lasting impression on the land. Some of Israel's most magnificent ruins date from this period, including the remains of the Second Temple, Masada and Caesarea Maritima, to name just a few.

It's partially this legacy that led me to support the Jewish-Italian Friendship Initiative and to choose as its ongoing project a new excavation at Tel Huqoq in Israel, which is co-sponsored by the University of Toronto's Archaeology Centre and the Canadian Institute for Mediterranean Studies.

This project will give us new insights into daily life in the Galilee during this crucial period in Jewish history, one that saw important developments in our evolution. There's no doubt that Roman rule was an inescapable factor in Jewish life during this time. It was also a period that saw a Jewish sect rise from obscurity to become the official religion of the Roman Empire – Christianity.

With this legacy in mind, I'm organizing a tour that will take participants to key sites of this important phase of our history, especially Tel Huqoq, where excavators will give us a unique, behind-the-scenes look at an important dig. The tour will focus on the Roman impact on Israel as it made the transition from ancient times into the Middle Ages. In the process, the Romans left Israel with some of the most visible monuments of its long history.

Although Roman ruins are found throughout the land, we find some of the most imposing ones along the coast. Caesarea Maritima, as its name implies, was built on the Mediterranean by a man who looms large for the magnificence of his grandiose buildings, as well as for the depth of his tyranny and brutality. That man was Herod the Great.

Herod built Caesarea to honour his patron, Caesar Augustus, and Caesarea lives up to its imperial name. He spared no expense in building his new port city. It used the latest Roman building techniques, such as quick-drying cement, for its artificial harbour, which was even larger than Athens' harbour of Piraeus.

Up the coast from Caesarea are the remains of Tel Dor, which Caesarea replaced as the main harbour along the coast of Israel. Outside of archeologists, Dor is a little-known site with monuments as impressive as its history. It's one of the most scenic sites along the coast, with a lovely lagoon beside the ruins overlooked by the ghostly column bases of what was once a magnificent Greco-Roman temple.

Heading inland, we enter the Galilee, the hotbed of ideas and revolutionary movements during much of the Roman period. Here we come upon Sepphoris, or Zippori as it is called in Hebrew. Although it was destroyed by the Roman legate Varus, the city was rebuilt on a much grander scale and would become an important centre of Jewish learning, culminating in Judah Hanasi's compilation of the Mishnah. (To be continued.)

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Jewish homeschooling, Part 1

Jewish & Digital

Mark Mietkiewicz

The days are getting shorter, and kids will soon be heading off to school. For most, that means a daily trip by bus, carpool or even by foot. But for a select group of Jewish students, the classroom is as far away as their den or bedroom and their teachers are their parents. Some Jewish families opt for homeschooling because of geographical or philosophical needs. Here's a sampling of comments from supporters and critics.

"Children can go at whatever pace works best for them," says Martine Porter-Zasada, who has homeschooled her four children. "Siblings can grow up together and be best friends, and children can have their parents in their lives longer. They can truly grow up in the slow lane." **[http://bit.ly/hmsch1]**

"My children see their friends almost every afternoon. They aren't busy with homework, after all... We are part of a strong community through our shul, and the children are friends with kids of various ages from different schools." –Lisa. **[http://bit.ly/hmsch5]**

"I sense that some of the parents trapped in the yeshiva system of schooldays that run six days a week until almost dinner envy our freedom. And it is not a freedom I would easily give up. Actually, the nicest thing is something my husband learned when he was homeschooled – that learning is a function of effort, not time." –Anonymous. **[http://bit.ly/hmsch13]**

Not everyone agrees. "Learning has a multiplier effect when it takes place in groups... You know the line that's been popularized: 'Does not get along well with others.' Well, if you have no experience getting along with others, it's hard to do it." –Richard Wagner of Ben Porat Yosef Sephardic Yeshiva in Bergen County, N.J. **[http://bit.ly/hmsch12]**

Jews "are a tribe, a religion, a social entity. We count minyans. We are by definition people who educate in groups... Talmud and midrash aren't monologues. They aren't even dialogues. They're a plurality of voices crossing intellectual abilities, space and time." –Rabbi Henry Shreibman of Brandeis Hillel Day School in San Francisco. **[http://bit.ly/hmsch14]**

From the Israeli report, "Homeschooling as a Fundamental Change in Lifestyle":

• Homeschooling allows parents... to re-experience and better cope with their own difficult experiences, as well as allowing parents to invest in their children at a level that they themselves would have liked to receive but did not.

• Homeschooling is perceived as rescuing the child from regressing emotionally and ethically or morally, which is what occurs when he or she encounters the conventional school system. **[http://bit.ly/hmsch15]**

Barry Koff has an interesting perspective. He has taught Hebrew and Judaic studies at a Jewish school and to his twins at home. "Homeschooling is not for everyone... But for us, as evidenced by my son's smile and enthusiasm and my daughter's energy and anticipation, it has made all the difference. I can recite for the first time, with commitment and sense of purpose, the second paragraph of Judaism's defining prayer, the *Shema*: 'Teach them faithfully to your children; speak of them in your home and on your way, when you lie down and when you rise up.'" **[http://bit.ly/hmsch16]**

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Turkey could do more to pressure Assad

As Syrian president Bashar Assad continues to defy the international community over his refusal to stop slaughtering his own civilians in order to preserve his rule, and likely the lives of his minority Alawite sect, the media are focused increasingly on the situation throughout the country. And they're doing so despite having to report, with rare exceptions, from outside Syria.

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

Then again, Syria was never an easy country to report from, even when journalists were granted visas. Reporters have always been tightly controlled by the Assad family over the last 40 years (under Hafez Assad and now his son, Bashar). With rare exceptions, journalists reported basically what the regime wanted them to see, even during so-called "liberalizing" periods, which have turned out to be hollow. These included efforts to portray Bashar Assad as a "reformer," a dose of nonsense swallowed until not long ago by senior U.S. politicians and administration officials, including Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Now, thanks to the availability of cellphone images, the brutal truth of what is happening cannot be suppressed, despite the fact the regime has repeatedly shut down the Internet.

The stubborn persistence of the truth may be the key factor in finally moving the United Nations Security Council from its hypocritical silence to at least endorse a U.S. presidential condemnation of Syria over its reign of terror. (The council could not muster the will to issue its own resolution to that effect.) The truth may also be what prompted the rare charge last week from King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia to Assad to stop "the killing machine and end the bloodshed."

An Aug. 9 *New York Times* editorial noted Abdullah's statement, along with the withdrawals of Saudi, Kuwaiti, and Bahranian ambassadors from Damascus, and criticisms (albeit tepid) of Syria, finally, from the Arab League and the Gulf Cooperation Council. At least the *Times* put it correctly: "The fact that they waited so long is a disgrace." The *Times* also accurately observed that the countries rebuking Syria are themselves "repressive autocracies" that had until now supported Syria "as too powerful and too important to cross."

That view is nonsense. Syria is both terribly weak, economically and politically, and it has long been – through its increasing dependence on Iran and support of Hamas and Hezbollah – a source of regional instability.

Bashar Assad

The fact that Turkey until very recently was strongly supportive of Syria (and Iran) reveals the nature and disposition of a government that many in the West prefer to see as progressive, blending Islam and democracy. (On a related point, note that Turkey has the unenviable record of imprisoning more journalists than even Iran.) Only when thousands of Syrian refugees flooded across the Turkish border seeking a safe haven from Syrian forces did Turkey muster the will to call Assad's murderous rampage "unacceptable."

Some media reports last week seemed to indicate that Turkey stood the best chance of prevailing upon Assad to change course. Here's how a *Washington Post* correspondent described Turkey's diplomatic intervention:

"The violence has strained Syria's close relationship with Turkey, the country considered most likely to wield influence over Assad. Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu emerged seemingly empty-handed from a six-hour meeting with Assad on [Aug. 9] in Damascus, after issuing what the Turkish media called an ultimatum to stop the killing.

"Davutoglu said only that the encounter was 'friendly' and that he expected to see 'concrete steps' in the coming days to end the violence."

For Davutoglu to term his meeting with a murderous dictator "friendly" may appear more pathetic than generous. It's certainly not language that suggests an ultimatum.

Turkey has made some noise of late that it may yet impose sanctions on the Syrian regime. But that remains to be seen. Until it does, Turkey's reprimands will remain more theatre than substance.

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Fund helps Jewish seniors in need

Compiled by CJN Staff

Although August is still part of the summer holidays, it's also the time we begin to realize that the High Holidays will soon be here. But for some Jewish seniors, holiday time is not about celebration and family. Instead, it's a period of privation.

Thanks to the generosity of Harry Enchin, and with matching funds from the Weinberg Foundation, (a U.S.-based charitable foundation), 36 Toronto seniors have been able to celebrate the holidays as others do over the last three years.

Harry Enchin conceived of and established the Jonathan Enchin Community Fund in 2008, in memory of his brother Jonathan. It was established as a three-year pilot project to ease the effects of poverty among Toronto's Jewish seniors and help them to live more "Jewishly."

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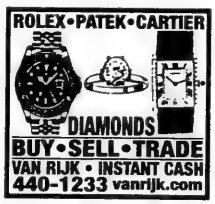

IDFWO group helps Israeli kids connect

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"To be with another 37 guys that the same thing happened to helps a lot," Ro'i said.

He said that on this trip, he felt free to talk about his experience.

"I can't talk about it with my other friends because they don't understand. That's the most amazing thing about this trip. You can talk about anything with them because we are not afraid."

He said it hasn't been hard for him to talk "because I'm very open about the subject. I'm proud of my father."

Twelve-year-old Dan Masad, who said he became best friends with Ro'i on the trip, is the youngest son of Tamir Masad, one of three IDF soldiers killed in a suicide bombing at a gas station at the entrance to Ariel in Samaria in 2002.

Tamir, who had been called up for reserve duty and had just completed three days of training, spotted the bomber and reportedly ran toward him to prevent him from detonating the bomb.

But the terrorist was shot, causing the bomb to go off, and Tamir, who was standing nearby, was killed.

Dan, who was four years old when his father died, said, "I didn't really understand what it meant. I'm happy that I remember him. A lot of kids here don't remember their fathers because they were babies, but I have memories."

Dan's two older brothers have gone on past IDFWO summer trips, but he said he was reluctant to go.

"I didn't really like [the idea]. I didn't really want to do it. My brothers told me to go. They recommended it."

But, he added, after the first meeting in Israel prior to the group's departure, he knew he'd make a lot of new friends.

"I also feel like I've grown up a little bit, and I have more independence, being without my family," he said.

Dan, just months away from his bar mitzvah, is now looking forward to celebrating with a group of IDFWO bar and bat mitzvah children.

The bar/bat mitzvah program includes a visit with Israeli President Shimon Peres, a ceremony at the Kotel (Western Wall), and a reception attended by the minister of defence and the chief of staff.

Shoham-Solan, who has been volunteering with the 20-year-old organization for the past four years and has just been re-elected for another four, said she can relate to Dan's initial reluctance to become a part of the group.

A widow herself, Shoham-Solan lost her husband in 1982 in Lebanon.

"When I lost my husband, I didn't want to belong to any group because it was too hard for me to recognize myself as a widow. I didn't want to remove my ring, I didn't want to belong to any widows group," she recalled. But she has since realized the value of accepting help and support from the organization.

"We have a great program called Widows for Widows. We have about 150 widows who have adopted other widows and it is an amazing program for both the recipients and the mentors."

Other programs include education scholarships for orphans, a special event honouring IDF orphans enlisting in the army, medical assistance and financial aid.

Providing these programs requires funding. While some funds come from the Israeli government, IDFWO mostly relies on donations from outside sources in the Diaspora.

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A marriage arranged in heaven?

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

George and Judy Stern share a rare history that includes love at first sight, separation and reunion, and finally a marriage that has endured 60 years and counting.

The Sterns, who celebrated their 60th anniversary on Aug. 16, fondly remember the first time they met – shortly after the most trying time of their lives.

Despite their having grown up within a few miles of each other, it wasn't until after the Holocaust that their decades-long love affair would begin.

George, who was born in 1931 in Ujpest, a small town outside of Budapest, managed to evade the Nazis by leaving home in 1944 to work on a farm owned by his father's friend. Later that year, George took his chances with his fake documents that identified him as a gentile, and lived out the rest of the war in Budapest in a vacant apartment his aunt had access to.

Although George's father survived imprisonment in Bergen-Belsen, his mother was murdered in Auschwitz.

Judy, on the other hand, credits Raoul Wallenberg for her family's survival in Budapest.

In November 1944, the Nazis began to ghettoize the Jews in Budapest. About 70,000 Jews were forced into the ghetto, and about 20,000 more lived in specially marked houses outside the ghetto walls, granted diplomatic protection by politicians including Wallenberg and Carl Ludz, who issued protective passports on behalf of the Swedish and the Swiss.

Judy said her family was one of the families that received the protective papers. "Raoul Wallenberg really saved us," she said.

But the stress and hardship of the war took a toll on Judy's mother, who died suddenly at the age of 47 in 1947.

"At that age, to lose your mother – we were three kids. It was really a disaster," said Judy, who was 15 when her mother died. "She was exhausted. She helped us survive."

After the war, George and Judy, who had not yet met, both looked to the future.

"Right after the war, the Zionist movement became stronger," George said. "There were a lot of young Zionist clubs, like Mizrachi, Hashomer Hatzair, but I belonged to Betar."

Although a Betar member, George said he liked to visit the other club socials as well. He couldn't have known that attending a dance organized by the Mizrachi club, would change the course of his life.

"That was the first time I saw my wife. She was 15 years old. She had black hair. Black. I was with my friends, so we didn't speak to each other. I just noticed her."

To this day, he believes he experienced love at first sight.

At the end of the night, George approached one of Judy's girlfriends to ask about her.

"She told me every Sunday morning, she went to the Saint Gellert Hotel [today known as the Danubius Hotel Gellért]. They had a special pool… so she told me, 'Go there Sunday morning around 9:30 and you'll find her.'"

The following Sunday, George arrived at the pool and

Judy and George Stern

spotted Judy's girlfriend, but not Judy.

"I said, 'Listen, you told me that Judy would be here.' And she said, 'She's here.' She pointed into the pool. There she was, swimming under the water," George said.

"I was a diver in Hungary," Judy said, adding that she was on a competitive diving team there that was destined for the Olympics before the war.

"I jumped in the water and I touched her leg, very delicately," George said. "She came up right away, and she said, 'Who are you?'"

He explained to her how he had first noticed her at the Mizrachi social and she agreed to let George walk her home.

They began to date, but soon after, the two drifted apart when other obligations like school and other activities took precedent.

"We were too young, we weren't too serious," Judy said, adding that they didn't stay in touch – those were the days before cellphones and computers.

A year later, in May 1948, news that Israel had declared its independence reached Hungary.

The Hungarian government granted 500 passports to young Jews who wanted to make aliyah. Before that, they would have had to transfer to a British displaced persons camp until they were cleared by the British to enter.

George, who wanted desperately to immigrate to Israel to join the army, was one of the 500 chosen.

Prior to their departure for Israel, there was a three-day preparation session at a campsite in Yugoslavia.

"I was walking around in the evening and who did I meet? Judy," George said.

"I wanted to make aliyah, too," Judy said. "I wanted to get out of Hungary. I was a Zionist and I wanted to go to Israel."

Although they were happy to see each other when they boarded the cargo ship for the 10-day voyage to Israel, beyond checking in with each other occasionally, they spent their time on opposite sides of the ship.

As soon as the ship docked in Haifa, George enlisted in the Israeli army. Judy, 16, decided to finish her high school studies and enrol in teachers college in Jerusalem.

"We separated again, and I didn't know where she went," George said.

The following Pesach, Judy visited her uncle who lived in Tel Aviv. As she stood outside the Great Synagogue on Allenby Street, she noticed a young soldier with a familiar face.

"Then I heard my name. I said, 'What's going on here?' I turned around and saw the soldier holding a prayer book. It was him… When we saw each other on Allenby, that was really a miracle," she said.

"We connected and we never separated," George said.

By the following Pesach, they were engaged, and on Aug. 16, 1951, they wed.

Sixty years later, the Sterns will be honoured with a special ceremony on Aug. 20 at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, where they are longtime members.

George said Rabbi Wayne Allen will say a few words about their milestone and a luncheon will follow the Shabbat service.

What worked for George and his wife, he said is his philosophy is to "forgive and forget. If you love somebody, you love somebody."

"And we didn't have such an easy time, but we loved each other," Judy added. "We never took something too seriously because he knew I never wanted to hurt him and I knew he never wanted to hurt me."

It also helps to have both their mothers looking down on them, George said.

"I believe my mother and her mother arranged this wedding, this marriage, because twice we accidently met."

Judy and George Stern's wedding photo

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Non-Jewish business students tour Israel

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

There is no shortage of student trips to Israel, but there aren't many that attract non-Jewish students who are likely future business leaders.

Since 2007, students from the University of Western Ontario's Ivey School of Business have been participating in 10-day tours that offer economic, historical, political and cultural perspectives on the country.

"By dealing with future business leaders, and going with the best of the best from your school, you're making a difference and instilling a positive view of Israel into people who are going to change the world and are going to emerge as top business leaders in the next 20 years," said Sam Strasser a 21-year-old recent Ivey graduate who helped organize the tour this past February.

From left are Ivey School of Business students Hayley Rovet, Tamar Zagdanski, Sam Strasser and Jared Goldberg.

Hayley Rovet, 21, who is entering her fourth year at Ivey in September, said the students arrive in Israel "with very limited knowledge and extremely skewed perceptions" of the country.

"We strive to educate them in two ways: about the business side of things, by meeting with business leaders to show them how prosperous and innovative Israel is, and we also take them to see a number of political leaders who discuss both sides of the conflict to inform them and give them a more informed understanding on what's going on," Rovet said.

Twenty-nine students – 22 of whom were not Jewish and had never before been to Israel – took part in the trip that included a tour of Jerusalem's Old City, the Weizmann Institute of Science, the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, as well as meetings with *Jerusalem Post* Palestinian affairs correspondent Khaled Abu Toameh and *Ha'aretz* diplomatic editor Aluf Benn.

Strasser, who now works as an analyst for Bond Street Mercantile, a company that invests in Israeli businesses, said the goal of the trip is to frame Israel as an amazing economic success story, "how a county with no natural resources at the time, how only human capital growing in a war-torn area can use its innovation and knowledge to become a world power economically."

The trip, which is a fully accredited course at Ivey that requires students to write a 2,000-word reflection paper, included visits to places of business that embody the concept of the "triple bottom line.

"The big thing they teach you in business school these days is the triple bottom line, which is people, planet, profit. Everyone asks, 'How are you going to be a business person that changes the world… that makes the world a better place, while still meeting your economic accomplishments and goals?" Strasser said.

He said this concept in action was evident during their visit to Iscar, one of the world's largest manufacturers of carbide industrial-cutting tools, which are used by car manufacturers such as General Motors and Ford.

Iscar was billionaire investor Warren Buffett's first investment in a non-American company.

Another highlight of this year's trip was the visit to Better Place Center, home of the company that makes electric cars.

"We actually got to test-drive the cars this year. Right now, if you follow the news on Better Place, they are slowly emerging and setting up the infrastructure around the world. Even in Ontario," Strasser said.

The trip participants, who Strasser calls "the smartest people he's ever been around," now have a new appreciation for Israel.

Rovet, who will be organizing next year's trip with Ivey student Jared Goldberg, said the cultural and historical aspect of the trip was just as important as the business side.

She said that when they toured Yad Vashem, the Holocaust martyrs and heroes' remembrance authority, many were deeply moved by what they learned.

"Many of these students have no personal connection [to the Holocaust], so I was very interested to see what would happen when we brought them there," Rovet said.

"Some of the students were very emotional. They were crying and I was not expecting that." In fact, weeks later, when the annual Israeli Apartheid Week events were taking place on campus, Rovet said many of the trip's non-Jewish participants chose to attend the anti-Israel events to speak in defence of Israel and challenge the claims made.

Strasser said the trips have been such a success that they're hoping to expand this concept to other business schools in the country.

The only obstacle, he said, is funding.

Strasser, who worked with Tamar Zagdanski to gather funding from private donors, said it costs about $100,000 to subsidize the tour and cover about 80 per cent of the cost.

"We hope that universities across Canada will start doing it autonomously, and we'd love to help them with the foundation, setting up the itinerary," he said.

For more information about the trip or to apply, contact Rovet at HRovet.HBA2012@ivey.ca.

FAMILY MOMENTS

Mazel Tov

The Canadian Jewish news

Jenny & Mike are engaged! Mazel tov from David & Carolyn Libman, Myron & Bryna Friedman, Howard & Hilda Libman, Delores & Ron Siegel, Lotte Friedman.

Happy 60th anniversary Barry & Sylvia Short July 14 with love from children Brian, Lori, Jeri and Ben and grandchildren, Raviv, David and Jeffrey.

Congrats Josh and Angela on graduating from Westmount Collegiate. Best of luck at university. Love Melanie, Mitch and Hailey Foreman.

Mazel tov Hannah on your bat-mitzvah. We are very proud of you! Lots of love mom, dad, Shayna and Cole.

Sandy & Eli Kogut happily announce the birth of their grandson, Noam Benjamin, in Yokneam, Israel. Proud parents are Shira Kogut and Maayan Raiffen. B'H.

Bethany (née Wrock) & Neve Baram introduced us to Jonah Jackson on June 13. Proud great-grandmother for the first time, Molly Applebaum.

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By LILA SARICK

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Saturday, Aug. 20

ORILLIA COUNTRY SHUL

Shabbat services continue during August, 10:30 a.m., 151 Creighton St. S. in Atherley. This year's leaders are: Aug. 20, **Rabbi Cory Weiss**; Aug. 27, **Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld**. Call 705-327-7069.

B'NAI SHALOM

B'nai Shalom Congregation of Halton-Peel, a Conservative egalitarian congregation, holds its monthly Shabbat service in Oakville at 10 a.m. Call 905-901-9889 or e-mail info@bnaishshalom.ca or www.bnaishalom.ca.

Sunday, Aug. 21

TRUNK SALE

Congregation Am Shalom is having a trunk sale at 9 a.m., 767 Huronia Rd., Barrie. Shop or sell, tables available for rent. Call 705-792-3949.

LATIN FEVER

Singles in the Park presents an evening of Latin American entertainment for Jewish singles over 55. Earl Bales Community Centre at 7 p.m. Call 416-631-0005 or debbygo@rogers.com. $12.

Tuesday, Aug. 23

MUSIC AT EARL BALES

The Royal Canadian Legion Concert Band performs at the Barry Zukerman Amphitheatre, Earl Bales Park, at 7 p.m. In case of rain, performances will take place inside the community centre.

FAMOUS TRIALS

Historian **Gerald Ziedenberg** discusses famous Jewish trials. Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 7:45 p.m., "The Adolph Eichmann Trial"; Aug. 30, "The Shlomo Shwartzbart Trial."

Other News

JUNCTION SHUL PARTY

Congregation Knesseth Israel (The Junction Shul), 56 Maria St., celebrates its 100th anniversary at a street party Sept. 18. E-mail info@junctionshul.org.

HARBORD C.I. REUNION

The 1951 graduating class of Harbord Collegiate Institute is holding a reunion brunch Sept. 18 at the Donalda Club. Call **Debby Cowitz** at 416-633-0115 or **Kaylee Miller** 416-486-1574.

MELTON MINI-SCHOOL

Registration is open for fall courses "Dramas of Jewish Living (history)" and "Ethics of Jewish Living." Both taught at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, Wednesday mornings, 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Knowledge of Hebrew not necessary. Courses start Oct. 5.

A 10-week graduate class starts Oct. 11 on the Arab-Israeli conflict, taught by **Michael Rubin** at Beth David Synagogue.

Call 416-789-7400 to register.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for two hours on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings to work with young adults with special needs starting in September at DANI'S Place, Sheppard Avenue and Bathurst Street. Contact ssokol@dani-toronto.com.

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BAR MITZVAH CLUB

Beth Joseph Lubavitch Synagogue, 44 Edinburgh Dr., is starting a bar mitzvah club for all boys. The club meets Wednesdays. Contact **Rabbi Boruch Landau** at 647-201-0261 or barmitzvaclub@gmail.com.

VENDORS WANTED

Vendors wanted for Reena's bazaar Sept. 11 at Reena's Toby and Henry Battle Developmental Centre, 927 Clark Ave. W. Contact **Aviva** at 905-889-2690, ext. 2216, or awindman@reena.org.

HEBREW CAMP

JumpStart Hebrew is a one-week camp program at Beth Sholom Synagogue open to the community, for children entering grades 1-4. Runs Aug. 29-Sept. 2, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and will be staffed by teachers from Beth Sholom Hebrew School. Activities include oral Hebrew, reading and reading readiness activities, music, drama and cooking. Lunch will be provided two days. Cost, $75 for members of Beth Sholom and Beth Sholom Hebrew School and $90 for the community. Contact **Karen Goodis** at karen@bethsholom.net or 416-789-6103, ext. 225, for more information and registration.

HERITAGE MUSEUM

The Morris and Sally Justein Heritage Museum at Baycrest presents *The Dream Fulfilled – Theodor Herzl and the Jewish State*, with more than 400 items from the private Herzl memorabilia collection of **David Matlow**. Open to the public. For hours and to schedule group tours, call 416-785-2500, ext. 2802, or ababins@baycrest.org.

ACCOMMODATION REGISTRY

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BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Heartline Bereavement Group grief support program meets at Hospice Thornhill. Contact **Bonnie Strand** at 905-764-0656, ext. 227.

CEDARVALE MINYAN

Cedarvale Shul is located in the basement of Cedarvale Terrace at 429 Walmer Rd. On Shabbat, enter through the rear doors at back of parking lot. Weekday minyan at 7:45 a.m. Shabbat at 9:30 a.m. Kiddush follows services. For information on shul services, call 416-707-3161.

TORAH IN SPANISH

Torah classes in Spanish given by **Rabbi A. Bertfeld** Wednesdays 9 p.m. at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation. For information, 905-886-7935.

THE CHORALAIRS

The Choralairs of North York sing pop, Broadway and folk songs and are looking for new members. No audition required. The new season starts Sept. 13 at Earl Bales Community Centre, 7:15 p.m. For more information, call **Sally**, 416-636-8247, or **Martha**, 905-884-8370, or e-mail sallyl@sympatico.ca.

BOWLERS

Maven Bowling League is looking for new bowlers. A pre-season party will be held Aug. 27. Call **Ron Caine** at 426-518-8333.

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MULTIPLE MYELOMA WALK

A 5-km. walk in support of the Molly and David Bloom Chair for Multiple Myeloma Research at the Princess Margaret Hospital will be held Oct. 16. For more information, call 416-946-6584 or visit www.mm5kwalk.ca.

FOR SENIORS

Association of Jewish Seniors holds its general meeting Aug. 18, 9:30 a.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. **Dr. David Tal** will speak about "Successful Aging." Call **Tammy** at 416-635-2900, ext. 458.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. (55+). **Valerie**, 416-395-7881. Social lunch Aug. 18 (kosher, dairy). Casino Rama, Sept. 14. Ongoing activities: Mondays, line dancing, 10 a.m.; Tuesdays, fitness class with qualified instructor, 10-11 a.m.; Wednesdays, art class, 10 a.m.; Thursdays, social bridge, 12:30 p.m.

Seniors Woodworking Club Fully equipped shop in Earl Bales Park. Call 416-630-6487.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m., Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell. 416-630-9444.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday afternoon socials. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl**, 416-635-6317, or **Marcia**, 416-932-1229.

Bernard Betel Centre 416-225-2112. Aug. 18, **Barry Shainbaum** speaks about "Inspiration Through Music," 1:30-2:30 p.m.; Aug.23, **Diane Mingail** speaks about "Chiune Sugihara, the Japanese Schindler," 10-11:30 a.m.; Aug. 24, summer festival 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Aug. 25, **Lynne Kropman** speaks about "Laughter Yoga: Stimulate Your Feel-Good Senses," 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Wagman Centre, 416-785-2500, ext. 2275. Entertainers of the Wagman Centre looking for energetic seniors. Now working on a program dedicated to the 1950s – folk tunes, crooners' songs, rock 'n' roll. Contact **Judy Ross**, 416-733-0580.

Miles Nadal JCC, Phyllis 416-924-6211, ext.155. Aug. 25, High Tea, 1:30 p.m. Enjoy a variety of cakes and teas and learn all about tea.

Sunday Night Bowlers welcomes seniors for a season of bowling and social activities. Call **Al**, 416-635-0563, or **Hanita**, 416-922-1400.

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.

Registration is now open for fall programs. Open house week Aug. 21-26 to sample many of the adult programs.

Movie Mondays – *Just An Ordinary Jew* will be shown Aug. 29. Doors open 1 p.m., movie begins 1:30 p.m.

Drop-in duplicate bridge game with **Samy Toledano**, Thursdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Pay at the door. No charge for people attending first time.

Chai Dancers performing group has an opening for dancers. Some dance experience required. Contact **Teme**, ext. 4364.

Mah-jong beginners and intermediates, Aug. 10-Sept. 14, 1-3 p.m. $58/$68.

International and Israeli folk dancing with **Teme** and **Sandy**, Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. Drop in, pay at the door.

Current events discussion, Thursdays, 12:45-2:15 p.m.

Shalom Singers Choir with **Esther Ghan Firestone** is looking for new members. Rehearsals Thursday mornings.

Learn to read Hebrew, speak Hebrew and understand Judaism in three crash courses offered at the Prosserman JCC and the Miles Nadal JCC. First course is reading Hebrew, Sept. 18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. $75 includes kosher lunch and materials.

MILES NADAL JCC

750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211.

Pick up the Miles Nadal JCC program guide to learn about fall programs or visit www.mnjcc.org.

The Michael Bernstein Chapel holds services every Thursday at 7:15 a.m. and Sunday at 8 a.m. followed by a breakfast. Everyone is welcome for regular services and yahrzeit observance. Call **Coleman Bernstein**, 416-968-0200.

The exhibit *Harry Joy: A Life in Photography* will be on display in the gallery until Aug.31.

What's New is now online. You can find it at cjnews.com

MISSION TO AFRICA: Ve'ahavta, the Toronto-based humanitarian relief organization, has partnered with the Uganda Charitable Spine Surgery Mission to fulfil two important goals: provide Ugandans with necessary spinal surgery, and bring the Abayudaya Tribe – the small Ugandan Jewish community – its first authentic Torah scroll. Dr. Isador Lieberman, right, with two patients at the Mulago Hospital in Kampala, travelled to Uganda this month to perform these life-changing surgeries and to fulfil his promise to the Abayudaya to bring them a Torah scroll.

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If dehydration continues, the cells in the body begin to shrivel and malfunction, causing tissues to begin to dry out. The body's electrolytes may become deficient, and the amount of water in the bloodstream will decrease, which can cause blood pressure to drop, resulting in light-headedness or fainting.

We need fluids to survive. Common causes of dehydration include medications, not drinking water, exercise, excess sweating, diarrhea, vomiting and fever. Healthy adults should aim to drink six to eight glasses of water a day, which means drink enough fluids so you go to the bathroom every two to four hours. Try drinking frequently throughout the day, rather than drinking large amounts at mealtime.

Water isn't the only way to stay hydrated. Fruit and vegetables contain lots of water. An orange is 90 per cent water, which can help you re-hydrate. Eating foods such as soup, yogurt, watermelon or salad can also help you stay hydrated on a super hot day.

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וואָס איז געוואָרן פון דעם דריטן משה?

די מחזיק פון זײַן איינציקל, פּעליקס, הערט מען נאָך אַלץ אין קאָנטעקסט זאָלן. אָבער פון די פּילפּאָפּישע וועלט פון זײַן זיידן, משה מענדעלסאָן, הערט מען היינט כמעט גאָרנישט.

אין אונדזער יידישער געשיכטע רעדט מען זייער אָפּט וועגן דרײַ משהס: משה ריבינו, משה בן מימון (רמב"ם), און משה מענדעלסאָן – דער טעאָרעטיקער און אָנהייבער פון דער השכלה – דער יידישער וואָס האָט געבראַכט ליכט אין אירפּקלערונג צו אַ יידישקייט געבונדן פון טעאָלאָגיע און אַ לעבנסוועג אָפּגעזונדערט פון דער נײַער וועלט וואָס האָט זיך געבויט אויסער דער צאָם פון שטעטל לעבן.

משה מענדעלסאָן, געבוירן אין 1729 אין דײַטשלאַנד, איז געווען אַ פּילאָסאָף וועמענס אַרבעט האָט געווירקט נישט נאָר אויף דער יידישער גאָס, נאָר אויך אין די פּילאָסאָפּישע קרײַזן פון דער דײַטישער אינטעליגענץ– פּרײַ-דענקער, ראַציאָנאַליסטן און טעאָלאָגן. מענדעלסאָן איז געווען דער ערשטער יידישער צו דערגרייכן אַזאַ פּאָזיציע אין דײַטשלאַנד. און דאָס איז נישט געווען גרינג פֿאַר דעם וואַרעמען, נאַציאָנאַלן יידן.

ווי שטאַרק ער האָט געאַרבעט צו מאַכן יידן פֿאַרשטיין אַז זיי מוזן אַרונטערוואַרפֿן זיערע מיטעלעטעריש וועגן האָט ער נישט געוואָלט אַז יידן זאָלן פֿאַרלאָזן זייער רעליגיע, זייער יידישקײַט. ער האָט געוואָלט אַז יידן זאָלן לעבן גלײַך מיט זיערע שכנים– ביזגער מיט די זעלבע פּאָליטישע און ציווילע רעכט.

דער פּאָטער יאָהאַן לאָודעוויג האָט מענדעלסאָנען אויפגעפֿאָרערט צו חיזיק אַז דער יידישער גלויבן שטייט אויף אַ העכערער ניוואָ ווי דער קריסטליכער. דאָס נישט קענען צו באַווײַזן וואָלט נעמײַנט אַז מענדעלסאָן דאַרף זיך שמדן. די פֿאַרוואָמלטע וואָס האָבן געהערט מענדעלסאָנס פֿאַרטיידיקונג פון דער יידישער אָמונה האָבן צוגענעבן אַז משה מענדעלסאָן האָט נישט פֿאַרלאָרן דעם אַרגומענט.

קאָנסערוויטיוע קריסטליכע פֿילאָסאָפֿן האָבן מענדעלסאָנען קריטיקירט און אויך די מינהיגים פון דער יידישער קהילה האָבן שטרענג קריטיקירט דעם "יידעשער סאָקרוטעס." מענדעלסאָן האָט געהאַלטן אַז די מאָדערניזאַציע פון דעם דײַטשן יידנטום מוז דורכגעפירט ווערן אויף דײַטש נישט אויף יידיש. ער האָט פֿײַנט געהאַט יידיש – געקוקט אויף איר ווי אויף אַ פֿראָסטן, נידיריקן דיאַלעקט.

דאָס ערשטע פון זײַנע ווערק איס געווען "דער ביאור", אַ טנך-קאָמענטאַר, אויף דײַטש און אויסגעלייגט מיט יידישע אותיות. דער פּראָבלעם? די מערהײַט פון יידישע ליינער האָבן נישט פֿאַרשטאַנען קײַן "האָך-דײַטש" און די דײַטשישע גראַמאַטיק. "דער ביאור" איז געווען געטרײַ צו דער טראַדיציאָנעלער יידישער טעאָלאָגיע אַבער די אַרטאָדאָקסישע רבנים האָבן עס פֿאַראַכט און די מאַדערנע רבנים האָבן עס געפֿונען צו ענג. די אינציקע ענדערונג וואָס מענדעלסאָן האָט געמאַכט איז זײַן טעאָלאָגיע איז געווען די אפּליקענונג פון דעם משיחישן גלויבן אַז יידן וועלן קענען עטאַבלירן אַ יידישע מדינה אין ארץ-ישׂרוֹל. ער האָט געהאַלטן אַז דער ייד דאַרף זײַן אַ ייד אין דער היים און אַ פֿאַרגעשריטענער מענטש אין נאָס.

אין זײַן קאַמף פֿאַר ליכט און אירפּקלערונג האָט ער אויפגעפּעט נײַע געלענענהײַטן פֿאַר יידן – צוויישן זיי דעם געלענענהײַט צו פֿאַרלאָזן די יידישע אמונה. אלע זײַנע קינדער און אייניקלעך האָבן זיך געשמדט. היינט, פֿאַר יידן פון אַ גאַנץ יאָר, איז משה מענדעלסאָן פֿאַרשווונדן. אין ישׂרוֹל געפֿינט מען נישט אַפֿילו איין גאָס מיט זײַן נאָמען. אָבער מען הערט נאָך אַלץ די מוזיק פון זײַן קריסטליכער אייניקל – פּעליקס מענדעלסאָן.

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Chassidim must pay for fire-dousing water

Compiled by CJN Staff

MONTREAL — The municipality of Boisbriand has decided to charge a chassidic community for the water used to fight a recent fire that left more than a dozen families homeless.

Marlene Cordato, mayor of the town of 26,000 north of Laval, said the reason is that the water main system within the community's enclave is private.

The price tag could be about $5,000.

However, the council also cited its exasperation with a long-running dispute with the Tasher institutions over non-payment of water taxes.

The community is appealing a Quebec Court order in April to pay more than $1.35 million owing since 2005. Two previous court decisions also favoured the municipality.

In July, the municipality launched a legal proceeding opposing the community's appeal.

The fire occurred the night of July 31-Aug. 1 in an 18-unit apartment building that was heavily damaged despite the efforts of several local fire departments to put it out.

Cordato said the water came from hydrants supplied directly by the town's aqueduct.

The community's water consumption is monitored by a single meter at the entrance of its enclave, unlike other buildings in the town, which have individual meters. It's not the general practice, however, to charge for water used to extinguish a residential fire.

Tosh spokesperson Max Liberman called Boisbriand's decision unjust. He said the community won't pay the water taxes until there are meters on each building.

The town said water supply arrangement with the community is spelled out in a 1990 agreement.

Nazi-looted art to be resold

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL—A Nazi-looted Gustav Klimt painting restituted to a Montreal man by an Austrian museum this past spring is to be sold at auction in the fall.

Georges Jorisch, 83, grandson of the masterpiece's prewar Viennese Jewish owner, has agreed to split the proceeds from the sale of the 1915 landscape *Litzlberg on the Attersee* with the Museum of Modern Art in Salzburg, which returned it. The oil painting has been valued at between $29 and $44 million.

The auction is scheduled for Nov. 2 at Sotheby's in New York.

The state-owned museum announced in April that the work would be restored to claimant Jorisch, who has lived modestly and obscurely in Montreal since immigrating here from Belgium in 1956.

The painting was returned to Jorisch in July, following final approval by the Salzburg provincial assembly.

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Metropolitan kosher ice cream makes summer cool

Jennifer M. MacLeod
Special to the CJN

What would we do all summer without a steady supply of kosher ice cream? If you've ever made it at home, you probably used milk or cream, sugar, and maybe eggs, and vanilla, mint or nuts.

But modern industrial kosher production isn't so simple. Additives such as flavourings, colourings and stabilizers can all conspire to ruin a Jewish kid's summer day.

With the help of the Kashruth Council of Canada, Metropolitan Ice Cream has been churning out gourmet kosher frozen desserts since the early 1980s. At peak production, Metropolitan can produce 400 litres of ice cream per hour. That's a lot of sweetness, as a peek into their giant freezer room attests. Don't stay in there too long, though: temperatures hover around -25 Celsius all year round.

Even in a factory, making ice cream is basically the same as at home, but you'll need large metal tanks that hold hundreds of litres. For dairy ice cream, base ingredients are mixed, then they're pasteurized to kill any harmful organisms and improve texture. This is the only stage in which heat is used, which makes kosher supervision much simpler. If heat were involved, the process would be more elaborate, with rabbinical required supervision throughout the manufacturing process.

When Tony Zuccaro's family first took over the business in 1995, he ate ice cream every day. It's still tough to resist: he prides himself on taking no shortcuts, using local fruit in season, and real milk, not powdered, despite growing industry pressure.

"If you use powdered milk, you add... other ingredients that are not from a cow – you're saving 30 per cent on your milk cost."

Not all of Metropolitan's frozen treats are kosher, but the emphasis on pure ingredients gives Metropolitan an advantage in complying with Kashruth Council guidelines, which haven't changed much over the years: every ingredient but milk must bear a symbol from a recognized kashrut organization such as the OU or MK, or the council's own COR.

From left, reporter Jennifer McLeod; Frank Zuccaro, brother of Tony Zuccaro, and Rabbi Sholom Adler

Fresh fruit is an exception. All fruit is kosher, so large fruits such as bananas, orange and lemons are easy. But insects can sometimes be found in small fruits, such as raspberries and strawberries, which Metropolitan buys locally.

"There's no way they could use whole raspberries," said the Kashruth Council's Rabbi Sholom Adler. Instead, berries are individually quick frozen, then puréed in large batches, which halachically nullifies any insects that may have been present.

But with other ingredients, even if they're all natural, there are pitfalls, such as flavourings. Rabbi Adler notes that "every flavour has 80 to 100 components," some of which could come from non-kosher sources, such as civet, derived from glands of male and female civet cats.

Metropolitan uses food colouring in certain flavours, mainly because people expect it. Zuccaro says "some customers insist that banana flavour should be yellow," or that pistachio be green. Colourings can be water- or oil-based, lending another dimension to the detective work of keeping it all kosher.

Some colourings, such as a red dye used in candy or maraschino cherries, are derived from insects – making them natural, but completely non-kosher. Then there are emulsifiers, which include the eggs you might add to homemade ice cream to improve its texture, but can also include fats and oils from non-kosher animals.

And if you've ever seen mono- or diglycerides on a product's ingredients, these are just part of a large category of additives that keep ice cream smoothly mixed and palatable. They, too, can come from animal sources if there's no kosher symbol. Similarly, gelatin, seen frequently in low- or no-fat yogurt products, replaces some of the smoothness and lost "mouth-feel" of the fat. It also keeps ice cream stable longer at room temperature.

Ultimately, consumers can't tell anymore what's kosher just by reading a label. "Rabbis go through formulas, and formulas of sub-ingredients, to make sure it's kosher," Rabbi Adler says. The Kashruth Council maintains a database of thousands of ingredients and suppliers just to keep up with the complex world of food additives.

Flavourings and fruit are added right at the end, while the mix is pumped into a continuous freezer, which is powerful enough to start pumping out frozen ice cream within 30 seconds. For gelato and pareve desserts, there are smaller batch freezers that take about 10-15 minutes.

Adler says that because the process at Metropolitan is all cold – non-kosher ingredients such as gelatin or wine are only added at the freezing stage – cleaning the equipment well between non-kosher and kosher flavours is sufficient. "The wash is a standard procedure for Metropolitan," he says. "This is an inherent reassurance that they will wash the machine properly for their own purposes."

Because heat isn't involved, supervision is less complicated. Mashgichim (supervisors) have access to the factory at any time, but generally only need to come through about eight times a year.

Dairy and non-dairy desserts are produced in entirely separate rooms, ensuring that the word "pareve" on the label means exactly what it says.

Zuccaro says kosher is on its way to being seen as yet another layer of quality and supervision, similar to food-safety and quality programs such as HACCP and ISO. The Kashrut Council's marketing director Richard Rabkin notes that "only 15 per cent of kosher consumers are Jewish – others are vegetarian, vegan, Muslim."

Zuccaro's committment to kosher goes beyond ice cream to his longstanding friendship with the Jewish community through donations and sponsorships, for which thank-you letters line the walls of Metropolitan's boardroom, as well as ongoing relationships with major caterers, providing specific custom products or flavours, such as Chocolate Chipotle or Honey Pumpkin, on request.

He admits he can't undercut some competitors on price. "If cream costs $6 a litre, how can you sell two litres of ice cream for $6? Obviously, it's not cream." Instead, he says, "we make ice cream the way a chef would make it in the kitchen."

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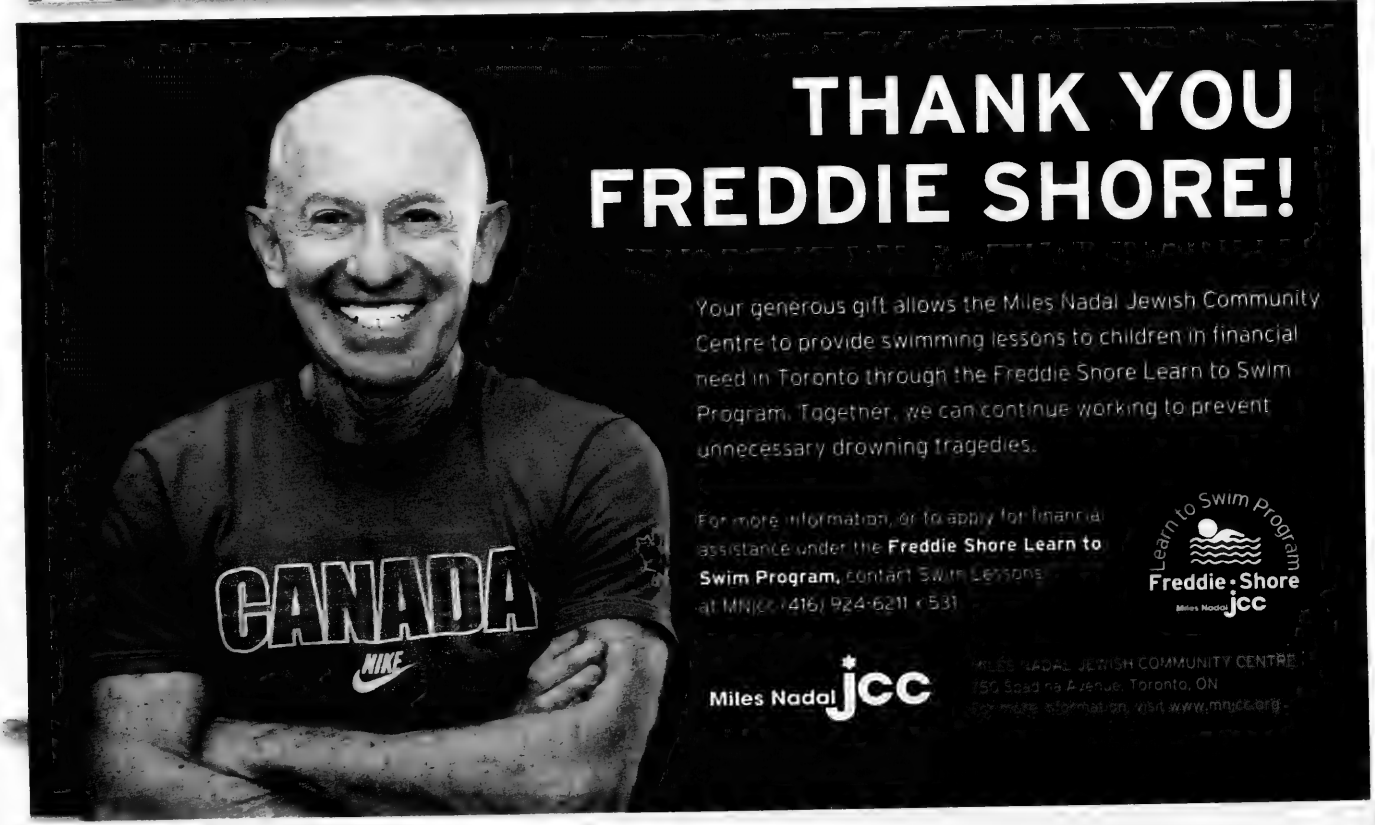
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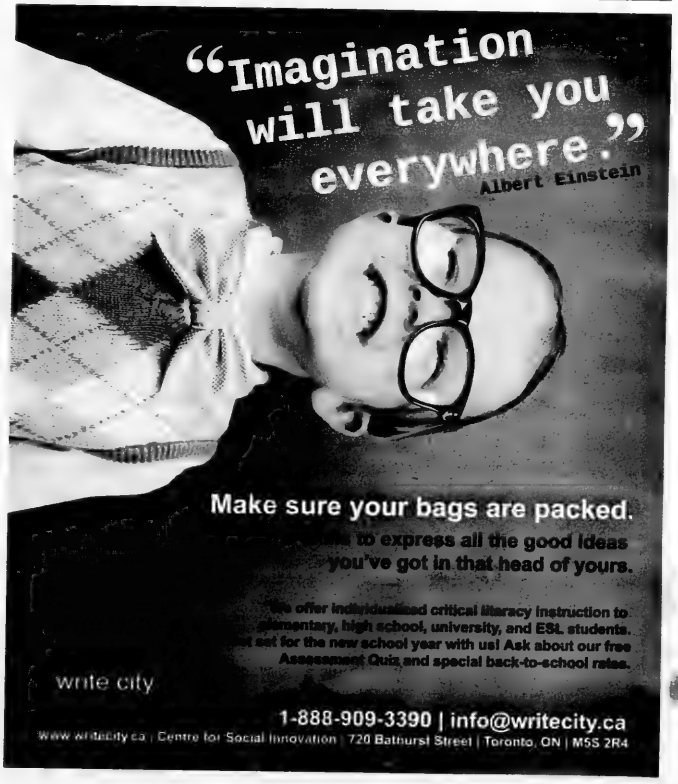
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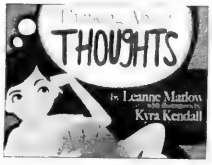

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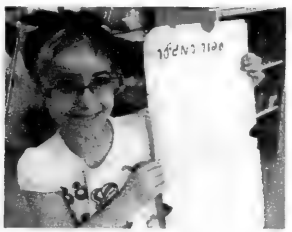

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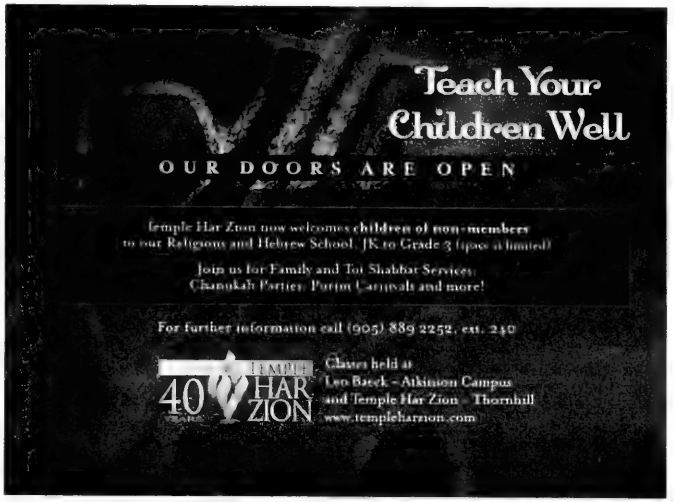
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Iran to build base in Syria: report

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JERUSALEM — Western intelligence agencies believe that Iran will provide funding for "a multi-million-dollar military base" in Syria, according to a report published Saturday in a British newspaper.

According to the *Daily Telegraph*, the deal would assist with the development of an Iranian military compound at Syria's Latakia airport to be completed by the end of next year. The agreement will open a supply route that will allow Iran to transfer military hardware to Syria.

Furthermore, the report says, teams of Iranian Revolutionary Guard officers are to be stationed at Latakia on a permanent basis, where they will co-ordinate arms shipments with Syria's secret intelligence service.

According to the report, western security officials say the deal was agreed upon following Syria's Deputy Vice-President of Security Affairs Muhammad Nasif Kheirbek visit to Tehran in June. Kheirbek is known to be one of the most powerful figures within Syria's security establishment.

Iran and Syria have enjoyed a close alliance based on mutual disdain for the West over the past several decades. In return for Iran's military support, Syria has bolstered Tehran's attempts to develop the Islamic Hezbollah militia into a major political player in Lebanon.

Recent months have seen Iran deeply alarmed by the ongoing rebellion against President Bashar Assad's regime. According to western diplomats, Iran has been sending riot control equipment, intelligence monitoring techniques, and oil to Damascus to help Assad quash the uprising.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

In related news, in an interview with Russia Today news network on Saturday, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad warned that he would respond harshly to any attempts by Israel or the United States to launch a war against the Islamic republic, saying Iran would give a "decisive response" to any strike.

"We have a saying in our language: If someone throws a smaller stone [at you], you should respond with a bigger stone," Ahmadinejad said, adding, "we will defend ourselves within our capabilities."

He told the Russian news network that the United States and Israel "wish to do it [launch an attack against Iran], they want to do it, but they know about our power. They know that we are going to give them a decisive response."

Despite this warning, Ahmadinejad expressed hope in the interview that such a reality would never materialize, claiming there is no reason to launch a strike against Iran. He then went on to accuse Israel of being a regime that depends on terror, occupation and aggression.

The international community has called on Iran to halt its nuclear program, leveling sanctions against it, but Iran claims the program is for peaceful purposes and continues to enrich uranium.

Earlier this year, former Mossad head Meir Dagan said that an air force strike against Iran's nuclear installations would be "a stupid thing."

Dagan claimed that Iran has a secret infrastructure for its nuclear program that is working in parallel with the legitimate, civilian program, but only the latter is under international inspection.

"Any strike against that [the civilian program] is an illegal act according to international law," Dagan said.

He said that contrary to the situation in Iraq, where the nuclear plant of then-president Saddam Hussein was bombed in 1981, Iran has dispersed its nuclear sites across the country, making an effective attack difficult. He added that Iran has a proven ability to move its nuclear infrastructures from place to place, in order to hide them from international inspectors and intelligence services.

"If someone in Iran decides to build a laboratory for centrifuges [for uranium enrichment] in the basement of some school, he has no problem doing this," Dagan said.

He warned that an air strike against Iran has "potential for significant complications and it is best to avoid war with non-beneficial results and also those with no lasting effect. It is important to remember that war is only one option among many alternatives."

Chinese military chief visits Israel

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TEL AVIV — China's chief of staff, Gen. Chen Bingde, was in Israel this week on the first visit to the country by a senior Chinese army commander.

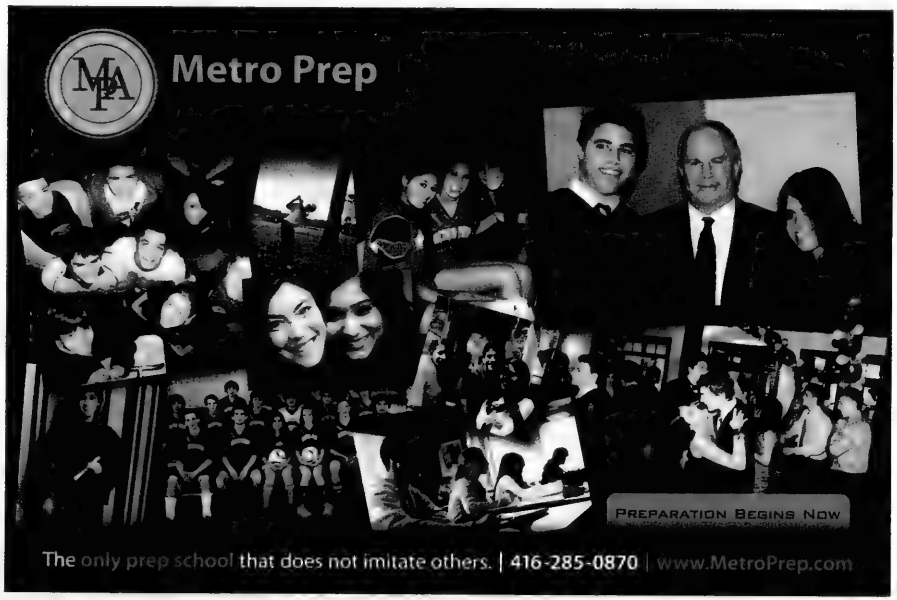
Bingde was to spend four days visiting Israel Defence Forces units and meeting senior members of the defence establishment. He was also scheduled to visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial museum in Jerusalem. Bingde was also guest of honour at a meal hosted by IDF Chief of Staff Benny Gantz.

Diplomatic and military ties between Israel and China had been strained over the past decade after the cancellation, due to heavy U.S. pressure, of a deal in which China was to buy Israel's early-warning Falcon aircraft.

Within the past year, relations between Israeli military and intelligence agencies and their Chinese counterparts have improved. Two months ago, Israel Defence Minister Ehud Barak visited China in what was termed a highly successful trip.

Israeli defence official have said that despite the fact that Israeli military sales to China had not resumed due to American objections, the two countries had been exchanging intelligence information and know-how on combating Islamic terrorism, which China, too, has experienced in the northwest of the country. The Chinese army has also shown great interest in Israeli military doctrine.

For its part, Israel has shown an interest in maintaining good relations with China in light of its diplomatic and military influence and the wide-ranging ties the Chinese military has in the Arab world and with North Korea, which has supplied missiles to Iran.



Mubarak charged with corruption

— *Selling natural gas to 'the Israeli enemy'* —

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Anti-Mubarak protesters shout their hatred of him outside the hospital where he was treated. *[Flash90 photo]*

JERUSALEM — Ousted Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak returned to court Monday to face charges of complicity in the killing of protesters and corruption in selling natural gas to "the Israeli enemy," the first Arab leader to stand trial in person since popular uprisings began sweeping the Middle East.

A helicopter landed near the court, and shortly afterward, the ailing Mubarak, 83, wearing a navy blue sports sweater, was wheeled on a gurney into the courtroom's steel cage for the second session of his trial.

Hundreds of riot police stood guard, but clashes erupted between a crowd of Mubarak supporters outside the building and a group demanding justice for those killed in the uprising that toppled him six months ago.

"The thief has arrived!" the anti-Mubarak protesters shouted, drawing whistles from his supporters.

"Judge wake up! Mubarak killed my brothers! Execute the killer!" others shouted. The pro-Mubarak crowd threw stones, the police cordon dividing the two groups broke and the Mubarak supporters chased their opponents away from the court building. Al Jazeera reported that some of the former president's supporters attacked its correspondents.

In a courtroom packed with lawyers, Mubarak looked composed and stern, hands clasped over his chest. An intravenous needle had been inserted into his left hand. He was not wearing the regulation white clothing of prisoners.

Mubarak exchanged a few words with his sons, Alaa and Gamal, also on trial, and in the same cage with their father. They sought to shield him from cameras and one of them kissed Mubarak on the forehead to comfort him.

Mubarak and his sons are accused of conspiring to sell gas to Israel at far lower prices than those of the international market. All three deny these charges.

Judge Ahmed Refaat called Mubarak's name, and he answered, "Present." Refaat appealed for calm, ordering everyone to sit down to allow proceedings to begin. The judge demanded quiet more than once. "No one can hear 100 people all talking simultaneously," he said.

After the charges were read out, Mubarak declared: "I do not admit and I deny [the charges] attributed to me."

The hearing could decide if the head of the ruling military council, Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi, will take the stand as a witness.

Lawyers on both sides asked for Tantawi, former intelligence chief Omar Suleiman and about 1,600 others to testify as witnesses.

"Tantawi's testimony would help the court determine whether Mubarak gave orders to the interior minister, Habib al-Adli, to fire at protesters or whether Adli was acting independently," said a member of the defence team, who asked not to be named.

Defence lawyers say that any testimony by Tantawi on Mubarak's role in trying to suppress the 18-day uprising could decide the ex-president's fate.

Tantawi's military council has promised a transition to democracy in the Arab world's most populous country - a process far from complete and, the pro-reform camp says, vulnerable to high-level obstruction.

A Reuters reporter saw the crowds outside the court building piles of stones to throw at each other. One protester attacked a policeman. Then police jumped on him and beat him.

"All this hatred is because we let an evil man rule us for 30 years," a senior police officer told Reuters without giving his name.

Refaat ordered that the trial be merged with Adli's and said TV coverage of the trial would end until sentencing takes place.

The charges against the former air force commander could carry the death penalty. The opening session was aired live and counted as his first public appearance since Feb. 11.

For generations, Arab world leaders ruled for life and were seldom held to account. But Mubarak now stands accused of authorizing the use of live ammunition to quell protests, as well as of corruption and abuse of power.

Medical reports issued after Mubarak was taken to a hospital following initial questioning in April said he was suffering from heart problems, depression and fainting fits.

"I want people to read their history and know what this great man has done for us. He kept Egypt stable. He has been humiliated but he is weathering the storm with pride," Ehab Sameh, 30, said outside the court.

Mubarak's lawyer, Farid al-Deeb, demanded that the case be postponed to give him time to view all the documents submitted to court. Lawyers for the plaintiffs asked the judge to split the trial to consider separately the charges over the killings and those involving graft in gas exports to Israel.

The judge ordered a recess to consider the requests. He said the court would reconvene on Sept. 5 to begin hearing evidence in the case.

Around 850 people were killed during the uprising and more than 6,000 wounded when security forces fired live rounds and rubber bullets and used water cannons and batons against the protesters.

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The Israel Lands Administration Council has approved a plan to offer more affordable housing to some Israelis. The plan, which comes after four weeks of protests throughout Israel calling for affordable housing, would provide discounts to developers building more affordable housing units. It would also give preference to those who served in the army or national service, which would negatively affect the haredi and Arab sectors. In the past, preference for cheaper housing was given to families with more than three children, which disproportionately favoured haredim and Arab families.

New units for east Jerusalem

Israel's interior minister, Eli Yishai, gave final approval to a project to build 1,600 housing units in Ramat Shlomo, a Jewish area of east Jerusalem. In March 2010, the Jerusalem municipality's approval of the project came during a visit by U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden, causing a diplomatic uproar. The Ramat Shlomo announcement came a week after the Interior Ministry's Jerusalem district planning and building committee approved plans for 930 housing units in the east Jerusalem neighbourhood of Har Homa. U.S. President Barack Obama is among world leaders who have criticized the approval of the Ramat Shlomo project and new Jewish housing in eastern Jerusalem in general.

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Barak approves 277 Ariel apartments

JTA

JERUSALEM — Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak approved a plan to build 277 apartments in the West Bank settlement of Ariel, 100 of them for families evacuated from Gaza six years ago.

Barak approved the marketing of the apartments last week, the Defence Ministry announced Monday. Building permits for the units had been awarded previously, but marketing them was delayed due to diplomatic concerns, *Ha'aretz* reported.

Construction is expected to take three years.

More than one-third of the apartments will go to Jewish families removed from their homes in the Netzarim settlement in Gush Katif in the Gaza in 2005.

Ehud Barak

Ariel is home to about 20,000 Jewish settlers. It's located some 11 miles east of the Green Line.

The announcement came a week after Israel's interior minister gave final approval to a project to build 1,600 housing units in Ramat Shlomo, a Jewish neighbourhood of eastern Jerusalem, and two weeks after 930 housing units in the eastern Jerusalem neighbourhood of Har Homa were given final approval by the Interior Ministry's Jerusalem district planning and building committee.

The announcement also came after four weeks of protests in Israel calling for more available and affordable housing.

London riots affect Jewish communities

JTA

LONDON — Rioting in London spread to heavily Jewish neighbourhoods this week.

Stores in the Jewish communities of Stamford Hill and Golders Green were urged to close and to secure merchandise Monday night, as unrest that began Saturday night in the north London suburb of Tottenham spread throughout the city.

Residents of Tottenham's chassidic community reportedly gathered on the street to heckle police on Shabbat, the *Guardian* reported.

But following warnings from local rabbis and the Shomrim Orthodox security service, most members of the Jewish community stayed away from the riots, according to the London *Jewish Chronicle*. They were advised that they could go to synagogue, however.

No synagogues have been reported damaged in the riots, though some Jewish-owned stores have been ransacked, the *Chronicle* reported.

A YouTube video showed some young Orthodox men handing out challah to passing residents from a cardboard box.

At least two stabbings were reported Monday night in Stamford Hill.

The rioting began Aug. 6 following the shooting of an alleged drug dealer, Mark Duggan. The violence spread first to youth in poorer neighborhoods.

IDF mining Syrian border

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In anticipation of expected demonstrations and attempted infiltrations following the Palestinians' attempt to achieve statehood at the UN, the Israeli army is planting anti-personnel mines at the Syrian border between Syria and the Golan Heights.

On May 15, protesters from Syria, Lebanon and Gaza marking *Nakba* Day, or Catastrophe Day – the day Israel achieved statehood in 1948 – tried to breach Israel's border, and some succeeded. As many as four Syrian protesters and up to 10 Lebanese protesters were killed during the infiltration attempts.

Protesters in Syria again attempted to cross the border into Israel on June 5. Syria claims that 24 people were killed during the frenzy.

Mines planted by the Israeli military in the 1970s failed to detonate during the recent infiltration attempts.

The operation will continue for several weeks, the IDF's weekly magazine, *Bamahane*, reported.

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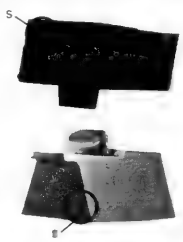

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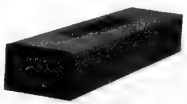

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Sarah's Key, a moving tale about the Holocaust in France

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

"These black hours will stain our history forever and are an injury to our past and our traditions."

So solemnly declared Jacques Chirac, the president of France, on July 16, 1995 in atonement for France's complicit role in the Holocaust.

He was referring to a roundup by French police of 13,152 Jews in Paris that unfolded over two days in mid-July 1942. Eight thousand of the detainees, men, women and children were taken to the Velodrome, an outdoor bicycling stadium, near the iconic Eiffel Tower, where conditions were appalling.

After five days, they were transported to transit camps, and then shipped to Auschwitz, becoming among the 76,000 Jews in France who were murdered during the 1940-1944 Nazi occupation.

The Velodrome incident is at the centre of Gilles Paquet-Brenner's poignant and moving feature film, *Sarah's Key*, which opens in Toronto at the Varsity and the Cineplex Odeon Sheppard on Aug. 19.

Starring the incandescent Kristin Scott-Thomas as a Paris-based American journalist caught up in a historical drama that fuses the past with the present, the movie is based on a bestselling novel by Tatiana de Rosnay.

As the screen flickers to life, French policemen go door to door arresting Jewish families in their homes. Sarah Starzynski (Melusine Mayance), the 10-year-old daughter of one of the families whose lives are to be torn asunder, protectively locks her younger brother in a closet, promising to fetch him soon.

But as fate would have it, she cannot keep her promise. She and her parents, having been thrown into the cramped and filthy confines of the Velodrome are sent to a transit camp where families are cruelly separated.

Fast-forwarding to contemporary Paris, *Sarah's Key* segues to the editorial office of a newsmagazine where four journalists vigorously discuss topics worthy of coverage. Julia Jarmond (Scott-Thomas), a seasoned reporter who has lived in Paris for 25 years and whose husband is French, suggests a piece on the Velodrome.

With the Velodrome anniversary approaching, the editor agrees. Since Jarmond's younger colleagues are historically ignorant and know nothing about this telling incident, she gives them a capsule account of it. "This was not the Nazis," she says of the infamous roundup. "This was the French."

Kristin Scott-Thomas is incandescent as a journalist seeking the truth in *Sarah's Key*.

Although much of France was occupied by Germany, Vichy France, led by Henri Philippe Petain, was a willing collaborator in the persecution and deportation of Jews. France, home to the Enlightenment and the Declaration of the Rights of Man, committed terrible crimes in the name of national solidarity and sovereignty.

As Jarmond researches the story, talking to survivors and bystanders, she discovers an unpleasant fact. The apartment in the once highly Jewish but now trendy Marais district she and her husband are renovating is stained by the history of that ugly event. After the Starzynskis were deported, her husband's mother, now in frail health, took over their "vacant" flat. Jarmond's spouse has no clue it once belonged to a Jewish family. The revelation opens a Pandora's box of heretofore concealed secrets, which threaten to unravel their marriage.

With the Starzynskis having been deposited in the Beaune-la-Rolande transit camp, a way station to Auschwitz, they soon learn they are doomed. Strong and resilient, Sarah manages to persuade a French guard to let her and a friend escape. In an esthetically magical moment, they cross a late-autumn golden wheat field.

As they seek help and sustenance, they are shooed away by an unfeeling farmer, a symbol of French callousness and indifference. Fortunately, a compassionate elderly couple take pity on the girls and shelter them when they most require assistance and empathy.

With the film having moved back to the present day, Jarmond expands her dogged investigation of what happened to Sarah. Did she survive the war, and if so, what became of her and her brother?

Digging deeper, she discovers that the truth – the holy grail of all good journalists – has a price tag, and that everyone is ultimately shaped by the forces of the past.

Above all, *Sarah's Key*, an emotionally visceral plunge into the abyss of the Holocaust, is about the enduring importance of memory.

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A tender film about friendship and patriotism

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff reporter

The unlikely friendship between a Jewish boy and a British soldier in the waning years of Britain's mandate in Palestine underpins the plot of Lynn Roth's tender and nostalgic feature film, *The Little Traitor*, which is scheduled to open at the Cumberland and the Cineplex Odeon Sheppard on Aug. 19.

The 89-minute movie is mostly set in Jerusalem on the eve of the 1947 United Nations Palestine partition plan and is based on the Amos Oz novel *Panther in the Basement*.

Exploring universal themes such as patriotism and friendship, and expertly directed, it unfolds in English and Hebrew.

The central character, Avi (Proffy) Liebowitz (Ido Port), is an exceptionally intelligent boy wise beyond his years. The son of Holocaust survivors from Poland, he is an ardent Zionist who yearns to join the anti-British Irgun militia.

In the meantime, he plays war games with his toy soldiers and friends, regularly shouts the nationalist slogan "freedom or death" and daubs the inflammatory words "British Go Home" on a stone wall.

One day, after violating the British curfew, Avi is detained by a portly British sergeant, Steven Dunlap (Alfred Molina), the son of a lay minister. As they talk, they strike up a budding friendship, and Dunlap invites Avi to meet him at a British club for more chats.

A boy who lives in his fervent imagination, Avi is drawn to Dunlap because his father (Rami Heuberger) is so emotionally remote.

Taking up Dunlap's invitation, Avi discovers that his new-found friend is reading the biblical Book of Samuel and trying to learn the rudiments of Hebrew. Given his interests, Dunlap is certainly different than most British soldiers serving in Palestine. But Avi appears to disappoint Dunlap, preferring comic books to biblical tales and considering the Book of Samuel boring.

Alfred Molina and Ido Port in *The Little Traitor*.

Their friendship is strained by a British crackdown on the Yishuv, the Jewish community of Palestine, but their bonds remain intact and their conversations continue. Dunlap, in an unguarded moment, predicts that Britain's withdrawal from Palestine will result in the emergence of a Hebrew state and stoke further tension between Jews and Palestinian Arabs.

Not surprisingly, Avi's ties with the Briton arouse suspicions among some Jews, prompting Avi to wonder whether his supposed British enemy, Dunlap, is more of a friend than his Jewish friends and whether he and his parents should leave Palestine.

Port delivers an amazing performance as a 12-year-old boy who navigates the shoals of friendship, patriotism and romance. is just right as a sensitive and avuncular man who has a knack for making personal connections. Heuberger acquits himself well as Avi's severe father, while Gilya Stern glints with compassion as his protective mother.

The Little Traitor is family fare at its best, a film that cares about story line, historical accuracy and character development. And the elegiac musical score is terrific.

Torontonian to make a Yiddish feature film

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Toronto filmmaker Naomi Jaye is set to produce Canada's, and possibly North America's, first Yiddish feature film in more than 70 years.

Jaye, 38, has spent the past four years scripting and developing her film *The Pin*.

It's the story of an elderly, isolated *shomer* who comes face-to-face with his first love, Leah, when her body is brought to him in the morgue.

The event triggers a series of flashbacks to Lithuania during the World War II, when the young couple spent their courtship on the run and hiding from the *Einsatzgruppen*, the paramilitary death squads that killed thousands of Jews and others throughout German-occupied Europe.

Without giving too much of the story away – the film has not even been entirely cast yet – Leah's re-entry into the *shomer's* life all these years later allows him to fulfil a promise she made him swear to keep: to prick her hand with a pin to ensure she is truly dead before burial.

Jaye said the film, which is still in development, was inspired by her grandmother, who had an intense fear of being buried alive and made Jaye's father promise to stick a pin in her hand after she died to ensure she was dead before being placed in a coffin.

"This story always fascinated me, because it required an act of true love that was also an act of violence," Jaye wrote in the press kit for the film.

Jaye said the film would be a very "quiet" one, with minimal dialogue. But what dialogue there is will be mostly in Yiddish, the language the *shomer* and Leah would have spoken as young Jews in Lithuania.

Filmmaker Naomi Jaye holds a picture of her grandmother, Leah Jaye, the inspiration for *The Pin*.
(Ronit Novak photo)

There will be English subtitles.

"It wasn't my intention to make a Yiddish film," she said. "It was my intention to make a beautiful, poetic film. It's a film that speaks to the larger issues of hatred and intolerance, about coming to terms with the past and making peace with it."

The theme is a familiar one to Jaye, who said she's always been drawn to stories about men who "have isolated themselves and are then forced to connect again."

Asked why this is, Jaye laughed and responded she didn't know. "It must say something about me, but I have no idea what."

She said she's always been a huge fan of intimate movies that depict "something of humanity" and wants to emulate that in her own filmmaking.

Jaye said she grew up in a traditional Jewish home, but decided that organized religion wasn't for her. She said when she turned 18 she rejected her Judaism, but that when she started making films in 1999, she discovered that all her projects were linked by a common thread: Jewish content.

"I have come to realize that my Jewishness is innate to who I am It is a part of my genetic code, my emotional history, and as such, it forms a huge part of the images that swirl around my imagination and eventually become my films," she wrote in the literature promoting *The Pin*.

Jaye won the Women in Film and Television Toronto's 2009 Kodak New Vision Mentorship award.

That award – which provides the recipient with a $5,000 donation of film stock – and subsequent grants of $20,000 from the Canada Council for the Arts and an Ontario Arts Council production grant for $39,000 have helped move production along.

For more information, visit www.thepinmovie.com.

Ten-year-old a finalist in TV singing competition

Laura Fixman
Intern

Aiden Shufman, 10, said she loved being one of the 16 finalists on the YTV show *The Next Star* because she had the chance to sing with other talented kids.

Aiden, who is from Thornhill, Ont., will be entering Grade 5 at Baythorn Public School next month. She enjoyed watching the show and said that's what encouraged her to audition.

"When I auditioned, at first I was kind of nervous," Aiden said. "But it was really fun to audition and meet the judges."

The Next Star is a singing competition for kids across Canada under the age of 15. Aiden was this year's youngest finalist and performed Katy Perry's *Firework* in the Top 16 performance episode. She said one of the best parts of performing was that she got to do it in front of the judges.

"The judges were really nice, and they made me feel very special," she said. "They gave me really good feedback, and they said they could tell I enjoyed performing."

Aviva Frenkel, the producer of *The Next Star*, said the best part of her job is meeting kids like Aviva every year and helping them develop their talent.

"It's all good and positive. It's about building up, not tearing down like other competition shows," Frenkel said. "I get invested in the kids and I get to know them."

Frenkel has produced other Canadian reality shows, including *Project Runway Canada* and *Are You Smarter Than a Canadian Fifth Grader?*

Aiden Shufman

She said the diverse contestants of *The Next Star* often surprise her with their talent and personality, and Aiden was no exception.

"Aiden's like a 10-year-old wonder," she said. "You could feel like you're talking to a 10-year-old, and then she gets onstage it's like a seasoned professional."

Frenkel added that Aiden is the classic example of the kind of kid the show tries to find – one who has talent but also has a great personality. She said that people like the show because the whole family enjoys it, and she added that it fulfils a fantasy for many people.

"There's an aspect of celebrity to it," Frenkel said. "I think it's like everyone's mini dream to become a star."

Aiden said she felt like a star during the competition and that being on YTV was really cool, especially knowing that her friends and family were watching her. She said her friends thought it was really cool that she was on TV and they watched all the episodes.

She said that being on TV didn't make her nervous at all. "I actually get more nervous with just one person, so with lots of people I'm not really nervous at all," Aiden said.

Before auditioning for *The Next Star*, Aiden had performance experience as a ballroom dancer. she was a member of her school's glee club and she was a member of the Upper Canada Choir.

She had some advice for kids who want to audition for the show next year. "You need to believe in your dreams and try your best," Aiden said.

She wasn't one of *The Next Star's* Top 6 finalists, but she plans to continue singing.

"I want to get more experience singing and performing in front of people," she said.

For more information on *The Next Star*, go to nextstar.ytv.com.

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By BILL GLADSTONE

THE LITTLE TRAITOR SET TO OPEN HERE

The Little Traitor, a film that tells the story of a 10-year-old Jewish boy in Palestine and his relationship with an occupying British soldier on the eve of Israel's independence, is due to open in both Toronto and Montreal this week.

Based on the **Amos Oz** novel *Panther in the Basement*, the film stars **Alfred Molina** and **Theodore Bikel.** It has played in Israel on Yom Ha'atzmaut for the last two years. The film opens Aug. 19 at the Cineplex Sheppard Grande and Cumberland 4 Alliance Cinemas in Toronto and at the Cineplex Odeon Cavendish Mall theatre in Montreal.

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Holocaust Work of Art: The Shaarei Shomayim Congregation of Toronto is seeking written proposals from artists for the development of an original Holocaust remembrance work of art to honour those who survived and those who perished. The congregation plans to award $35,000 to the winning proposal. RFP ("Request for Proposal") forms will be available in the synagogue office, 470 Glencairn Ave., as of Sept. 10. Proposals must be received by Oct. 10. www.shomayim.org, e-mail rfp@shomayim.org.

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Koffler Courses: Noted Toronto poet-essayist **Ken Sherman** is giving two literary courses for the Koffler Centre of the Arts this fall and again in the spring. Poetry Central, for budding poets, runs for eight weeks beginning Monday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Creative Writing for Beginners runs for eight weeks beginning Tuesday, Oct. 4, 7 to 9 p.m. For details, visit www.kofflerarts.org and click on "classes," then "literary."

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Yiddish Concert: Ashkenaz Foundation and the Committee for Yiddish present a Summer Yiddish Concert featuring the **Serendipity Four** – namely **Theodore Bikel**, **Tamara Brooks**, **Merima Kljuco** and **Shura Lipovsky**. Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. $25, $30 at the door; $15 for students. Sunday, Aug. 21, 7:30 p.m. 416-979-9901, www.ashkenazfestival.com.

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Names in the News: Larry King, an icon of television news journalism, is bringing his new stage show *Larry King: Standing Up* to Ottawa and Toronto. The former host of the famous long-running CNN show *Larry King Live*, who has conducted an estimated 50,000 interviews in his career, becomes the subject as audiences are invited to ask their own questions of the broadcast veteran at the end of the performance. He's at the National Arts Centre, Ottawa, on Nov. 28 and at Toronto's Roy Thomson Hall on Nov. 29. www.ShowOneProductions.ca.

Larry King

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At the Galleries

- The Jerusalem Foundation of Canada presents *Under the Jerusalem Sky*, a group exhibition of contemporary art for the Jewish soul, with proceeds going to help youth programs in Jerusalem. Nikola Rukaj Gallery, 384 Eglinton Ave. W. Opens Sept. 18. Opening reception Wednesday, Sept 14, 7 p.m., couvert $80 per person. Liana Shlien, 416-635-5491, or lshlien@jerusalemfoundation.ca
- *Memorable Moments* is a collection of black and white photographs of Kensington Market, Toronto, Expo 67 and other scenes of Canada life by **Harry Joy**. Continues at the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre gallery until Aug. 31.
- *Grande Italia* is a series of panoramic photographs by **Neil Dankoff** of Italian cities, coastal villages and their surrounding landscapes. The photographer's previous subject was Israel. Lonsdale Gallery, 410 Spadina Rd. Aug. 18 to Oct. 2. Opening reception, Aug. 18, 7 to 10 p.m. 416-487-8733.

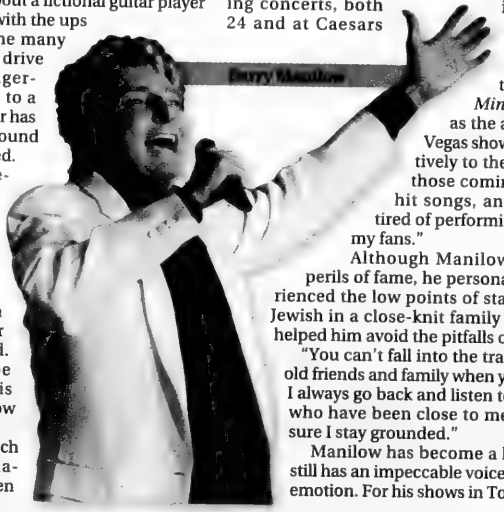
Manilow to rock out and sing hits at T.O. show

Marvin Glassman
Special to The CJN

When singer-songwriter Barry Manilow returns to Toronto for the Black Creek Music Festival this month, expect to hear two songs that are a departure from the upbeat material that made him famous.

His new CD, *15 Minutes*, features electric guitar arrangements that make him sound more like a rock singer than the romantic balladeer who's known for singing the 1970s hit *Mandy*.

The album *15 Minutes* is about a fictional guitar player who becomes famous, deals with the ups and downs of stardom and the many temptations of success that drive many, such as the late singer-songwriter Amy Winehouse, to a tragic end. Manilow's character has a positive end, hoping to rebound from taking success for granted.



Because Manilow has released *15 Minutes* on his record label and because he recorded mostly standards with much success over the past decade, the new sound of the album is risky.

"I don't want to do an album because it is safe for sales. To be safe is to be dead. I was eager and ready to be a songwriter again, and this album is perfect," said Manilow in a phone interview.

"My lyrical collaborator, Enoch Anderson, and I saw how harassed Britney Spears was when she was followed by the paparazzi and we both wondered, 'Is this the price of fame?' So, we ran with this idea, and I wanted the songs to have guitar arrangements and to be more than pretty love songs that I have come to be known for."

The 16-song CD has met both commercial and critical success since it was released in June. The album debuted on the U.S. Billboard charts at No. 7.

For those who prefer a more traditional Manilow sound, he will perform plenty of his hits, such as *Copacabana* and *Weekend in New England*, at his upcoming concerts, both in Toronto on Aug. 24 and at Caesars casino in Windsor on Aug. 28.

"I will have two songs from *15 Minutes* in the concerts, as the audiences in my Las Vegas shows have reacted positively to the songs. But most of those coming want to hear the hit songs, and I never, ever get tired of performing them or pleasing my fans."

Although Manilow understands the perils of fame, he personally has never experienced the low points of stardom. Growing up Jewish in a close-knit family from Brooklyn has helped him avoid the pitfalls of fame.

"You can't fall into the trap of forgetting your old friends and family when you become famous. I always go back and listen to the people I know who have been close to me for years to make sure I stay grounded."

Manilow has become a legend, who, at 68, still has an impeccable voice that resonates with emotion. For his shows in Toronto and Windsor, he will be accompanied by the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra.

Manilow was raised by his mother, Edna, and his grandparents, Esther and Joseph Manilow, Jewish immigrants from Russia who raised Barry in a small Brooklyn apartment. Although born as Barry Pincus, he changed his surname to Manilow shortly before his bar mitzvah out of love for his zaide.

Manilow's first instrument was the accordion and later he moved on to the piano – he got one as a bar mitzvah gift.

For a time, life was traumatic for Manilow both financially and emotionally. He nearly went bankrupt twice and had married and divorced his high school sweetheart by the age of 25.

Early in his career, he coached singers who wanted to audition on Broadway and he wrote commercial jingles. Then he became Bette Midler's musical director, and he went on to produce her first album, and many more for several singers, before releasing his own in 1973.

Very little has gone wrong in Manilow's career since. In addition to selling 80 million albums over his career, he showed his theatrical flair by co-writing a musical based on his hit song *Copacabana*, which was also made into movie for television.

Another show he wrote, *Harmony*, based on the lives of a musical group who lived in Nazi Germany in the 1930s, failed to make Broadway despite positive reviews when the show debuted in San Diego in 1997.

Although Manilow is in Canada this month, he has stopped doing year-long tours and performs mainly at the Paris in Las Vegas near his home in Palm Springs, Calif.

For tickets to the Toronto concert, at the Black Creek Music Festival at Rexall Centre on Aug. 24, 8 p.m., call 1-888-860-7888 or go to www.blackcreekfestival.com. For tickets to the Windsor concert on Aug. 28, 8 p.m, call 1-800-991-7777 or go to www.caesarwindsor.com.

Book reveals the dark soul of a nation

Bill Gladstone
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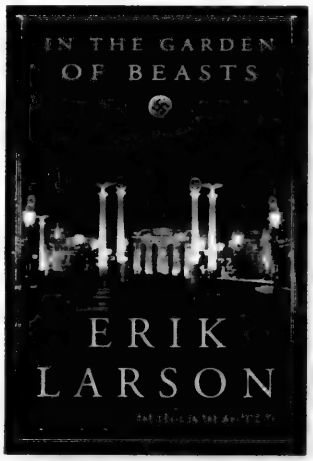
William E. Dodd, the United States' newly appointed ambassador to Germany in 1933, was a Jeffersonian democrat, a history professor working on a volume on the old American South, and a Sunday farmer with old-fashioned values who seemed so out of step with his new posting that one magazine called him "a square academic peg in a round diplomatic hole."



While Dodd had his opponents in the State Department, he enjoyed the confidence of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and so moved with his wife and two grown children, Martha and Bill, into a stately mansion at 27A Tiergartenstrasse to serve as the American representative to Berlin in the early days of Hitler's Third Reich.

In *The Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* (Crown) is author Erik Larson's gripping and remarkably full account of the Dodd's time in Berlin as they uncovered Germany's heart of darkness. It is a story of naive innocents who repeatedly fail to comprehend – but ultimately discover to their horror – that the "new Germany" was not the exciting, attractive, socially progressive place that it initially seemed, but rather a vicious totalitarian regime descending into barbarism.

Finding rich veins of material in Dodd's papers, Martha's memoir and diverse other sources, Larson spotlights the activities of the hapless ambassador and his daughter in alternating chapters. Dodd at first optimistically attempts to spread American values and appease Hitler's unquenchable wrath, even going so far as to tell Hitler that the United States, too, has a Jewish problem of its own. (Indeed, some State Department bureaucrats felt the embassy had too many Jews on its payroll for the Nazis' liking.)

Martha, who was recently separated from her American husband, engages in a series of ill-advised affairs under the embassy roof, some consummated in the library because of its comfortable couch. One liaison involves Rudolf Diels, the scar-faced chief of the Gestapo; a more prolonged romance involves Boris Winogradov, an official of the Soviet Embassy. "This was not a house, but a house of ill repute," the Dodds' butler would observe. At one point, Martha is even set up for a date (in a public bar) with Hitler, who kisses her hand. Hitler up close has a weak and soft face with pouches under the eyes, Martha would record, but his eyes "were startling and unforgettable... intense, unwavering, hypnotic."

Hitler, Goebbels and other high-ranking Nazis delighted in deceiving gullible diplomats like Dodds, assuring them they sought only peace even as they built up what was by far the biggest standing army in Europe.

All Germans, but not foreigners, were required to give the "Heil Hitler!" salute to passing stormtroopers on parade. When Dodd complained that stormtroopers had roughed up some visiting Americans who preferred to window-shop rather than salute, propaganda minister Josef Goebbels mollified him by explaining that the Jewish-controlled press had greatly exaggerated such incidents. But attacks against visiting Americans, like those against Jews, only grew in number. It took him a while, but Dodd finally saw that the land of Goethe and Beethoven had reverted to some bestial primeval stage of civilization and that Hitler's government was "nothing but a horde of criminals and cowards."

Martha, however, remained blind to the Nazi menace, even as it manifested itself before her eyes. One day at a parade in Nuremberg, she witnessed stormtroopers drag a woman through the street as punishment for being betrothed to a Jew. Her hair shorn, her face and head covered with white powder, the woman wore a placard that said "I have offered myself to a Jew." Even after this outrageous display, she was still enthralled by the Nazi movement, which for her had a rosy-cheeked freshness about it that she found irresistible. "The excitement of the people was contagious and I 'heiled' as vigorously as any Nazi," she would write. What finally knocked the rose-coloured spectacles from her eyes was an internal power struggle within the Gestapo that forced her friend, the Mephistolean Diels, to flee for his life. She was afterwards so terror stricken that she begged her mother to sleep in the same room with her.

The so-called Night of the Long Knives, a Nazi purge that saw countless party insiders and opponents murdered as enemies of the Reich, only deepened the family's revulsion; many of the victims had attended the Dodds' soirees at the embassy. Afterwards a new phrase made the rounds in Berlin: "*Lebst du noch?*" "Are you still among the living?"

In October 1933, Dodd courageously gave a speech to the American Chamber of Commerce in Berlin that, using historical examples but not mentioning Germany, warned of the danger of "arbitrary and minority government." He was widely applauded, but the State Department rebuked him because, as a privileged guest in Germany, he was not supposed to make even veiled criticism of his hosts. Later he went on holiday rather than attend – and thus lend credibility to – a big Nazi rally in Nuremberg. The State Department, ever unwilling to give offence, sent another representative in his stead.

Dodd further rankled his Washington colleagues by declaring he would not attend another of Hitler's speeches nor invite any high-ranking Nazi to the embassy. "What in the world is the use of having an ambassador who refuses to speak to the government to which he is accredited?" one railed. Removed from his position in 1937, Dodd returned to the United States where he correctly prognosticated that Germany would soon take over Austria, Poland and Czechoslovakia. He also spoke of the Fuehrer's ambition to murder the Jewish race.

Readers of Larson's previous non-fiction book – *The Devil in the White City* – were introduced to a mass murderer who operated at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. *In the Garden of Beasts* is even more chilling because it reveals the dark soul of not just one but a whole nation of psychopathic killers whose demonic rampage would leave Europe and Russia strewn with millions of dead.

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Fifty-year-old women hold their own in slo-pitch

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

When a team of mostly 50-something year old women competes in the Pitch for Israel tournament on Aug. 21, they're sure to be a force to reckon with.

The Giants, members of North York Women's Slo-Pitch league, started up about five years ago as a social and recreational activity for the women.

Joy Koplowitz, 52, who plays outfield, catcher and relief pitcher, said the team was coached in the beginning by her husband, Marc, who "took us to a place where we knew how to think baseball.

"We have never stopped learning. All we want to do is get better. He taught us to be cognitively flexible so that we can play a number of positions but favour a certain one. Our strategy is to get good at one or two positions." Janet Botham, 44, a team member who plays shortstop and second base, has played fastball since she was a girl. "We've come [miles] since our first-ever game, when we lost 35-0. We were mercied every inning. Now we hold our own against women in their 20s and 30s. We have even beaten that first team.

The Giants

"We practise every Sunday morning, and six of us went to West Palm Beach, Fla., in the spring for five days of spring training," Botham said. "We hired a hitting coach, who brought a pitching machine, and we went out every morning. It was very hot, but we practised."

The team now coaches themselves, she said, and different people bring different skills. There are no formal tryouts, but they're selective about who they recruit, Koplowitz said.

"We took Janet, who started this season, because we needed a hitter, and she is a hitter."

Fran Grundman, 53, came aboard – there are 15 team members and they field 10 at a time – because another player approached her. "I hadn't played since I was at camp, but I was drawn in by the camaraderie. The team is serious about baseball, but it is inclusive and fun," she said.

"I learned what to do if the ball comes to me, or if the ball doesn't come to me. You have to do something every play."

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Former Dalhousie hoops star signed by Maccabi Haifa

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

The Maccabi Haifa Basketball team last week added some Jewish-Canadian content to its roster when it signed Simon Farine, a former all-star guard for the Dalhousie Tigers, to a two-year deal.

The Toronto-born Farine, 24, impressed Maccabi Haifa scouts at a tryout camp in Florida earlier this summer.

While playing for Dalhousie University, where he majored in business management, Farine was a three-time MVP. In his final season, he amassed 501 points, 124 assists and 58 steals.

The six-foot-two Farine was made the Tigers' captain in his senior year and was an AUS first-team all-star, a CIS second-team all-Canadian and earned MVP of the AUS Final 6 tournament.

He will be making *aliyah* to play with Maccabi Haifa and already has an Israeli passport, because his father is Israeli.

Speaking to *The CJN* last week, Farine said he was looking forward to his new life in Israel and reminisced about his time in Halifax.

"My four years at Dal were some of the best years of my life, both on and off the court. But I'm excited [to move to Haifa]. It's coming pretty quick. I've been working a little bit on my Hebrew, taking online classes and getting a little better," he said, noting that he's leaving next week.

Farine was last in Israel in 2009 for the Maccabiah Games as part of the Canadian contingent, he said.

Asked how he felt about being picked up by the Israeli Super League team, Farine said Haifa is one of the "really good organizations" in Israeli sports.

"These are people I want to play for. They treat me well as a Canadian. I'm going to come into [camp] in shape and be ready to play and try and make an impact. They want me to hit my open shots and play good, hard defence and work my butt off," he said.

Simon Farine
[Nick Pearce photo]

While he hasn't yet met any of his teammates, Farine said he's thrilled at the thought of playing alongside some of the talent the team has already assembled.

According to Maccabi Haifa's website, Farine will join a roster that includes former University of Virginia guard Sylven Landesberg, former Marshall University forward Tyler Wilkerson, former Southern Miss guard Jeremy Wise, former University of South Carolina forward Carlos Powell, Israeli guard Avi Ben-Chimol and Israeli National Olympic team members forward Daniel Aidan and guard Tamir Arieli.

Last week, Maccabi Haifa also signed former New Jersey Nets centre Sean Williams to a two-year contract.

Farine called that signing "huge."

"Not only so that he can be on my team and I get to play with somebody who was in the NBA, but I think it's great for the whole league. It should be quite a fun year," he said.

And Maccabi Haifa's coaching staff seemed equally excited about acquiring Farine.

"We were very impressed with Simon Farine at the U.S. tryouts," Maccabi Haifa head coach Mickey Gorka said in a statement. "Simon shined among excellent competition at the U.S. tryouts in South Florida. He's a physical guard, strong rebounder, with a nice touch from mid-range and will add depth to our roster this season."

Farine said he hopes he can help his new team have a winning season.

"I think I'm bringing toughness… to both ends of the court. I can hit open shots and score when needed, and just hold everything together."

He said he couldn't wait to get to Israel.

"It's a beautiful country."

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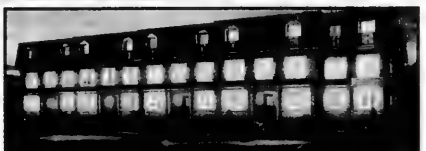

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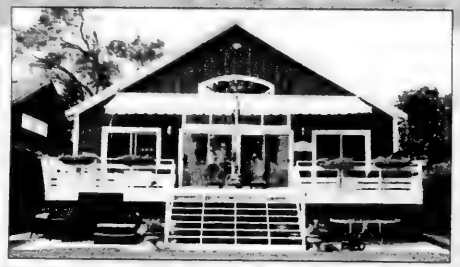

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Actor challenges himself with every new role

Laura Fixman
Intern

Actor Josh Epstein said that he tries to bring as much depth to his musical roles as he does to his Shakespearean roles.

Epstein, 31, is currently performing at the Stratford Festival in Shakespeare's *Titus Andronicus*, as Quintus, and in *The Grapes of Wrath*, as part of the ensemble cast.

He said one of the advantages of performing at Stratford is having access to expert coaches, including vocal and movement coaches. He also enjoyed the longer-than-usual rehearsal process, which he said allowed him to step away from the material and get an in-depth understanding of Quintus.

"I also love being part of great theatre companies," Epstein said. "At the Stratford Festival, I get to be in a company with some of the greatest actors in the country."

The Vancouver native began acting at eight years old in a production of *Peter Pan*. He said that he remembers getting in trouble for showing up in the wrong costume and fooling around backstage, which he joked wasn't that different from now.

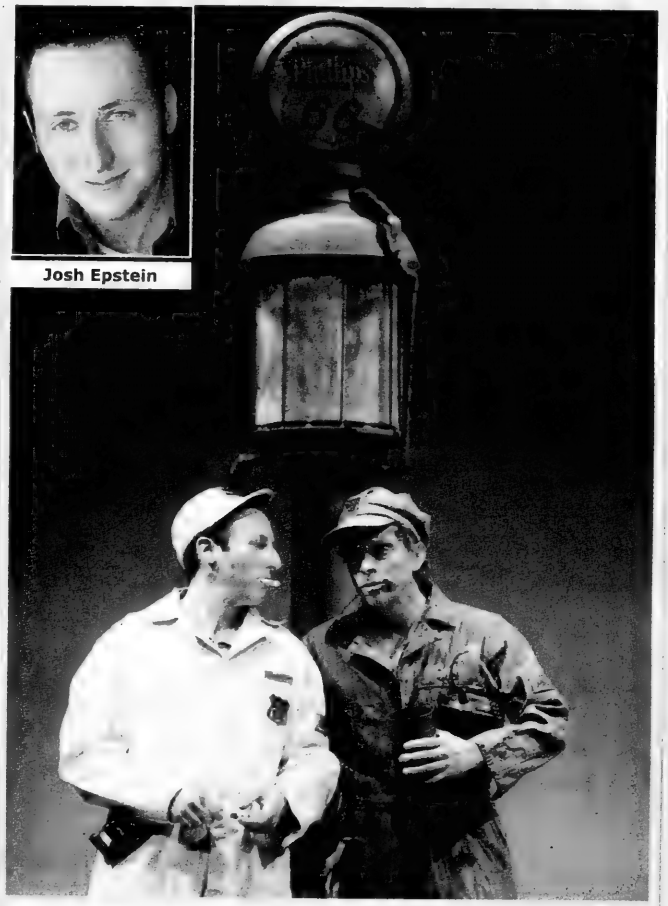
"It was a more innocent time. I was just showing up and enjoying myself," Epstein said. "It's all about getting back to that."

Some of Epstein's recent roles include Barfee in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, Seymour in *Little Shop of Horrors* and Freddy in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, which he said is his favourite performance because it was physical, comedic and dramatic, a combination of everything he could do.

Epstein likes to take on different roles so that people don't always see him as good at only one thing. "People want to take something you do really well and keep you in that role," he said, "I always want to take it to the next level, and with every show and every part I play, I probably work harder."

After high school, Epstein pursued another passion by getting his bachelor of commerce from the University of British Columbia in 2001. He has also written plays, and in 2009, he started a production company called Motion 58 Entertainment. He said that writing and producing has become just as important to him as performing.

Josh Epstein



Josh Epstein, left, and Dylan Trowbridge in character in *The Grapes of Wrath*. [David Hou photo]

"I get a thrill out of using both sides of my brain again," he said. "It's added so much more to this profession."

The production company was awarded the National Screen Institute's Drama Prize for 2010 for the short film *Wait for Rain*, which will have its world première at a film festival later this year. A feature film is in development with Chorus Entertainment. Epstein is also developing a TV series with Andrew Woodward and Josh Ramsay of the rock band Mariana's Trench.

He has won several awards, including the 2009 Ovation Award for lead actor for playing Leo in *The Producers*. He was also nominated for Vancouver Jessie Awards for his roles in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Alice: A Wonderland*.

In 2010, Epstein was featured as a singer at the Winter Olympics, which he said he knew he wanted to be a part of because it was in his hometown. "We entertained throngs of people and it was the best two weeks of my life," he said.

Epstein wants to continue acting and taking on bigger roles, as well as develop his production company further. He said he'd love to play the lead in *Parade*, and he's always wanted to be Hamlet. He's currently working on a Hamlet monologue, and he said he keeps imagining himself playing the role.

"I love playing stuff that's not typical for me," Epstein said. "I wouldn't be the first considered for it, so I'd make a different kind of Hamlet."

He has been in many musical productions. He said that he loves music and listens to music throughout the day, but approaches musicals from an acting perspective.

He added that no matter what kind of show he's doing, he always gets a little nervous at some point. "I could be feeling fine all day, but the second I walk on stage I get a bit of butterflies," he said.

"If I didn't get nervous, I wouldn't be living life to the fullest because emotions, whether they're good or bad, are what we live off of."

Epstein said that people starting their careers shouldn't be afraid of new challenges. "You need to find your own path," he said. "Don't be afraid of what you're good at, but also don't be afraid to challenge yourself at what you're not good at."

He said his family has been very supportive of his career. They come to all his shows, and he added that his sister's first question to him is always whether he has the lead role. He said that his father, who died two years ago, is his biggest inspiration.

"I feel like he's with me every time I go onstage," Epstein said.

For more information about Epstein, go to joshepsteinonline.com.

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'Your mom is a famous actor'

"Why?" I'm standing in my daughter's room. "Why didn't you choose me to lecture at the youth camp's event?"

The little one moves uneasily. "Mom, it's not really for you," she whispers.

I'm furious. She picked her dad to lecture at career day, or something, tomorrow. Him, over me.

"But your dad is just an engineer, whereas your mom is a famous actor and writer!"

The girl looks at me. "Famous, Mom?" she asks skeptically.

"Yes! In Israel, I couldn't walk two blocks without people recognizing me and asking for my autograph!"

"Mom," says the girl, "I don't remember anyone recognizing you back then, or now, and the only autographs you gave were to store clerks, when you were paying with cheques."

I think a little. "Yeah, but remember? Next to the autographs, I always wrote, 'Yours sincerely'"

There, I have a case here.

"Mom, anyway, here you're not..."

I cut her short. "I'm gonna be rich and famous, rich and famous!"

We take a break as I cry a little, then my 11-year-old puts my head on her lap. "There, there," she says.

"Mom, the counsellor said Daddy should come. What can I do?"

I begin to feel anger rising. "Your dear counsellor, is she by any chance the one who teaches drama?" My girl nods hesitantly. "I knew it!" I shout. "It's because I didn't cast her in my play! She's simply holding a grudge, that miserable little..."

"No!" my girl cuts in. "She doesn't want to act on stage, only on TV."

"Sure!" I shout bitterly. "Why not? And if she ever thought I'd help her to get there, she can think again! I mean, true, I'm not exactly in the position of..."

"Mom! Her dad is a very important manager in Canadian TV. She'll manage without our help."

I sob a little, not knowing why, then pretty much knowing. "Please don't tell me that's the same counsellor I called 'Stalin!' to her face.

The girl, again, put her tiny arms around my head, "Well, you said they have the same attitude and moustache. It's not your fault she has such sensitive hearing..."

I say, "Any way, people sometimes have bad memories. Beside, I'm an Israeli. We're known to have a unique sense of humour. Tell her I was just joking and hand her my résumé."

We sit together on her bed quietly for a while.

"You know, baby, one of these days, and it won't be long, people will kill for my appearance at their youth camps! That counsellor of yours, who, by the way, I'm still convinced wanted a part in my play, will kiss my you-know-what to get me lecturing, instead of your boring engineer dad!"

My girl looks at me sadly. "But, Mom, I've been trying to tell you all along – no mom is invited. Why else would they call tomorrow: 'A day with my dad'"?

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Rabbi Yossef Banarroch, co-founder of Midreshet Eshel Sephardic Women's Seminary in the Old City of Jerusalem, who talks about the school's program for secondary school graduates.

Also on the web

The trial of a Montreal man accused of defrauding at least a dozen Orthodox Jews in a Ponzi scheme has been set to begin Oct. 3.

Two Montreal women recently learned how much they have in common, yet they had not known of each other's existence until they were asked to publish their Holocaust memoirs together.

Eva Marx and Judy Abrams discovered the uncanny parallels of their lives when the Azrieli Foundation, which publishes without charge the memoirs of Canadians who survived the Holocaust, suggested their stories be released in one volume.

Seniors' building celebrates 10 years

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Monty Mazin and his wife, Blema, made a move 10 years ago that changed their lives.

The couple, who had lived in an apartment for 25 years, moved into Baycrest's then brand-new condominium building, known as Two Neptune Drive.

The building, a 120-unit life-lease building designed for active and independent seniors, is now known as the Reuben Cipin Healthy Living Community.

The life-lease concept enables seniors to maintain a right to occupy their residence. At any time, the resident can sell this right at an appraised market value and keep the proceeds from the sale.

The facility was named for Cipin, who lives there with his wife, Sharyn Gunter, after his daughter and son-in-law, Marla and Aubrey Dan, donated $5 million to the Baycrest Foundation in 2001 in gratitude for providing the building. Twenty per cent of the income on the donation goes into an endowment fund for use by the residents of Two Neptune Drive.

Mazin, 84, a journalist who worked in public relations, said he became vice-president of the resident council almost immediately. "One of my accomplishments was starting a shuttle bus service to No Frills at [Bathurst Street and Wilson Avenue.]

"The people in the building have become my second family. I can't walk down the hall without seeing a friend. You're never isolated here."

Some of the activities in the building include movie afternoons, exercise classes, discussion groups, Shabbat sing-a-longs, a garden club, and conversational Hebrew.

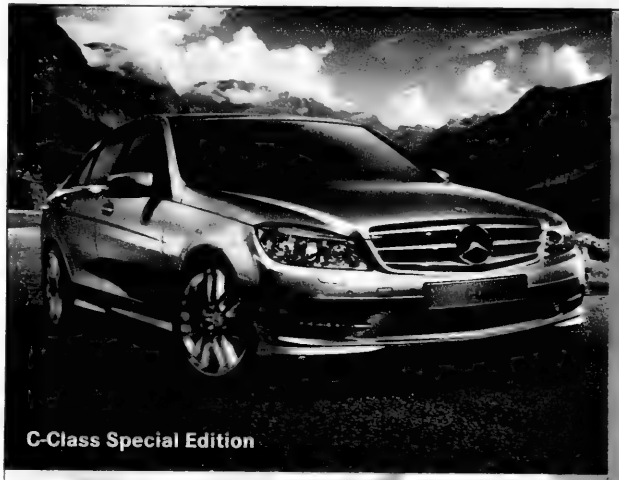
Cipin, 83, who was a lawyer in Alberta for 40 years, has lived in the building for almost 10 years.

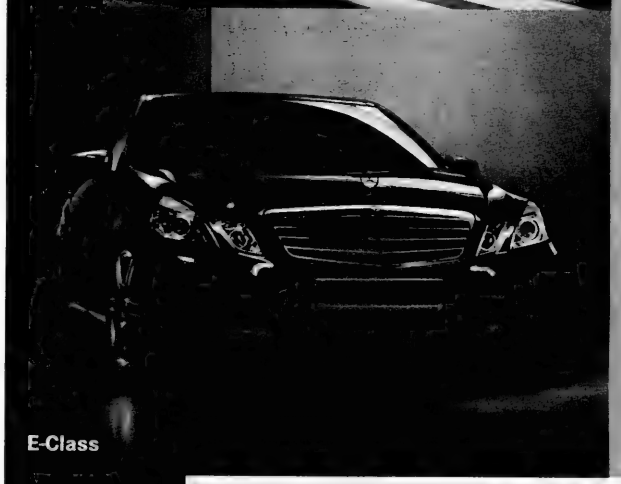
He said, his wife Sharyn formed the resident council when they moved in. "We both got involved because that is our nature. We made things happen. We suggested activities, and pushed [Baycrest] to do things such as plant greenery, improve the sound system in the [social hall], and install a washroom in the ninth-floor games room."

There's a community feeling to the building, he said, "because we've made it that way. We worked hard to get things going."

A dinner was held at the building to celebrate its 10th anniversary.

Reuben Cipin and his wife, Sharyn Gunter. Inset: Monte Mazin





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Israelis react to Eilat attacks

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They may hold dual citizenship, but many Israelis who have a second passport say last week's terror attacks along the Israeli-Egyptian border won't send them packing.

"Whenever I see or hear news of something like this, I feel a mixture of outrage, helplessness and resignation. But no, terrorism doesn't make me consider returning to the United States. I didn't have those thoughts during the worst days of the intifadah, and I don't have them now," said Sam Ser, who moved to Jerusalem from Chicago in 1998.

There's no doubt Israelis are apprehensive that the recent attacks are the start of a new wave of violence. The attacks by members of the Gaza-based Popular Resistance Committees, an organization with ties to Hamas, were carried out from Sinai along the border north of Eilat on Israeli Route 12, in an area frequently used for illegal immigration and smuggling.

Word on the street is that if the Palestinians and Hamas decide to engage in terror – regardless of Israeli security measures – then there will be more attacks on Israelis.

"I do believe that a new round has just begun, but I never felt it was over, just that their attempts had failed," said Amos Fabian, a Holon resident.

"I'm both worried and mad," said Omri Rosenkrantz, a lecturer at the Open University of Israel. "I feel like the Palestinians are using Israel's democratic western nature to do whatever they want, which is mainly wage terror attacks on Israeli cities. The situation in Egypt didn't really help making things easier in the southern border, and it doesn't look like it's getting better anytime soon."

"You hear about wars breaking out pretty quickly, and it makes you... question everything," said Rachel Lasry Zehavi, who grew up in Toronto and now lives in Beit Yitzhak. "My son has a Canadian passport and citizenship. But we're staying – it's not because of this I'd want to get up and leave. Life is difficult because of the economy. Security alone wouldn't make me leave."

Amir Mizroch, editor of the English newsletter edition of *Israel Hayom* (www.israelhayom.com), said the news worries him. "I'm not ashamed to say there's an element of insecurity," Mizroch said. "When you have these reports of an attack here, a shooting there, there's a feeling of 'Oh no, here we go again.' It's even worse now because we became part of the Arab Spring, in the new Middle East, we rose up as a nation against economic issues.

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An IDF Hummer patrols near Eilat on the border with Egypt. In some places, the border is very easy to cross between the two countries, as there's no fence separating them. *[Tal Lezerovitz photo]*

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Mohel Marks 4,500th

KIEV — A mohel in Ukraine has performed his 4,500th ritual circumcision. Rabbi Yaacov Gaissinovitch, a Chabad-Lubavitch emissary who also is a doctor, officiated at the landmark circumcision this month, the Jewish community of Dnepropetrovsk announced. Rabbi Gaissinovitch has been a mohel for 13 years and often travels around Ukraine and Moldova to perform a brit. He sometimes performs five a day. Chabad.org reported that he once performed 22 in a day at a local summer camp – with parents' OK.

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Kibbutz Planned

NEW YORK — A dozen members of Habonim Dror, the North American Labor-Zionist youth movement, said they intend to make aliyah and found a kibbutz. Seven Americans and five Canadians in Habonim Dror (the Builders of Freedom), a movement founded in 1935, will make aliyah next month and live together in a so-called urban kibbutz. Hoping to emulate the kibbutz model of old, the young new Israelis will pool their income and make decisions by consensus. They will cook and share religious meals, celebrate holidays and study together. "We care deeply about the people of Israel and... we have faith in the progressive Zionist dream of Herzl, Ben Gurion, A.D. Gordon and others," said member George Stevens, of Philadelphia, in a statement. "We see rising tensions between Jews and Arabs and the erosion of the social safety net, and we want to work toward a society based on co-operation and mutual responsibility instead."

Chanel Denies Founder's Nazi Past

NEW YORK — A U.S. group of Shoah survivors slammed the fashion house Chanel for rejecting a new biography's claim that founder Coco Chanel was a Nazi spy.

Elan Steinberg, vice-president of the American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors, said that his organization was "shocked" by the charges in *Sleeping with the Enemy: Coco Chanel's Secret War*, by Hal Vaughan, and "the blithe and unsupported rejection of these charges by the Chanel fashion house."

Coco Chanel

The book builds on past evidence to describe the secret life of Chanel, a fashion icon, as a "fierce" antisemite recruited by German military intelligence, as well as the lover of Baron Hans Gunther von Dincklage, described as a "Nazi master spy." The Chanel group denied the allegations beyond that "she had a relationship with a German aristocrat during the war" and further denied that she was antisemitic based on her friendship with Jews and business ties with the Rothschild family.

Steinberg said that the documents "are too serious and historically important to be cavalierly dismissed by the fashion house without any effort to confirm their veracity through objective research."

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Support and faith keep rabbi upbeat

Car accident left popular teacher a quadriplegic

Diane Koven
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — In a split second, Rabbi Yehuda Simes' life was changed forever.

It has been over a year since an automobile accident left him a quadriplegic and changed the course of his life, a very long year filled with pain and suffering, fear and sadness, but somehow also with hope, happiness and gratitude.

The popular and well-loved teacher at Ottawa's Hillel Academy was returning home from a trip to the United States with his wife, Shaindel, and seven of their eight children. After they swerved to avoid a deer, their vehicle rolled over. Shaindel, who was seven months pregnant at the time, had been driving. She was slightly injured, and the children were all fine, but Rabbi Simes was very seriously injured.

Following emergency surgery and some time in a Syracuse, N.Y., trauma centre, he was flown back to Ottawa, where the long and difficult journey to recovery began. He was on a ventilator, had a feeding tube and had virtually no mobility.

Bad news travels fast, and as word spread about Rabbi Simes' condition, the Ottawa community rallied. Financial help, emotional support and assistance with all sorts of domestic chores came from individuals and groups. Students held a car wash and a garage sale, a charitable fund was set up, and people pitched in to cook, clean and help with child care.

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Rabbi Simes and family at his son's brit *(Issie Scarowsky photo)*

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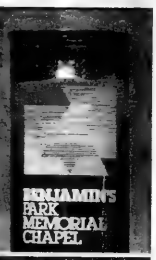

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Intra-communal tolerance (2)

From the editor's desk...

What is the extent of intra-communal tolerance for differing political opinions that we owe each other?

The question is not simply theoretical. As I wrote in this space last week, it demands immediate attention and answer from us because of the vocally expressed anger roiling in some quarters in the community over upcoming performances in Toronto by Mandy Patinkin and Theodore Bikel, renowned entertainers, proudly identified as Jews, both of whom support the refusal by some Israeli artists to perform in the West Bank city of Ariel.

Some members of the community are lobbying to have the performances cancelled. In doing so, have they gone too far?

UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA), the advocacy arm of the Jewish federation system, entered the public debate by issuing a policy statement that responds to the specific, substantive aspect of the political opinion expressed by the visiting artists as well as the general, overarching issue underpinning the free exchange of opinion and idea.

For reasons that they explain in the statement itself, they "reject all boycotts against Israel." They therefore disagree with the views adopted by Patinkin and Bikel and say so: "we profoundly disagree with their promotion of such boycotts."

At the same time however, federation and CIJA state plainly that the freedom to express individual opinion is sacrosanct: "[W]e respect the rights of those artists and performers to express their views."

And of course, we also express our individuality by the performers we choose to see. And this expression of our freedoms was also enshrined in the federation-CIJA statement. "We also understand that community members will make their own choices about artists they wish to see and support."

The statement by federation and CIJA clearly implies, by its very deliberate and precise language, that trying to shut the performances down is beyond the boundaries of their policy. We can reasonably infer from their statement, therefore, that they do not condone a publicly advocated boycott of the boycotters. On the other hand, an individual decision to boycott the performances – that is, to ignore them – is entirely acceptable.

The UJA-CIJA statement tries to balance the important contending concerns tearing at the loyalties and consciences within the community. It is appropriate that it does, and it does so in the right way.

Of course we will have differences of opinion within the community. It is too trite even to write that. Differences of opinion are the very essence of the debates and the discussions that comprise and fill the pages of the Talmud. Differences of opinion have been the pith and substance of every conversation around every Shabbat dinner table.

The key is how we deal with our differences. Normally, we settle our differences of opinion through polite or aggressive, respectful or irreverent, but also usually tolerant, argument.

But these are not normal times. Israel is under siege. Our stress levels are elevated. And thus our levels of mutual forbearance are, alas, diminished.

But prolonged levels of diminished mutual forbearance are perilous to our sense of collective peoplehood.

Our tradition offers a model of forbearance that we should try to adopt. It is the Passover table, to which we invite even the "wicked child." But what are the parameters that define the "wicked child" today? Is every opinion tolerable at the table?

Clearly not.

People who advocate the elimination of the Jewish state, for example, are well past the status of the "wicked child." For, to deny the right of the Jews to have their own state is to deny Jewish faith and Jewish history. And we must also have no doubt that those who accuse Israel of being an apartheid state, to name just one tactic of delegitimization, are advocating the elimination of the Jewish state.

But we must give wide latitude to the free expression of conscience before we brand someone beyond "the wicked child." And we must certainly avoid what our history has always disdained: McCarthyesque accusations against "the wicked child." We do not demonize. That is what our enemies do and have done throughout our history.

I do not agree with Bikel's or Patinkin's views concerning the Jewish communities in the West Bank. Nor do I think the public pronouncement of their opinions was helpful to the very cause they champion.

But their views are entirely within the mainstream of the heated, impassioned, emotional, even infuriating political discussion today among Jews inside and outside of Israel.

Theodore Bikel and Mandy Patinkin hold significantly different political views than I do, for example. But they are not less supportive of Israel than I am.

They belong at our Passover table.

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TERROR ALERT

Jerusalem border police patrolled the centre of Jerusalem on Monday after intelligence officials received signs of possible terror attack in the capital.

[Flash90 photo]

Canada expresses support for Israel after attacks

Compiled by CJN staff

The Canadian government and Canada's Jewish community sent messages of support to Israel in the wake of last week's terror attacks near Eilat.

John Baird

In a statement last Friday, Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird condemned the attacks "in the strongest terms."

"These cowardly attacks, particularly on civilian targets, are abhorrent and criminal. On behalf of all Canadians, I send my heartfelt condolences to those affected by today's vicious attacks.

He added that Canada supports Israel's right to "defend itself against such terrorist acts in conformity with international humanitarian law. Those responsible for these horrific attacks must be held accountable."

In their own separate statements on Aug. 18, the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA), Canadian Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center (FSWC), and Federation CJA in Montreal all joined in decrying the attacks and in sending messages of support to Israelis.

CIJA chairman David Koschitzky said the attacks show how vulnerable Israelis are to terrorism.

"It is no coincidence that this occurs alongside the deteriorating situation in Syria, and Hezbollah's unabated military build-up in south Lebanon. The dangers surrounding Israel are interconnected, and the world cannot ignore these overarching threats to regional stability," he said.

"Our thoughts are with the victims of these horrific attacks, and we pray for a quick and full recovery for the wounded."

Federation CJA president Jack Hasen, said Canadians "cannot help but realize how fragile and unstable the lives of our Israeli friends and family are, and we know that it is essential for us to continue to stand with Israel, at all times, but especially during these all too common tragedies."

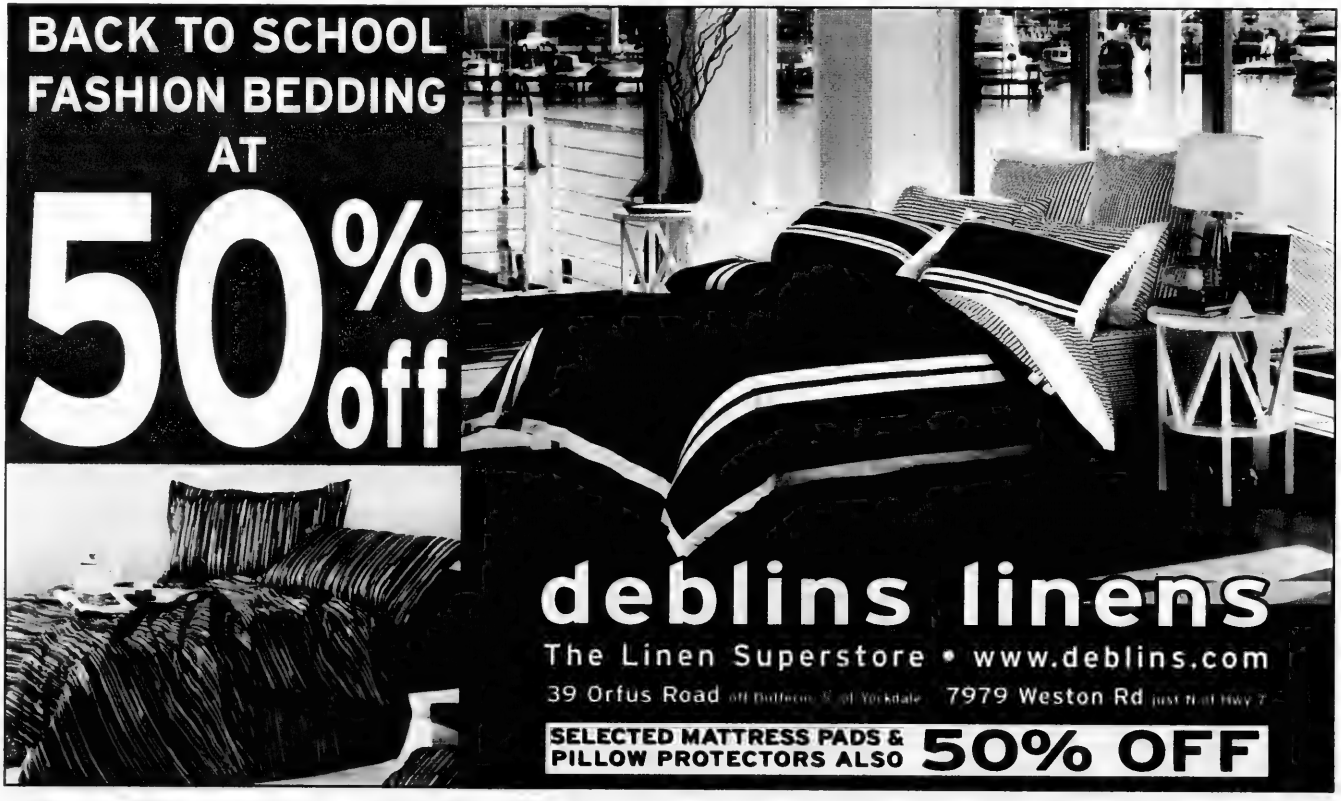
Avi Benlolo, president and CEO of the FSWC, called the attacks a "slaughter of innocent civilians" by Palestinian terrorists.

"This tragic slaughter should be a wake-up call to all UN member states that the leaders of Gaza intend to carry out their oft-stated goal of killing as many Israelis as possible and will never be partners in peace."

In another statement, the World Jewish Congress (WJC) also denounced the attacks.

Israel's president Shimon Peres embraces Sima Naftali, widow of IDF Sergeant Moshe Naftali, who was killed in a terror attack while patrolling the Israeli-Egyptian border, in southern Israel last week. ***[Flash 90 photo]***

WJC President Ronald S. Lauder called on the UN to develop an action plan "to fight growing terrorism in the region. Without security on the ground, it is futile to engage in lofty discussions about peace between Israel and the Palestinians."



AGO vault houses priceless Lodz ghetto photos

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Thousands of unique and priceless photographs of the Lodz ghetto yet to be exhibited have been stored in a vault in the Art Gallery of Ontario for the past four years.

The photographs of everyday life and deportations in the last ghetto in German-occupied Poland to be liquidated by the Nazis were taken by Henryk Ross on behalf of the Jewish Council, led by Chaim Rumkowski.

AGO has 2,430 prints and 3,000 negatives.

The AGO's collection, the only one of its kind in the world, consists of 2,430 gelatin silver prints and 3,000 negatives.

The collection was donated to the AGO by an anonymous donor in 2007.

The collection is stored in an air-conditioned vault deep within the bowels of the museum and kept in good archival conditions. It is off limits to the public, but copies of the originals have been sent to institutions and museums around the world.

"From my perspective, these photographs are of extreme historical value," said Maia-Mari Sutnik, the AGO's curator of photography, in an interview last week. "This is very emotional material. It may be difficult for people to understand the circumstances under which these photographs were taken."

In addition to the photographs, the collection comprises ghetto currency, stamps, newspapers and official announcements in Yiddish and German.

But the most important component in the collection are Ross' stark black-and-white photographs, which shed light on the ghetto's doomed Jewish inhabitants, the last of whom were deported to death camps in Poland 67 years ago this month.

Ross, born in Warsaw in 1910, was a sports photographer in Lodz – a centre of the textile industry – before the outbreak of World War II in 1939.

After the ghetto was established in 1940, Ross landed a job in the Jewish Council's department of statistics. His task was to take identity card photographs and photographs of Jewish workers producing goods for Germany's war effort.

At great risk to himself, he clandestinely took photographs of appalling conditions in the ghetto, where starvation and illness were rampant, and of deportations.

By his own estimate, he snapped about 10,000 photographs. In all probability, he used a 35 mm Leica camera, Sutnik said.

In August 1944, as the ghetto was being emptied, Ross buried his photographs, hoping to retrieve them one day.

But when he unearthed his cache a few months before the end of the war, he discovered that most of them had been badly damaged by the elements. The remainder were not in the best of condition, having been water-logged.

Maia-Mari Sutnik

After the war, Ross immigrated to Israel, where he was employed as a photographer. During the trial of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann, some of Ross' photographs were used as evidence to convict him.

In the wake of the celebrated trial, Ross published *The Last Journey of the Jews of Lodz*, a Hebrew-language book containing about 100 of his ghetto photographs, many on the deportations.

He died in 1991.

His son, a resident of the United States, sold his father's photographs – prints and negatives – to a Canadian collector from Toronto.

The collector, who prefers to remain anonymous and is not Jewish, donated the photographs and the ghetto currency, stamps, newspapers and official announcements to the AGO, which has 52,000 images in its photographic collection.

Lodz ghetto children on the eve of their deportation to death camps in Poland.

The collector is deeply interested in material that portrays conflict, war and personal life, said Sutnik, who completed a degree in art history at York University and graduated from the Ontario College of Art.

Sutnik is thinking of mounting an exhibit at the AGO in the not-too-distant future and plans to give a talk on the collection in November.

In the meantime, she said, the negatives may have to be placed in deep freeze because they are deteriorating, and the newspapers are in very fragile condition.

"We have a huge task in front of us," said Sutnik, whose family is originally from eastern Europe.

The AGO does not have any of the photographs of Mendel Grossman, another photographer who roamed the Lodz ghetto.

Grossman died toward the end of the war, and negatives of his photographs were found by his sister.

Some of the photographs were sent to Israel for safe-keeping, but were lost during the 1948 Arab-Israeli war.

Still other photographs were saved by Grossman's friend, and are now housed in an Israeli Holocaust museum on a kibbutz in the Galilee.

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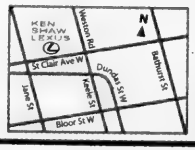

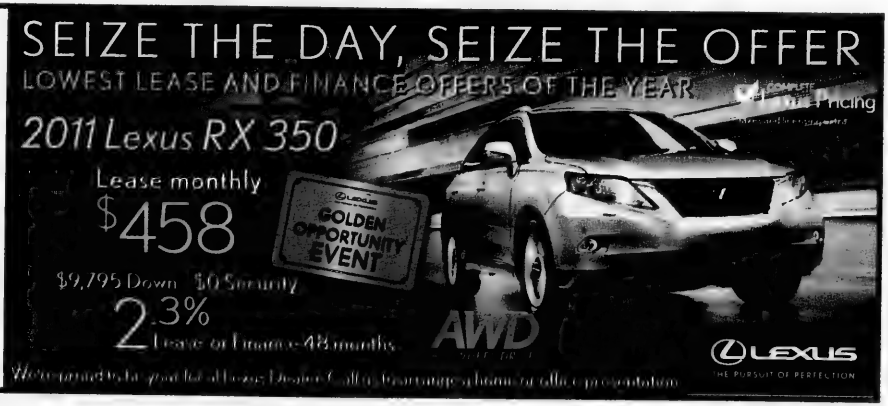

JNF plans motorcycle ride for fire victims

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

When David MacKinnon heard about the tragic forest fire in Israel that claimed the lives of 40 prison wardens last December, he felt he needed to honour them in some way.

"I felt absolutely terrible about it," said MacKinnon, a 57-year-old operational manager for Ontario's Ministry of Community Safety and Corrections Services.

"Being correctional officers themselves, getting killed, I just felt terrible," he said, fighting back tears. "I just couldn't imagine the horror that they went through in performance of their duty and dying doing it. It is just a terrible tragedy. I just felt like I had to do something."

It was Janet Miller, MacKinnon's wife, who informed him about the four-day forest fire that ravaged the Carmel region in northern Israel and killed 40 prison guards who were en route to evacuate the Damun Penitentiary when a fallen tree trapped their bus in the fire.

MacKinnon immediately contacted the Israeli consulate in Toronto, which directed him to Josh Cooper at JNF Toronto.

Cooper, JNF Toronto's executive director, said he recalled the day in December when MacKinnon called his office.

"He said when something happens to a police officer in the line of duty, the whole policing community gathers around the family, and rightfully so," Cooper said. "But there is nothing for prison wardens. And here were 40 prison wardens who were going to save prisoners, and he felt it was his duty to do something to honour them and if possible to help the families of the 40."

MacKinnon and Cooper spoke about planning an event to raise money for the families of the victims.

"We just began chatting, and I had mentioned that I was the president of the Hard Chargers Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club and discovered that we had a mutual interest. We both ride motorcycles," McKinnon said.

"I happen to belong to a Jewish motorcycle club called Golf Riders," Cooper said, adding that they decided to organize a fundraiser based on their shared love of motorcycle riding.

David MacKinnon

On Sept. 25, JNF Toronto will host its Correctional Officers Ride to raise money for a scholarship for the children of the victims of the fire.

Michael Charendoff, a 42-year-old Torontonian who was on a recent JNF leadership trip to Israel in July, is on the committee for the ride.

Charendoff, who is also a Golf Riders member, said he hopes the upcoming ride will become an annual event that will sustain the scholarship for years to come.

"These folks who perished, their families should get something. It won't replace them, but it will give them some support that they so rightfully deserve," he said.

"We'd also like to help build awareness about what JNF is all about, raise awareness about what happened there and make sure people don't forget and continue to support the families."

Rebecca Woods Baum, JNF Toronto's outreach and program co-ordinator, said the tentative plan is the two-hour ride will begin in the Jane Street and Highway 7 area.

"We're going to have a little ceremony for the fallen prison wardens, and then they'll go on the ride, and there'll be some raffle prizes and a lunch when they come back," she said.

The riders can register online on the JNF website, www.jnftoronto.ca. There's a registration fee of $25 for riders and $15 for passengers, and each rider has the opportunity to raise money through sponsorship.

"What we're really hoping for is that not only motorcyclists show up, but other people, families, show up, because it's not just about people riding their bikes, coming back and having something to eat. We want them to come and hear about what happened," Charendoff said.

He explained that during the JNF trip to Israel, their guide took them to the turn in the road near Kibbutz Beit Oren where the wardens were trapped on their way to evacuate the prisoners.

"It totally put it in perspective. Just to sit there and think about what these guys went through that day – it's awful, just awful. It meant so much to be able to go where this happened. Being a part of the committee to plan this event, it meant a lot to me."

MacKinnon, who has connections both with members of the law-enforcement community and the motorcycle-riding community, said bikers will be coming in from as far away as New York and Pennsylvania.

"The international president of the Hard Chargers, Steve Pollard, is coming from New Hampshire," MacKinnon said, adding he hopes this event will attract upward of 500 people.

Another notable attendee is Dundas, Ont., MP David Sweet, who is also a biker and the chair of the ride.

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After Tahrir Square, the deluge

Six months and one week after Hosni Mubarak was deposed as president of Egypt, the Egyptian border yielded its first organized slaughter of Israelis. In a well-planned, co-ordinated series of attacks, Palestinian terrorists killed eight Israelis and wounded 30 more over the course of some eight hours on Aug 18.

The attacks were planned in the Gaza Strip and executed by terrorists who crossed from Gaza into Sinai through tunnels underneath the Gaza-Sinai border. They then travelled some 200 kilometres to the Sinai border area, protected by a flimsy wire fence, about 15 kilometres north of Eilat. During Mubarak's long tenure as president, a flimsy wire fence was usually sufficient to secure the two countries. Israeli security believes 15 to 20 terrorists took part in the attacks. The IDF killed five. Egyptian forces killed two. Most escaped. Typically, the terrorists first targeted unarmed civilians. They opened up fire on an Egged bus and on passing cars, killing and wounding indiscriminately. A long day of military responses ensued, involving a number of Israel's armed forces units to deal with the sophisticated, murderous onslaught.

Since Mubarak's fall from power, Israel's security situation in the south has rapidly deteriorated. Arms are regularly smuggled into Gaza from Sinai. The Egyptian army apparently has neither the ability nor the will to staunch the flow. The primary source of the weaponry has been from Iran via Sudan. Of late, weapons have also arrived into Gaza from the chaos that is Libya.

Terrorist groups and their supporters must be drooling with ghoulish delight at the myriad possibilities now available to them in the vast unguarded desert of Sinai to kill Jews. Israel cannot nor, obviously, will not tolerate the new dangerous status quo.

The Jewish state is building a 200-kilometre, high-tech fence along the border with Egypt. Thus far, 45 kilometres have been completed. The pace of further construction has been considerably expedited. But there is yet a great deal of death for terrorists to deliver until the fence is finished.

The White House immediately condemned the attacks "in the strongest terms," adding that it stands with Israel "united against terror, and we hope that those behind this attack will be brought to justice swiftly."

Indeed, the entire civilized world must stand with Israel united against terror. Israel is the democracies' bellwether. The terror aimed at Israel is also aimed at them, at us, at all societies that cherish freedom, the rule of law and the sanctity of life.

We had hoped that after Tahrir Square, a better society for Egyptians might evolve. To date, however, it has been the deluge.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

Israeli prime minister Shimon Peres said the quick end to recent Soviet-Israeli talks in Helsinki caused him little worry. The Soviets said they were halted because Israel insisted on discussing internal Soviet matters, such as Jewish emigration and the USSR's treatment of its Jews. Moscow broke off diplomatic relations with Israel after the 1967 Six Day War.

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The new JCC building

Rabbi Erwin Schild laments the "destruction" of the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre as he criticizes the community for its decision to prioritize "opulence" over Jewish education ("On Tisha b'Av weep for the BJCC!" Aug. 4). Yet as I look out the window by my desk, in the (still-standing) Prosserman Jewish Community Centre, at the daycare, I can't help but feel that things are where they should be.

"Three hundred million dollars would go a long way toward providing for Jewish education," Rabbi Schild writes. "Does it make sense and is it morally and halachically defensible to destroy a serviceable, handsome and adequate building that could be repaired and renovated?" Perhaps not, but does it make sense to contribute $300 million toward Jewish education in Toronto when there are starving children in Sub-Saharan Africa? The answer is no, of course, and were we to base all of our charitable decisions on which cause needed the money most, few would continue to contribute to any worthy organizations.

The essence of philanthropy is passion, not utility. When donors in Toronto choose to contribute to the building of a new Jewish community centre, it is because that is their passion. I, unfortunately, cannot take personal responsibility for this "blinded, misguided, foolish and reckless… fiasco," although if I could truthfully do so, I would with pride – because the BJCC is my passion.

Louis Train
Toronto

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Tolerance (1)

I wish someone would explain to Mandy Patinkin that Israel fought a war it did not begin ("Intra-communal tolerance," Aug. 18). Fortunately for the State of Israel and for worldwide Jewry, it won that war. The West Bank was recognized under the British Mandate as part of a future Jewish state by the international community in the 20th century, and it is not illegal for the Israelis to be there. Someone should explain that the dispute can be settled only by negotiation between the parties, not by boycotts such as Patinkin proposes. Someone should ask Patinkin how the Israelis can negotiate when the Palestinians have no desire to negotiate or when people like him deter the possibility of negotiation.

Patinkin requires education in international law. I propose that every Jew allow him this time to learn by not attending his Toronto performance in September.

Linda Sky Grossman
Toronto

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Tolerance (2)

Intra-communal tolerance works both ways, and Theodore Bikel shows zero tolerance by boycotting a Jewish community in Israel. Why not have Not in Our Name or Code Pink perform at the synagogue, or give speeches about why Israel is so wrong and the Palestinians are so right? Bikel would be wise to advise people to boycott anything made in countries whose leaders are against Israel.

Vardit Feldman
Toronto

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Bombing Auschwitz was doable

In the column "Holocaust 101 at Yad Vashem" (Aug. 4), Sheldon Kirshner writes: "The Allies rejected a plea to bomb the rail lines leading to Auschwitz, claiming they could easily be repaired. They also claimed they had no aircraft with the range to reach Auschwitz. This was patently untrue. Allied planes had had already bombed Auschwitz subcamps."

From spring 1944, Allied bombers based in northern Italy were able to fly within the range of death camps in Poland. Of course, high-altitude bombing of Auschwitz would have raised the moral question of dropping deadly bomb loads and killing thousands of prisoners. The precision low-level bombing of the crematoria was doable and supported by the fact that in February 1944, under the code name Jericho, 19 British Mosquito bombers made a successful low-level bombing run on a prison in Amiens, France, breaching the walls, and facilitated the escape of French resistance fighters who were about to be executed. The option of bombing the crematoria would have been a fairly easy task. The Auschwitz complex did not have the same anti-aircraft protection as other targets in Germany or occupied Europe.

As a matter of fact, the German air defence headquarters for the Auschwitz sector complained to the German high command about the night cremations, when flames were shooting out from the chimneys of the five crematoria and could be seen for miles, as witnessed by American flyers.

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The restructuring of communal advocacy

Why is the new way better than the old way?

Sally F. Zerker

I have taken the trouble to read through all the reports in the *Canadian Jewish News* about the recent restructuring of the Jewish community organizations, articles from 2010 leading up to and beyond July 1, 2011, when the reconfiguration of Jewish community advocacy structure officially began (so far known as CIJA 2.0). In all those articles, I never saw any indication that the Jewish people of Canada were consulted in any way on this dramatic transformation. Nowhere did I see evidence that the master plan of the restructuring committee regarding this major change was published for all to see. In this day and age, all that was needed was a website that showed all aspects of the plan and changes to it as they occurred. And comments and analyses should also have been welcomed.

It's important and very interesting to know the constitution of that critical committee. As reported in *The CJN* last month, the committee was composed of eight men, seven of whom were associated in either a professional or volunteer way with well-established Canadian Jewish organizations. One member of the committee was unaffiliated and was obviously from the community at large. United Jewish Appeal (UJA) was represented by two committee members. The president of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) was on the committee. Two members were from the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA), and one representative was from the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC).

I'm sure these men (they were only men, you'll notice) are respectable and responsible Jews, and I'm sure this committee was well-versed about and experienced in dealing with the Jewish community's bureaucracy. But with the exception of one organization, none of the others are directly linked to the community at large and certainly had no means for appraising public opinions regarding the drastic changes they were planning. The exception was Canadian Jewish Congress, which, to the best of my recollection, had a system of community participation for election of its officers every few years, although even that system seems to have been disbanded recently.

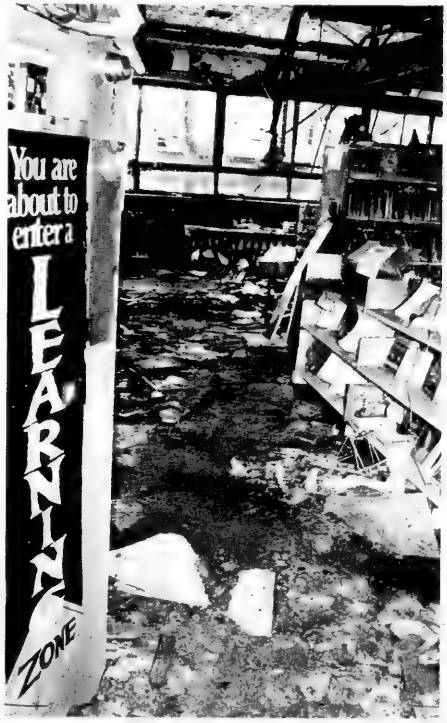
For this indifferent approach to have taken place, there had to be an assumption that this group could indeed represent the whole community. This confidence is reinforced by their argument that the Jewish community is best served when it has only one voice for advocacy, and that the new super-agency will be that appropriate speaker. Shimon Fogel, newly appointed CEO of this new organization, still known as CIJA 2.0, said it will be a top-down approach, in order to "clarify and simplify" messaging on Jewish advocacy. Apparently, grassroots input is not a priority at all.

It is this superior attitude that seemingly justifies the compression of historic and useful branches of the community into one body, never to be heard from again. The astonishingly strange fact is that this method of suppressing institutions and assigning authority to one organization has been tried before – indeed only seven years ago – in the form of CIJA itself, and, sadly, CIJA turned out to be a bust.

Oh, I know, these wise men, upon hearing my evaluation of CIJA, are shaking their heads in denial, saying that it was by no means a failure. But, of course, if CIJA had worked out well, by its own (not my) standards, they would have left well enough alone. There would have been no need to close down CJC, which has served the Jewish community pretty well for more than 90 years. Gone too are the CIC, the Quebec-Israel Committee (QIC), the University Outreach Committee (UOC) and National Jewish Campus Life (NJCL).

There are two claims about why the creation of this super-agency will be beneficial, and they're both wrong. First, the basic idea, that of a single voice for Jewish and Israel advocacy, is mistaken. I believe we need multiple voices, strong and aggressive voices, out in the open and certainly not hidden behind some mythical behind-the-scenes operation. It seems obvious to me that when we Jews as a community must defend ourselves from hostile and unfounded attacks, the defence is more effective if it comes from a myriad of sources rather than just one.

Secondly, the argument for this new form of advocacy is that the lines of distinction between the domestic agenda and the Israel agenda have blurred to the extent that it is really impossible to tell one from the other. According to Fogel, the need for reorganization stemmed from the belief that the lines between anti-Zionism and antisemitism have become indistinguishable, and, supposedly, a single agency is better equipped to sort out this "confusion." But if this was some kind of inhibiting factor for advocacy for the "old" organizations, why would CIJA 2.0 be better equipped to sort out this problem? In my opinion, this is not a good enough



The scene at the UTT school in Montreal in 2004 after the firebombing of the library. CIJA's mandate is to respond to such horrendous acts of antisemitism. ***[H.Kay photo]***

> ***All we can do now is to warily watch events as they proceed and hope that all goes well***

and/or valid reason for abolishing existing, functioning institutions and firing many experienced and dedicated workers – significantly, at a cost of very expensive compensation packages, for which the Jewish community is obligated. Moreover, I think it's important that the community be informed what this obligation is costing us.

This new Canadian Jewish advocacy program is, in my opinion, now in deep trouble. When CIJA came into being in 2004, its authority over the other agencies was very significant, because it held the purse strings, to the tune of $11 million. Nevertheless, those subsidiary organizations were not wiped out, and there was still a measure of independent advocacy that emerged between 2004 and this past year. So, while CIJA put all its efforts into a "behind the scenes" policy and took a risk-averse approach to open, up-front communications (as expressed by its policy document called "The Ten Commandments"), the Jewish community had some choice about that approach through still-active alternatives.

As to the behind-the-scenes approach, or what might be called a *sha-shtil* method, the Jews of Canada should take a lesson from the past when, to their dismay during the time of the Holocaust, such hidden advocacy practices turned out in reality to be no advocacy at all.

In effect, CIJA 1.0 had a mini-monopoly. But CIJA 2.0 has a complete monopoly. All that is left now is the one and only centralized agency for Israel and Jewish advocacy. It's a serious worry that if that one body follows the lead of its predecessor and pretty well only pursues behind-the-scenes advocacy, the effect on the cause of Israel and Jewish support will be devastating. Effective Israel advocacy must be seen and heard, and must be timely.

For example, CIJA 1.0 was in authority during the introduction of "Israel Apartheid Week" at the University of Toronto, which has now spread to 40 universities in Canada and the United States. There was no battlefront opened by CIJA's leadership against this deceitful and vicious attack on Israel, and to the best of my recollection, which I've since confirmed with activist students from the organization Hasbara, those student organizations under CIJA's umbrella were cautioned to ignore anti-Israel tirades. They were told that behind-the-scenes measures would handle matters. As we know, whatever tactics were in fact undertaken, they turned out to be useless.

All we can now do now, in light of Canadian Jewry's current factual reality, is to warily watch events as they proceed, and hope that all goes well. But if we see that Israel and the Jewish people are not being defended properly by our Canadian advocacy institution, we must let our voices be heard, loud and clear.

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Israel's new normalcy

Over the last number of months, Israel has been feeling like a normal country. Citizens have boycotted cottage cheese, doctors have been striking for a restructuring of their salaries and now tent cities are sprouting up all over Israel in protest of the lack of affordable housing. All this while a few Qassam rockets have fallen, and there remains the "minor issue" of September and the United Nations vote on Palestinian statehood. It has even been reported that Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is debating a policy of publicly pursuing a nuclear weapon.

What is remarkable is that in the midst of these "minor" existential challenges, Israelis have found the room not only to worry about the question of whether we will *be*, but who we *want* to be, and what kind of a society we want to have. These last few months are the greatest sign of Israel's power and success. While our neighbourhood has not miraculously relocated to North America or western Europe and is still a profoundly dangerous place, Israelis are beginning to move beyond a singular preoccupation with the crisis of survival. These are the harbingers of a new normalcy.

Jewish sovereignty is not expressed merely in national independence for the Jewish people, but in the opportunity for the Jewish people to shape our own society in accordance with the values and ideals of our people and traditions. It is about creating a society of value, grounded on a politics of values. It is about moral aspirations meeting the public marketplace and inspiring the creation of a new reality.

Rabbi Donniel Hartman

in Jerusalem

The Israeli government can look at the various civic protests over the last few months as localized challenges that need ad hoc political solutions. It might even lead to the "solving of the problem" through the firing of the finance minister, or the minister in charge of cottage cheese. Once we know whom to blame, we can continue along our merry way. Or we can ask ourselves what are the moral challenges being raised and how do we systemically respond.

Much of Israel's economic and military success over the last decade has resulted from the decentralization of our economic structure and the allowing of a less regulated and freer economic system steered by market forces. In one sense, everyone has gained as the standard of living has risen dramatically. At the same time, however, it has created a new poor, a poor that in dollar-and-cents terms is not worse off than before, but that in psychological terms finds itself at best unable to meet and maintain the new standard of needs to which our society has become accustomed.

The prosperity of Israel both necessitates and affords us the luxury of asking anew questions of the individual's rights and needs and the role of society therein. One of the important lessons of our tradition is that one needs to take into account both objective and subjective needs. As we learn in the Talmud, objective needs include food, shelter, clothing, and the ability to have and sustain a family. The objective needs also include the right to dignity. Needs and dignity, however, also are subjective, and it's incumbent upon a society to make room for this subjectivity in its aspiration to set a just distribution of its resources.

The obligation of sovereignty and the dividend of prosperity require us not only to ensure that we meet peoples' basic needs, but also ask ourselves both what a person needs in order to live a life of dignity and what we must do as a society in order to ensure that this dignity is the inheritance of all. As we race forward, we must ensure that we not only refrain from leaving people behind, but ensure that the values of care, compassion and consideration we exhibit toward each other on the battlefield define our marketplace as well.

The recent internal events in Israel are an indication that some of these values are missing and that a larger conversation of this type is long overdue. For many years, the rejoinder was, "We'll deal with these questions tomorrow, for today we have more pressing concerns." In the history of Israel, it's time to officially recognize that tomorrow has come, and whether we will be an aspirational and values nation is both the challenge and opportunity of the day.

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Israeli protests and politics

No, the summer protests in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and other Israeli cities have nothing in common with the violent power struggles in Cairo or Damascus. The Israeli demonstrations have a light summer air to them, with top entertainers taking centre stage. In contrast, Egypt's "Arab spring" has turned into a power struggle between the military regime and the Muslim Brotherhood, while in Syria, the regime is slaughtering its citizens in a desperate effort to stay in power. In Israel, the protests celebrate the democratic process, and are not an attempt to create one.

But the Israeli demonstrations reflect some real grievances, particularly the growing gaps between the top and bottom of the economic pyramid. Although Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other top officials have acted wisely to avoid the devastating unemployment prevalent in Europe and the United States, many students get exploitation wages and cannot find basic accommodations. In addition, Israel's small market is dominated by politically connected monopolies and cartels that overcharge for basic goods and services.

The media has also embraced the protests, which provide cheap content, like the reality shows that dominate Israeli programming. Newspapers and journalists who have tried to unseat Netanyahu and his government from the beginning have played up the anti-government signs and slogans among the demonstrators. In parallel, some editorial –writers thrilled at what they referred to as a "crisis atmosphere" and "panic" – gleefully predict Netanyahu's imminent downfall.

But there is little chance of a revolution. As is often the case, the protesters know what they are against, but converting slogans like "the people want social justice" into viable public policy is far more difficult.

Many of the energetic leaders interviewed on TV and radio come across as vain publicity seekers, good at using Facebook and Twitter, but with no understanding of economics and public policy. The biblical injunction to care for the needy, insistently demanded by the Prophets, remains a distant goal, as different constituencies have different and even opposing priorities.

In theory, social protests benefit the left, but the Israeli political reality is more complicated. For many decades, the labour/left, in various forms, was the dominant power, and was responsible for socialist policies that choked economic development and empowered a privileged and often corrupt elite.

During a brief return to power in the early 1990s, the left led the messianic peace efforts, but the collapse of Oslo furthered damaged its image among many Israelis. The leaders of the secretive New Israel Fund use social issues as a cover to promote the return to these agendas, and to gain the trust of major sectors of the Israeli public, major changes are necessary.

Gerald Steinberg

in Jerusalem

The official opposition, led by Tzipi Livni and her Kadima party, is divided and has failed to provide the coherent and realistic alternative policy needed to turn the protests into a political comeback. The remnants of the Labor Party have a few potential leaders with serious social policies and track records, but they remain weakened by the past failures. Labor is also hurt by its association with the Histadrut, the national labour union, whose leaders use the language of social justice while protecting the worst monopolies – particularly the electric company and the dock workers – that have added to the income gap and high cost of living.

In the absence of credible alternatives, the Netanyahu government isn't seriously threatened by these demonstrations and the summer of social protests. But this is a serious wake-up call, and unless the low wages, student housing, monopolies, and inflated costs are addressed in a serious and sustained manner, Israel's vibrant democracy will eventually force a change.

For the first time in many decades, Israelis are able to devote at least some of their time and resources to focusing on social issues, while the neighbouring Arab dictatorships and their armies are crumbling. If this external situation continues, (and the Palestinian UN gambit in September doesn't trigger another terror campaign), many Israelis in the next general election will cast their votes on the basis of economic policies.

Jockeying for influence in the Middle East

The United States has played a major role in the Middle East since World War II and particularly since the Six Day War. American interests in that strategic region – which contains vast oil and gas deposits and sits astride important land and sea routes – grew after U.S. combat troops arrived in North Africa and Iran and the Cold War intensified. Once the United States' relationship with the Soviet Union shifted from that of wartime ally to postwar adversary, Washington began to regard the Middle East as strategically vital due to its close proximity to Russia's southern flank.

From that point onward, the United States looked upon the Mideast as an essential geographic component of its containment policy toward the Soviet Union. Successive U.S. presidents sought to contain Moscow through the 1947 Truman Doctrine, which designated the Mideast as an area crucial to American security interests, and the 1957 Eisenhower Doctrine, which proclaimed support for Middle Eastern governments threatened by communism.

To American historian Rashid Khalidi, the conflicts roiling the Mideast today were largely shaped by the superpower manoeuvring that occurred during the Cold War. He sets out his case in *Sowing Crisis: The Cold War and American Dominance in the Middle East* (Beacon Press), which is both dispassionate and polemical.

Khalidi, director of Columbia University's Middle East Institute, points out that the Mideast was the focus of some of the most decisive battles of World War II following Germany's campaign in North Africa, its conquest of the Balkans and Crete, its covert operations in Syria, Egypt, Iraq and Iran and its attempt to woo neutral Turkey.

He reminds us that the United States and Britain launched invasions of Sicily, Italy and southern France from Mideast bases and supplied massive quantities of arms to the Soviet Union through Iran, which was occupied by British, Soviet and American soldiers and which was then the largest oil producer in the Middle East.

The war, he observes, underscored the growing importance of oil in warfare and national economies. Had Germany captured the rich oil fields and refineries of Baku and the Mideast, the course of the war may well have been different.

By 1945, he adds, oil production in Saudi Arabia was already a factor in the war effort, thanks to a 1930s agreement that granted an American consortium of companies a concession to drill for oil. As the war wound down, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt met with the Saudi king, Ibn Saud, in Egypt. The alliance they formed proved enduring.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

During the immediate postwar period, the Palestine issue surfaced as an irritant in Washington's relations with the Saudis and other Arab countries. But Arab states grudgingly learned to accept the U.S. relationship with Israel as "the price for doing business" with the United States, he says.

As the Cold War deepened in the 1960s, the United States drew closer to absolute monarchies in Saudi Arabia, the Arab Gulf states and Iran and to authoritarian governments in Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia. The Soviet Union, its arch rival in the race for supremacy, backed "progressive" Arab nationalist regimes in Egypt, Syria and Iraq.

Saudi Arabia's use of Islam as an ideological tool was useful to the United States. "It may seem hard to believe today, given the current demonization of radical, militant political Islam in American public discourse, but for decades the United States was in fact a major patron… of earlier incarnations of these extreme trends," Khalidi writes.

The struggle for influence in the Mideast seesawed back and forth, but the United States ultimately prevailed as Egypt under Anwar Sadat and Iraq under Saddam Hussein defected from the Soviet side.

Starting in the 1960s, the United States became Israel's primary backer, while the Soviet Union rallied behind a constellation of Arab states. But in the earlier phase of the Arab-Israeli conflict, Washington and Moscow voted for the Palestine partition plan and surreptitiously armed Israel. Moscow's support for Israel, its anti-Zionist position notwithstanding, was predicated on a desire to undermine British influence in the Mideast and driven by the mistaken belief that the Jewish state might align itself with the Soviet Union. But with the outbreak of war in the Korean peninsula, Israel and the Soviet Union drifted apart, Khalidi notes.

With Israel's victory in the Six Day War, the United States upgraded its ties with Israel, becoming its chief weapons supplier and political advocate. "The United States had come to see Israel as its most valuable ally in the Middle East in the global struggle with the [Soviet Union] and its proxies," writes Khalidi, a Palestinian American scholar.

Moscow, in turn, wrote off most of Egypt's and Syria's debts for military equipment that had been destroyed or captured by Israel and sold these frontline Arab nations the latest weapon systems, notably surface-to-air missiles, in its arsenal. The two superpowers were drawn still deeper into the Arab-Israeli dispute during the successive War of Attrition and the Yom Kippur War. Khalidi argues that friction between the United States and the Soviet Union at the United Nations was relatively limited at the outset of the Cold War. Indeed, both sides opposed the Anglo-French-Israeli attack on Egypt in 1956. In the wake of the Six Day War, however, tensions flared regularly as Washington bypassed the UN in attempting to bring a measure of calm to the Mideast.

In shuttle diplomacy after the 1973 Yom Kippur War, Henry Kissinger, right, the U.S. secretary of state, arrives in Israel. Israel's foreign minister, Abba Eban, walks next to Kissinger. ***[IPPA photo]***

He cites three unilateral U.S. initiatives – the 1969 Rogers plan that ended the War of Attrition, U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy in the aftermath of the 1973 war, and the 1978 Camp David Accords. "The primary objective of these efforts," Khalidi observes, "was to achieve exclusive influence for the United States and to freeze the Soviet Union out of peacemaking…"

Khalidi points out that U.S. unilateralism manifested itself during the last phase of the Cold War. In 1990, the United States assembled an international coalition to force Iraq out of Kuwait. Thirteen years later, the United States and its allies invaded Iraq.

Khalidi falsely claims that the second Bush administration did not engage in "serious negotiations" to resolve Israel's conflict with the Palestinians. Although George W. Bush tarried, he did lend his support to the 2003 road map peace plan and was the first president to publicly recognize a two-state solution.

He claims that the Oslo peace process, far from being a positive achievement, exacerbated Arab-Israeli tensions. Khalidi's assessment is not supported by the facts. More accurately, the Israeli government's short-sighted settlement policy, Benjamin Netanyahu's lukewarm approach to Oslo, Hamas terrorism and the Palestinians' rush into the bloody second intifadah were the factors that led to Oslo's demise.

Khalidi's skepticism about the United States' post 9-11 campaign to decimate terrorist networks is also misleading. He describes the war on terror as a war against "a largely imaginary set of enemies." But this is a simplistic appraisal, and is hardly in keeping with the erudite and sober tone of Khalidi's otherwise thoughtful and measured book.

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Beth Emeth opens supplementary school

Frances Kraft
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Rabbi Leslie Lipson

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue is opening a new Sunday morning supplementary school this fall, the BEBY Aleph Bais Yehuda Elementary School.

Rabbi Leslie Lipson, who joined Beth Emeth two years ago as associate rabbi, said that "the shul leadership has come to the point where they understand that the future viability of the shul rests on education – whether of adults, young families, teenagers or children."

The school will also have a program for children with special needs such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and Asperger's. "Our shul has a long history of special needs programming and education, going back to Rabbi Kelman spearheading Reena," Rabbi Lipson said, referring to the shul's founding rabbi, Rabbi Joseph Kelman, who died in 2009.

Both mainstream and special classes will have a half hour of music together as part of the program.

As of last week, the shul was in discussion about renting a location north of Steeles, in order to have two Sundays a month at Beth Emeth and two in a northern location, Rabbi Lipson said.

Beth Emeth also offers biweekly Friday night davening in Thornhill. An estimated half the membership lives north of Steeles.

Rabbi Lipson – who has a master's degree in education and served as dean of Jewish studies at a San Diego day school – said that there are "enough young families who are not in the day school, who have gravitated towards shuls that have strong educational programs."

The synagogue has been without a congregational school since 2005. At that time, United Congregational Schools, which was formed in 1974 as a joint effort of Beth Emeth and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, was closed because of declining enrolment. At its height, UCS had classes at both shuls as well as three Thornhill sites, with more than 700 students in total.

Beth Emeth board member and school committee chair Steven Greenwood told *The CJN* that, starting about two years ago, the shul ran focus groups that indicated a need for supplementary education for members who didn't send their children to Jewish day school.

Greenwood said that a school plays an important role in offering a sense of community and retaining membership of younger families.

The new school will open with junior kindergarten, senior kindergarten and Grade 1 classes, and the shul is also putting together a high school program one evening a week for students who don't attend day school. Rabbi Lipson will study text with the older students.

Less than half the congregants at Beth Emeth send their children to day school, Rabbi Lipson believes.

Tuition is $700 and will be the same for members and non-members."

The curriculum is "a values-based program based on traditional Judaism… extremely warm, caring environment," the rabbi said.

Greenwood added, "Our theme is traditional Judaism… Our focus is on an appreciation of Judaism."

Congress era over as CIJA reboot starts

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Canadian Jewish Congress will not be the name of Canada's new, consolidated advocacy organization.

The Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA), the former umbrella organization that controlled Congress and a number of other advocacy agencies, has chosen a new name.

Shimon Fogel

It's goodbye CIJA and hello… CIJA, the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs.

The organization's branding committee approved the name change last week after a recommendation by a branding firm it hired to help it find a new moniker, according to CIJA CEO Shimon Fogel.

Congress, which was founded in 1919, is for all intents and purposes dead.

Or is it?

Adopting the Congress name had been considered ever since CIJA – formerly the umbrella organization of the now-defunct CJC, Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), University Outreach Committee (UOC), National Jewish Campus Life (NJCL) and Quebec-Israel Committee (QIC) – embarked on a year-long process of absorbing the functions of its former advocacy subdivisions to become Canada's consolidated Jewish community voice.

The news of CIJA's renaming saddened members of Congress' remaining lay leadership, many of whom now feel that their once-vital, 92-year-old organization has been completely obliterated.

But Frank Bialystok, Congress' Ontario region chair, defiantly claimed that his organization is still alive, although on life-support and in name only.

"The national executive of Congress is still intact. Mark Freiman is still the president… and I am still chair of Ontario region," Bialystok said. "We have no budget so we can't operate. But we own the name. We own the logo. And only we can decide to fold up. Under the terms of our bylaws, only we can determine our replacements. So technically speaking, until there's a regional plenary, I'm still the regional chair. And until there's a national plenary, Mark is still the national president."

In a July 1 message on its website, Congress announced it had halted its activities to make way for CIJA after Congress leadership acknowledged that a unified, replacement advocacy organization needed to be created to represent all Canadian Jewry.

In an e-mail to *The CJN*, David Schwartz, Congress' Pacific region chair called CIJA's recent re-deployment and dismissal of former Congress employees a "staff massacre."

"Those with vast institutional knowledge regarding advocacy were let go," Schwartz wrote. "I have watched with dismay… this honoured 92-year-old organization… be completely defunded and dismantled."

According to Fogel, CIJA's new staff is now putting the organization's "strategic plan" together for the remainder of 2011 and will communicate it with the public once it's approved by CIJA's board at its next meeting in late September.

Asked what that plan is, Fogel said CIJA's programming will reflect the "entire range of activities" that used to be handled by Congress, CIC, QIC, NCJL and UOC.

"This means outreach to the non-Jewish community, building relations with different groups in Canada, advancing the social justice agenda, safeguarding against hate and antisemitism… and trying to enhance the profile of the Jewish community among non-Jewish groups" in addition to CIJA's Canada-Israel agenda, Fogel said.

He added: "This should offer some reassurance to those who were concerned that one element of the community agenda would suffer at the expense of another."

Fogel said the new CIJA would also adopt a more "animated and robust" position with regard to engaging the Jewish community "so that they feel a sense of empowerment and direct ownership of the advocacy agenda."

He said the new entity's use of the CIJA acronym was purely coincidental, noting that the CIJA board chose the name after haggling over competing branding interests between those who wanted to "remain anchored in legacy names" such as Congress versus those who wanted to "signal an entirely new direction."

"What they all could agree on was [the new CIJA name] because it says what we are and is equally applicable in French and English," Fogel said. "It captures the essence of what our mission is about."

He said there would be a "marketing rollout" shortly for the new brand and a campaign will be launched to establish CIJA as the principal point of contact for "everybody within the community and beyond."

Earlier this month, a self-appointed CIJA nominating committee – led by CIJA chair Steven Cummings and founding member Larry Tanenbaum – established its new board of directors.

For the full list of members, please see the expanded story on *The CJN*'s website, www.cjnews.com.

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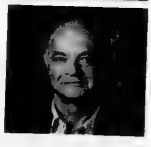
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Toronto Daily Star covered Holocaust well

Sheldon Kirshner
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Canadian historian writes a monograph for Yad Vashem Studies

The *Toronto Daily Star*, Canada's leading mass circulation daily newspaper, generally acquitted itself well in covering the Nazi persecution and genocide of Jews, according to an article published in the latest issue of *Yad Vashem Studies*, the academic journal of the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem.

"While the coverage varied in terms of depth, scope, level of detail [and] position of placement of Holocaust-related news items in the paper, the persecution and subsequent annihilation of the Jews in Europe was a recurrent and overall continuous theme that allowed Canadians to understand the true nature of the destruction process," writes author Ulrich Frisse in his monograph, *The Toronto Daily Star and Its Coverage of the Persecution of the Jews and the Holocaust in Canada, 1933-1945.*

Frisse, a professor of history at the University of Western Ontario, says the *Star*'s commitment to human rights and liberal values was reflected in its "extensive coverage" of this topic.

In an recent interview, Frisse said he decided to research the topic in response to questions from students in his classes on the Holocaust.

"More than one student asked me: What did ordinary Canadians know about [the Holocaust] at the time? Once I started looking into that question, I realized that other than the British and U.S. media, the Canadian media had hardly received any attention from historians at all."

In his monograph, Frisse says the driving force behind the *Star*'s coverage was its correspondent in Berlin, Pierre van Paassen, who was born in the Netherlands in 1895 into a Calvinist family and immigrated to Canada with his parents in 1911.

Frisse says Germany's treatment of German Jews was more than just a story for van Paassen, who was "an exceptional journalist in his passion for the Jewish cause." He elaborated: "Based on his pious upbringing, his personal belief in the Bible as a 'social gospel' and his awareness of Jewish suffering from an early age on, the Nazi persecution of Jews... was an opportunity to live out his strong beliefs through his work as a journalist."

As a result of his aggressive reporting, van Paassen, a Zionist, was arrested by the German government, interrogated, temporarily, interned in the Dachau concentration camp and eventually expelled from Germany.

In justifying his expulsion, the Nazi authorities claimed he was "a Dutch Jew of Lithuanian extraction... an ex-rabbi who engaged in atrocity-mongering while on Reich territory."

The *Star*, with a circulation of close to 200,000 in 1933 and almost 300,000 by 1945, covered the physical abuse of Jews in Germany with "an almost voyeuristic obsession with the details of torture and human suffering," writes Frisse, whose article is the first on Canada to be published by *Yad Vashem Studies*.

But the *Star*'s reporting could also be somewhat inconsistent, he adds.

While it lagged behind in its coverage of the 1935 Nuremberg Laws, which banned mixed marriages between Jews and Christians, it was ahead of the curve in covering the nation-wide pogroms of Kristallnacht in 1938.

Frisse, who has written widely on the Canadian German experience in Canada, claims in his article that the *Star* faltered in its reportage of Nazi genocide after the outbreak of World War II.

Ulrich Frisse

As he puts it, "As the German army advanced deep into [the Soviet Union] throughout the summer and fall of 1941, the *Star* paid no attention to the extermination activities of the notorious Einsatzgruppen and other murder units that were operating behind the lines of the advancing Wehrmacht."

Apart from focusing on the military aspects of Germany's invasion of the Soviet Union, the *Star* ran stories on the condition of Jews in German-annexed Austria and Vichy France, where information was more easily attainable.

Like other North American dailies, the *Star* did not employ a foreign correspondent in German-occupied Europe and relied instead on wire services.

"Lack of first-hand reports about atrocities through their own reporters may be part of the explanation of why the *Star* was reluctant to print stories about the Einsatzgruppen murders in the East, despite such information being available to the editors," Frisse explains.

As well, the *Star* questioned the reliability of the Polish underground sources who unearthed this material, he points out.

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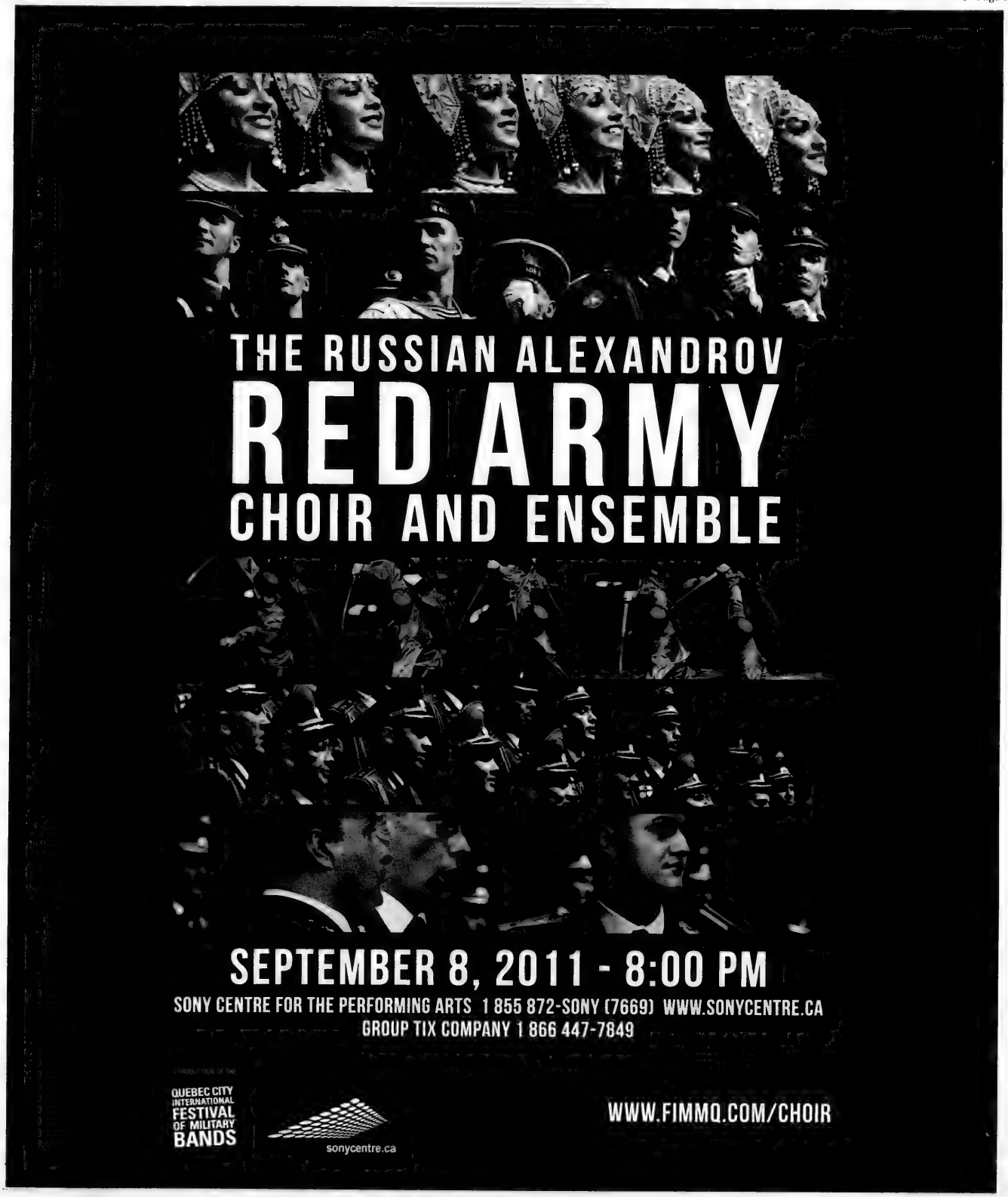
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Elul: a month of contemplation

Rabbi Zushe Silberstein

A group of men struggle hard, and finally they reach the top of a mountain. As they survey the landscape below them, they realize this was not their intended destination. They had climbed the wrong mountain.

Similar things happen to all of us. We often get so caught up in what we're doing and we don't ask ourselves why we're doing it and the purpose of our efforts. And so, the Torah tells us to take time out. Pause. Think about your goals and your mission. Don't worry about your schedule and all the things you have to do. Think about the reason you're doing them.

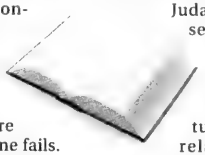
In general, Jewish tradition sets aside time for such an endeavour each night when reciting the *Shema* before retiring. But for the entire year, there is one month dedicated to this goal, the month of Elul. Like a shopkeeper who takes inventory at the end of the year, during this month, each one of us should review his conduct and goals.

This Shabbat, we are going to bless the new month of Elul, which is known as a month of tshuvah, repentance. The intent is not merely repentance for one's deeds, but, more fundamentally, the examination of one's purpose.

The analogy is often given that if a person is lying on the ground, one might try to lift him up limb by limb, or one might call him by his name and beckon him to stand.

The difference between the two approaches is that one focuses on the body, the other on the soul. When effort is concentrated on the body – i.e., the mitzvot as deeds – every mitzvah must be considered individually. Here one is successful, there one fails. The person's spiritual state is an aggregate of his different activities. There is nothing internal holding him up.

Rabbinic Reflections



The other approach gives the soul expression, and as the soul manifests itself, the person's deeds change. When the change is only external, involving his conduct, the person remains the same inside. He refines his conduct, but not his self. And thus he is faced with a constant struggle. For at any given time, his natural tendencies may lead him away from doing what is right and good.

When, by contrast, the change is internal, the person does what is right not as a struggle against his will, but as an expression of who he is. He has, to borrow our sages' words, made God's will his own will. He carries out God's commandments, because he wants to make an abode for Him here in this world.

Judaism is then not just a set of laws and restrictions that must be observed. It's a comprehensive approach to a person's spiritual development and relationship with God achieved through the fulfilment of Torah and mitzvot. It's to this goal that one should strive in the month of Elul.

May we celebrate this upcoming High Holiday season in Jerusalem in the third Beit Hamikdash with the Mashiach. Shanah Tovah.

Rabbi Zushe Silberstein is spiritual leader of Chabad Chabanel in Montreal.

Judaism today and tomorrow

Are Jews an eternal people? Is Jewish continuity assured? Some members of the community are confident. Others, less certain, recite the litany of a tragic past.

Some 2,700 years ago, 10 tribes of Israel were vanquished and disappeared from the face of history. About two centuries later, the remaining two tribes were enslaved and exiled. Overcoming two Jewish rebellions, the legions of Rome in 70 CE destroyed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, and 60 years later defeated Bar Kochba and his followers, sending the Jewish People into a 2,000-year Diaspora.

In the Middle Ages, Jews were reviled and expelled from one European country after another. The Holocaust left much of Europe without a Jewish presence. In the western world, there has been widespread assimilation and a tragic decline in religious affiliation and practice. Israel is surrounded by implacable enemies that seek its destruction.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, in his inspiring book *Future Tense, Jews, Judaism and Israel in the Twenty-First Century*, says that the history of Judaism is a sustained defiance of entropy – the law that states that all systems lose their energy over time.

He writes, "Every tragedy in Jewish history was followed by a new wave of creativity. The destruction of the First Temple led to the renewal of the Torah in the life of the nation, exemplified by the work of Ezra and Nehemiah. The destruction of the Second Temple led to great works of the oral tradition, midrash, Mishnah and the two Talmuds.

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The medieval encounter with Christianity led to the renewal of Bible commentary. The meeting with Islam inspired a renaissance of Jewish philosophy. The greatest catastrophe of all led to the greatest rebirth: a mere three years after standing eyeball with the angel of death at Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen and Treblinka, the Jewish people responded by their greatest collective affirmation of life in 2,000 years, with the proclamation of the State of Israel."

Even those whose ties to Judaism are cultural or ethnic are not unaware of Jewish distinctiveness and contribution to world knowledge and betterment.

Milton Himmelfarb has observed, "Each Jew knows how thoroughly ordinary he is; yet taken together, we seem caught up in things great and inexplicable... The number of Jews in the world is smaller than a small statistical error in the Chinese census. Yet we remain bigger than our number. Big things seem to happen around us and to us."

The miracle of Jewish survival lies not in the majesty of numbers, nor in the power of great multitudes. The secret is found in what the Bible terms the consecrated remnant and the dedicated minority.

Once again to the impassioned words of Rabbi Sacks, "I want to say to my children [take the Jewish heritage] cherish it, learn to understand and love it. Carry it, and it will carry you. And may you in turn pass it on to your children. For you are a member of an eternal people, a letter in their scroll. Let their eternity live on in you."

Contrasts in summer protests

The summer of 2011 will be remembered for the political turmoil across the Arab world, the famine in the Horn of Africa, the mass murder in Norway and the economic gyrations in Europe and North America. A retrospective of the past few weeks might also include reference to the protests on the streets of London and Tel Aviv.

But inasmuch as the social unrest in England and Israel captured world headlines at around the same time, the objectives, context, intensity and consequences of the two disturbances were vastly, and viscerally, different.

While the mayhem in London was apparently triggered by "the shooting of a dark-skinned man by police under suspicious circumstances" (*Globe and Mail*, Aug. 8), the ensuing chain of events had few of the hallmarks of a race riot. On the other hand, the ferocity of the looting and arson far exceeded the random hooliganism that London – like other cities around the world – has experienced, and become accustomed to over many years.

Various explanations for the deviant behaviour of the troublemakers, relating mostly to dysfunctionality in their homes and communities, have provided more than ample grist for a hungry media. Nonetheless, there still is not, and likely cannot be, any truly rational defence for the wanton violence of the perpetrators.

What seems to have emerged above all else is a propensity for lawlessness just for the sake of it, the actions of what's been described as feral youth with an abiding sense of entitlement who were on a rampage to satisfy their cravings for what was not rightfully theirs, and who were railing against a society that they feel has alienated and ignored them.

My View

Lawrence Hart

In Israel, there are segments of society that are experiencing increasing hardship and have also felt compelled to publicly vent their discontent against a status quo that has otherwise turned a blind eye to their legitimate grievances. They, too, have felt ignored.

In pursuit of reasonable salaries and improved working conditions in an administratively rigid and often exploitative socialized health-care system, Israeli doctors have recently expressed their dissatisfaction. But the singular event that has gripped the nation during the dog days of July and August has been the establishment of a tent encampment along Tel Aviv's famed Rothschild Boulevard and street rallies both in Tel Aviv and elsewhere that have attracted hundreds of thousands to draw renewed attention to Israel's housing crisis and spiralling cost of living. What's notable in all of this is that aside from minor skirmishes with police when thoroughfares have needed to be cleared, the protests in Israel have been almost entirely non-violent, and there's been absolutely no intent to damage property. It remains to be seen whether moral suasion through peaceful assembly will have the desired results but, regardless of the outcome, the behaviour of the "Israeli street" speaks to a civility under pressure that is rarely seen elsewhere and stands in stark contrast to the mindless vandalism that has been so evident in Britain.

If conduct in times of dissent is any yardstick, it's clear that Israelis have set an enviable example in the enactment of those fundamental freedoms of speech and assembly that are central to their country's democratic ethos.

Back to school resources, Part 2

Last week I introduced you to sites for Jewish families interested in homeschooling their children. Even if this kind of education isn't for you, you can benefit from some of the great educational sites that homeschoolers find themselves coming back to. As everyone gets ready for another school year, here are some Jewish back-to-school sites.

Mommzy is a "Modern Jewish mom married to a fabulous Jewish dad raising five amazing little blessings... enjoy our adventures in homeschooling and in life!" Her site, Our Jewish Homeschool Blog, has lovely holiday-related activities along with pages you can download and print off. For example, her Good Morning checklist reminds you to say *Modeh Ani* when you first get up, brush your teeth and make your bed. And the Good Night checklist has similar (colourful) advice for winding up your day. (In order to print off her materials, you'll need a free Google Docs account.) **[http://bit.ly/bk2school1]**

Chinuch.org is a remarkable resource that allows you to download Jewish lesson plans, worksheets, illustrations and maps. You can download PowerPoint presentations about Israel, clip art, archival excerpts from *Olomeinu* magazine and much more – all free! Anyone can browse the site, but you will have to register in order to download material. Members are encouraged to contribute copyright-free materials to the database. **[http://bit.ly/bk2school2]**

Jacob Richman has created several wonderful games that will keep kids (and their parents) busy for hours. You can try some challenging Jewish trivia quizzes (Jewish holidays, Israeli geography, entertainers and more.) Richman provides Hebrew song lyrics as well as a Jewish Clipart Data-

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base with more than 300 lovely pictures that you can copy and use in school assignments. And he has designed a lovely little program that allows you to type out and print signs in Hebrew even if you don't have Hebrew fonts installed on your computer. **[http://bit.ly/bk2school3]**

Akhlah: The Jewish Children's Learning Network is a huge site with activities about the Jewish calendar, Israeli geography and Jewish heroes. Its Aleph-Bet section has colouring pages for every letter in the Hebrew alphabet as well as printable flash cards, practice pages and a button to hear how the letter pronounced. **[http://bit.ly/bk2school4]**

All the resources mentioned so far are free and can be useful no matter how your children are getting their Jewish education. But I came across two interesting sites that provide their services for a fee. If you want to homeschool but need some help, Room 613 offers "comprehensive, affordable, online Judaic studies for all ages and levels in an interactive virtual classroom." Classes range from Morah Elana teaching "Beginning Reading and Writing" to Rabbi Yosef's Resnick's "The Thinking Jewish Teenager's Guide To Life." **[http://bit.ly/bk2school6]**

Similarly, the Brooklyn-based Jewish Online School offers computer-based live classes and interactive learning no matter where in the world you live. I was interested to note that the testimonials in the promotional video are from Germany, Texas and from the Kozuch Family of Bognor, Ont., who live outside Owen Sound. This virtual school starts (as do most brick-based ones) on Sept. 6. **[http://bit.ly/bk2school7]**

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New Canadians find a home at Camp Kadimah

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Atlantic Correspondent

HALIFAX — Being in your first or second year of summer camp can be daunting for a kid under 10 years old, but imagine trying to fit in at 13, 14 or 15 when your bunkmates have pre-established friends and you're a newcomer both to camp and Canada.

Ask a handful of newcomers to Canada, all Israelis of Russian descent, and they'll admit that their first days at Camp Kadimah were challenging. The camp, in its 67th year hosting Jewish youngsters from the Atlantic region, as well as the rest of Canada and the United States, brings together close to 300 young people for six weeks of secular and Jewish programming.

Peter Svidler, 15, Halifax, heard about Kadimah from other newcomer families who've settled in Halifax in the last two years.

"I thought I'd try it, even though I knew everyone else had their friends and knew each other so well. I was homesick at first, but grew out of it. I've found, as I was told, the best part of Kadimah is community."

Brian Waltman of Toronto, a graduate of the University of Western Ontario and 13-year veteran of Kadimah, was rosh Machar, head of the 13- to 14-year-old group, with 92 campers, including six Canadian newcomers.

"The newcomers, who speak Russian and Hebrew, are totally fluent in English, too, bringing a new perspective to our group. Most of the kids at Kadimah are from Ontario with a similar cultural background, so when you add in the newcomers, I've found they integrate well and certainly learn from each other."

Newcomers to Atlantic Canada enjoyed their time at Camp Kadimah in the Machar (ages 13-14) and CIT programs. From left are Igal Tichonov, Artur Brunets, Meri Liberman, Emil Safronchik and Peter Svidler.

Artur Brunets, 14, of Halifax, a two-year veteran of camp, was the go-between for many of the newbies. "He helped them integrate," said Brian. "When I look at each of these kids now, they're equal contributors to the programming and spirit of our section [which makes up about 40 per cent of the camp]. I see leadership qualities in each of the newcomers as they move to the [counsellor-in-training] program, and eventually, become counsellors."

Artur moved to Machar this year. As camp entered its final days of 2011, he noted that "Machar is much more serious. For example, Tisha b'Av had a strong program about how hard it was for Jews in older times."

There was plenty of time for fun, too. Artur was excited about the one-day, 16-hour field hockey marathon. "It was something we didn't have time to play every day, with all the other programming, but this was a really fun day."

He also welcomed the three-day, two-night canoe and camping trip that took several campers about 100 km from Kadimah. He talked about it constantly, Waltman said.

Meika Lewis of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and a graduate of University of Pennsylvania, was the assistant rosh Machar. She was completing her 13th and probably final, year as a Kadimah camper and staff member.

She said Meri Liberman, 13, of Dartmouth N.S., was a third-year camper who arrived a week late this year because of planned dental work that was cancelled at the last minute.

"The same day she arrived, she was part of a cohesive group," Lewis said. "She became part of Machar Glee singing group that performed at several events and was in the *Annie* chorus. She also bonded with children from northern Israel who were attending Kadimah for the first time. They were excited that someone could speak with them [in Hebrew] and also teach them English."

In very fluent English, Meri said there was no way she could stay home "and be bored after the dental work was cancelled. I told my mom I had to go [to camp]."

Igal Tichonov, 13, Fredericton, N.B., liked seeing friends from across the country again. A sports buff who plays everything, including minor hockey, at home, Igal said he couldn't wait for the hockey marathon to start.

Emil Safronchik, 15, of Moncton, N.B., was in the counsellor-in-training program and experiencing Kadimah for the first time.

"My English wasn't so good when we came to Moncton, but I've learned quickly," he said. "I knew there were Russian-Israelis here and could speak to them in either language, so I did that, plus I speak English to the Canadians, of course."

He hoped to remain in touch with friends after camp closed down Aug. 14, particularly the young people from Israel. "I'm not sure if we'll meet again."

Asked if he hopes to return as a counsellor, he grins. "I do. I wasn't sure for the first couple of days, but now I am. Being here certainly makes me feel more Jewish. Everyone here is the same."

Clarification

In the article "Ex-mashgiach challenges COR overtime policy" (*CJN*, Aug. 18), we wish to clarify that there are two appeals currently involving the parties. The appeal related to alleged overtime owed to Morley Rand was launched by the Kashruth Council of Canada. Rand also launched a separate appeal to the Ontario Labour Relations Board in a matter unrelated to overtime.

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Canadian teens work at unique camp in Israel

Laura Fixman
Intern

Two Canadian teens went to Camp Koby, a camp in Israel for kids who have lost a parent to terrorism, expecting to improve the lives of others, but instead they said they ended up improving their own.

Sara Gomolin, a 16-year-old Torontonian who attends Ulpanat Orot, said she wanted to be a counsellor at Camp Koby because she wanted to do something during the summer that's meaningful and not selfish. She said she didn't realize what a difference she would make in the lives of her group.

"Seeing at least one child smile because of me and knowing that I made someone happy, that was amazing," she said.

Ari Drazin, a student at the Hebrew Academy of Montreal, heard about the camp from his cousin. He wanted to do something this summer that had a purpose, but he didn't realize how much fun he would have at Camp Koby as well.

"You would think it would be sad putting all those kids who experienced a loss together, but it was the happiest place on earth," he said.

The camp is part of the Koby Mandell Foundation, which was founded by Rabbi Seth and Sherri Mandell and named for their son, who was killed in 2001 at age 13 by terrorists in the West Bank, as was his friend Yosef Ish Ran.

The 10-day program includes activities such as swimming, trips to an amusement park, kayaking, a rope course, touring Israel and regular therapy sessions.

Drazin, 16, was a counsellor for 10- and 11-year-olds, while Gomolin was a counsellor for six- and seven-year-olds.

Ari Drazin and Sara Gomolin at Camp Koby.

Gomolin said that with her group, their young age and the language barrier made it a challenge.

Drazin said that although he didn't get much sleep at camp, since his kids didn't really have a bedtime and there were staff meetings after they did finally fall asleep, it was all worth it.

"The feeling you have helping the kids is so satisfying," Drazin said. "I've gained so much and learned so much myself, and I never thought that would happen."

Gomolin said that although the kids have gone through something that isn't normal, Camp Koby is just a regular, happy place.

She said her kids eventually opened up to her, and that's one of the reasons she would go back if she could and would recommend the experience to anyone.

"It's one of the nicest things you could do, and you learn a lot about yourself," she said. "No matter how hard it gets, it's important to remember why you're doing it. It was very strenuous and hard, but also very rewarding."

Gomolin and Drazin both had experience in Bnei Akiva children's programs before working at Camp Koby, but they had never worked at a sleepover camp.

Drazin said that Camp Koby offered an experience similar to North American camps. Gomolin added that it was just like any other camp, and for her, the best part is knowing that she made an impact.

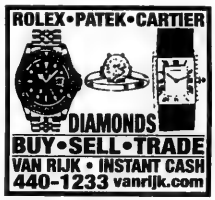
"I know that my kids had an amazing time at camp," Gomolin said. "They told me that they loved having me as a counsellor."

Drazin said the experience was just as meaningful for him as it was for the kids.

"It was an amazing 10 days just being at camp," he said. "It gave me a much bigger appreciation of my family and friends."

When asked to describe their experience at camp, both Drazin and Gomolin described it as life-changing.

For more information on Camp Koby, visit www.kobymandell.org.



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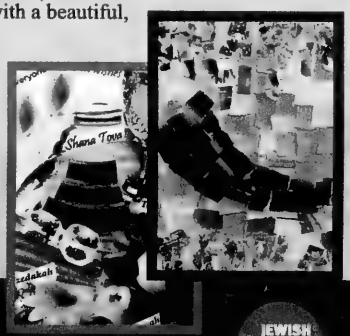

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Israelis will suffer from Palestinian independence

Yosef Tastassa
Special to The CJN

In September, the Palestinians are expected to attempt a unilateral declaration of independence at the United Nations, using the 1967 borders as a boundary. Such a declaration will have significant political impact on the state of Israel and its citizens abroad.

Sixty-four years ago, the Jewish community of Eretz Yisrael and its political leaders adopted UN Resolution 181 of November 1947, which divided British Palestine and established two states, one Jewish and one Arab.

The Arab refusal to accept Resolution 181 brought about Israel's War of Independence, or the 1948 War as the Arabs term it. By the end of the war in March 1949, a totally new political reality had emerged. The Jewish state was born and the Arab state wasn't. Jordan and Egypt captured some of the territories that were supposed to be a part of the Arab state. Those territories would eventually become the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

After the 1967 Six Day War, Israel found itself in possession of both the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Excluding the annexation of east Jerusalem to Israel, the territories occupied in 1967 were never annexed by Israel, and their residents were never given Israeli citizenship.

The political and demographic realities of the last 40 years have brought the Israelis and the Palestinians to an understanding that the solution to the conflict between them will be based on dividing the land. Even though it was not fully stated at the time, the 1993 Oslo accord, in which the majority of the Gaza Strip and the Jericho region of the Jordan Valley were transferred to the Palestinians, targeted the main objectives.

In the 18 years since Oslo, the two sides have known many ups and downs, especially times when Israelis were brutally murdered in terrorist attacks that threw any trust between the sides into the abyss.

The fall of the Gaza Strip to the Hamas terrorist organization, the deteriorating military situation and the constant attacks against innocent Israelis led to 2009's Operation Cast Lead, the campaign in Gaza. All of these increased the distrust between Israelis and Palestinians.

The Palestinian Authority, which rules the West Bank under the leadership of Mahmoud Abbas and Salam Fayyad, has been active for a long time in the political arena. And now it seems they are seeing the "fruits" of their efforts – the achievement of wide international support for the Palestinian claim to an independent state based on the 1967 borders in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Technically, any resolution passed by the UN General Assembly will have no meaning on the ground. However, Israel may find itself in an increasingly uncomfortable political isolation, one that could see Israel turn overnight from an "occupier" to an "invader." Israeli citizens living in settlements across the Green Line (in the West Bank) will be considered as invaders in a foreign country.

At such a time, if the world's nations wished, they could impose economic sanctions and a complete boycott of Israel, which would severely hurt an Israeli economy that relies on exports to Europe and North America and also enjoys foreign investments in the world's stock markets.

Israel could then be described as a state that holds another state (Palestine) by the neck, a state whose population is similar in size to that of Israel. In addition, Israel may be seen by some as a colonial occupier that behaves like South Africa during the apartheid era.

Israelis abroad are highly exposed economically to what has been called the "September effect" – the idea that September is the worst month on the stock market. Those with assets and capital in Israel may suffer financially. And some Israelis have relatives in east Jerusalem and in the West Bank settlements.

International boycotts over the Israeli settlements may motivate the Palestinians to exert physical pressure on those settlements and, as a result, some of the Jewish settlers may look for living alternatives abroad.

The role of Israelis abroad is to defend the policy of the State of Israel and its moral justice by using the following arguments:

- The State of Israel totally disengaged from the Gaza Strip, and as a result, the Palestinians established not a state infrastructure but a terror infrastructure that brought suffering to Israelis and Palestinians.
- Israeli withdrawal from major parts of the West Bank will bring the same scenario and expose the majority of the Israeli population living in the greater Tel Aviv area to terror attacks and rocket attacks.
- The Palestinians have no moral right to declare Jerusalem as their capital. Jerusalem was never the capital of any Arab regime, even when it was under Arab or Muslim rule. The sensitivity of the three major religions to Jerusalem is very high, and its political and religious status is a matter that needs a broad consensus.
- The unilateral Palestinian declaration of independence will not bring the conflict to an end. By declaring their own state, the Palestinians refuse to recognize the existence of the only Jewish state in the world – Israel.

If the parties do not go back to the negotiating table soon, as of September, Israel will face a long political battle for world opinion. This battle will affect the future borders of Israel and will have an impact on its citizens with regard to their security and economic stability. This is a battle we must not lose.

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More balance needed in coverage of UN gambit

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

As reported in last week's *CJN*, the Palestinian Authority announced that Sept. 20 is the date they plan to ask the United Nations Security Council to approve its bid for membership for the state of Palestine. A recommendation from the Security Council to the General Assembly is required for UN membership. But since the United States is opposed to the PA's gambit at the UN, viewing it as a way for the Palestinians to avoid having to negotiate with Israel, it is almost certain to use its veto power as a permanent member of the Security Council.

The Palestinians could then go directly to the General Assembly for a vote on "statehood" recognition. With an automatic majority of countries already on their side, it's a foregone conclusion that they'll win this bid, even if it won't change a thing on the ground in the Middle East. Internationally recognized borders, for instance, can only be determined through negotiations between the two parties, not by the UN. So "Palestine" will remain a state in name only, just as it has been since the Palestinians, then under the PLO, first unilaterally declared statehood in 1988, a move recognized at the time by more than 100 countries at the UN.

This time, however, the Palestinian move could result in an enhancement of their status from "observer" to "non-member state," and with that change comes a greater access to a range of institutions where it could file grievances against Israel, thereby further isolating Israel internationally. Many Israeli analysts believe this is the reason behind the PA's gambit in the first place.

The PA's move also has strong emotive resonance. After all, Israel is a strong (if besieged) independent state and the perennially weak Palestinians are stateless. So immediately, world sympathy "must" be on their side. The fact that Israel officially favours the creation of a Palestinian state and has twice sought to achieve that through mutually agreed-upon negotiations (at Camp David in 2000 and during the Annapolis talks in 2007 – offers of statehood that were rejected both times by the Palestinians) appears to have almost no resonance at all internationally.

Consider, for instance, an Associated Press report about the Palestinian UN bid carried on the *Globe and Mail*'s website on Aug. 14. After laying out PA member Hanan Ashwari's account of the Palestinians' planned approach at the UN next month, and noting that the Americans want a Palestinian state to result from negotiations not unilateral actions, AP stated the following:

Former Israeli prime minister Ehud Olmert, U.S. President George W. Bush and Palestinian Authority President walk together in Annapolis at the outset of the peace talks that ultimately failed. *[Israel Sun photo]*

"The Palestinians, however, seem to have given up on negotiations with the current hardline Israeli government. Talks have stalled for the past few years, and Palestinians instead want the UN to recognize their future state in the Gaza Strip, West Bank and east Jerusalem — territories Israel captured in the 1967 Mideast war. Israel withdrew settlers and soldiers from Gaza in 2005 but still occupies the West Bank and east Jerusalem."

Although its story was filed from Ramallah, AP didn't bother to include any Israeli comment. It should have done so for essential balance, something that the *Globe and Mail* online editors might have ensured. In any event, readers were left with the distinct impression that the Palestinians, confronted by Israeli intransigence, have no option left but to appeal to the UN.

Again, while this conclusion conflicts with the historical record about what caused a breakdown in the peace process, it accords with emotive, popular perception about the "underdog" Palestinians.

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Purchase five or more pounds of ground beef, especially if it's on sale, and cook, breaking it up, until no longer pink. Freeze the cooked meat in 1-lb. packages to be ready for quick dinners. Then let your imagination rule. Learn to mix and match the ingredients that your family likes to come up with variations that they'll be asking for more of.

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Your kids will love this. If you like it well seasoned you can add spices of your choice. You can also add any vegetable you like such as green beans, mushrooms or mixed vegetables.

1 lb. ground beef
½ onion, diced
salt and pepper to taste
½ tsp. garlic powder
2 tbsp. flour
1 1/2 cups beef broth or liquid from canned corn
1 can corn
instant mashed potato mix

Brown beef and onion in a large frying pan with salt, pepper and garlic powder. Make sure the meat is broken into small pieces. Drain all the grease from the pan and sprinkle flour over meat mixture. Add broth and stir. Scoop the mixture into the bottom of a 1-1/2-quart casserole dish.

Meanwhile, prepare enough mashed potatoes to serve 6. Spread drained corn over meat mixture in casserole. Spread the mashed potatoes over the corn and meat. Bake at 350 for about 20 minutes.

HONEY LEMON CHICKEN

This recipe also works well with whole cut-up chicken or bone-in chicken breasts.

8 chicken legs, skinned
4 tbsp. honey
4 tsp. grated lemon zest
2 tsp. fresh lemon juice
2 large clove garlic, minced
salt and pepper to taste

Arrange chicken in a baking dish. In a small bowl combine remaining ingredients and spoon over chicken. Bake for 45-55 minutes at 350, until juices run clear when chicken is pierced with a knife. Makes 4 servings.

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Bus service will be provided on **Thurs. Sept. 15** and **Wed. Sept. 21**.

A bus identified by a sign **"PARDES SHALOM"** will depart from the **parking lot** of the Lipa Green Centre, 4600 Bathurst St., at 10 a.m.

The bus will make a stop at the parking lot of the Betel Centre, located on Steeles Ave. W., at 10:15 a.m., to pick up passengers before proceeding to the cemeteries.

Entry to the cemeteries will not be permitted 15 minutes prior to the closing times noted below.

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סרט מרגש שעשוי מצויין, מבוסס על סיפור אמיתי.
שמונה בסולם קורן.

Welcome to UWO's Jewish community

Commencing this issue, Jessica Pollock will be reporting monthly as The CJN's campus columnist.

This summer I decided to read *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett, an acclaimed fictional tale that sets out the racial inequalities of Mississippi in the 1960s. As I went along, I developed a fond connection with the character Skeeter, a passionate writer. The paradox of her desire to reveal her unconventional non-racial beliefs, yet fearing the inevitable isolation that would ensue if they were ever publicized, compels her to anonymously compose a collection of untold stories of African-American maids.

Campus Life

Jessica Pollock

Unlike Skeeter, the role of being your new monthly student columnist will allow me to freely publish my own views and experiences. It's this principle of freedom of expression that inspired me to assume this position. I also feel like I'm doing it for all those ambitious individuals, fictional ones included, who have not yet been offered such an opportunity.

I am an 18-year-old Jewish woman in my second year at the University of Western Ontario (UWO), double majoring in media and global studies. Being the first *CJN* student columnist from UWO, I hope to bring a unique perspective to this column regarding events and personalities in the charming city of London, Ont.

UWO is typically the first choice post-secondary institution of the Toronto Jewish teenager. But what makes the southwestern Ontario city of London so attractive that it has grown to be the largest Jewish comfort zone of all Ontario universities? My response is that it is an ideal distance of two hours away from Toronto – relatively close, yet far enough for students to embrace their long-anticipated independence.

UWO has the second-largest Jewish undergraduate population in Ontario, after York University. Ten per cent of UWO's total student body of approximately 30,000 is Jewish, and the Jewish community on campus is centralized, recognized and highly visible.

Jewish Western is the umbrella organization that facilitates two campus clubs, Hillel and Israel on Campus (IOC). A council of elected students who organize numerous social, charitable and Judaic events throughout the year operates Hillel, which us run out of the warm Hillel House near campus. IOC is an Israel advocacy club that promotes Israel education and heritage by working endlessly to counter the negative stigmas of Israel that countless misinformed students regard as legitimate. Both clubs are dedicated to invigorating the Jewish community in London and bringing this community together in both the social and educative spheres.

The majority of London's Jewish student population is located in two main areas. First-year students mostly reside in the Elgin Hall or Alumni House residences, while upper-year students often choose to live in the downtown core. I'm not certain why that is. However, students are wed to these traditions and as a result, these neighbourhoods have maintained their reputation as the heart of Jewish Western.

London is truly home to a proud and budding Jewish community. Although compact, Jewish London thrives in its spirit, closeness and determination to succeed both collectively and as individuals. I am privileged and honoured to begin writing this column as a forum of personal expression, and I'm looking forward to sharing this impending journey with all of you over the course of the year.

With the second-largest Jewish undergraduate population in Ontario, University of Western Ontario enjoys a very organized Jewish campus community. Last year, Hillel at Western organized a successful barbecue for the Jewish freshmen.

FAMILY MOMENTS

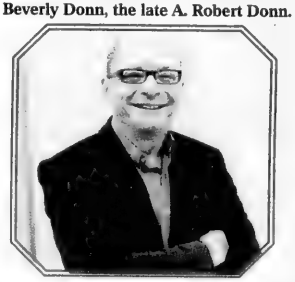
Mazel Tov

The Canadian Jewish news

We are thrilled to announce the engagement of Adrienne Razmov to David Greenspan. Mazel tov! With love from your parents, grandparents, siblings and both mishpoches.

Mazel tov Alona Tabachnikov & Howard Donn who were married on June 12. Parents, Michael & Irena Tabachnikov, Beverly Donn, the late A. Robert Donn.

Bat mitzvah Ally Rayna Brown June 25. Parents Lori & Philip Brown, brother Skyler, N.J. Grandparents Marilyn & Alvin Abram, Toronto; Shirley & Jerry Brown, N.J.



Happy 65th Birthday to Jack Newman from his family

Happy 30th anniversary to Patti & Sheldon Rotman. Love, your children Shaun, Lauren, Jodi, Robin and Rolo.

Mazel tov to Ron and Barb Gerskup, Brian and Rosalie Antman on the recent engagement of the children Brian and Sari.

SEND US YOUR PHOTOS!!

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What's New

By LILA SARICK

Social Networking @ The Canadian Jewish News
for the :-) generation

Thursday, Aug. 25

FAMILY MUSIC AT EARL BALES

Rhythm Umurisho performs at the Barry Zukerman Amphitheatre, Earl Bales Park, at 7 p.m. Free family activities begin at 5:30 p.m. In case of rain, performances will take place inside the community centre.

Saturday, Aug. 27

ORILLIA COUNTRY SHUL

Shabbat services continue during August, 10:30 a.m., 151 Creighton St. S. in Atherley. With **Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld**. Call 705-327-7069.

Monday, Aug. 29

HEBREW CAMP

JumpStart Hebrew is a one-week camp program at Beth Sholom Synagogue open to the community, for children entering grades 1-4. Runs Aug. 29-Sept. 2, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and will be staffed by teachers from Beth Sholom Hebrew School. Activities include oral Hebrew, reading and reading readiness activities, music, drama and cooking. Lunch will be provided two days. Cost, $75 for members of Beth Sholom and Beth Sholom Hebrew School and $90 for the community. Contact **Karen Goodis** at karen@bethsholom.net or 416-789-6103, ext. 225.

Tuesday, Aug. 30

MUSIC AT EARL BALES

Casablanca Orchestra performs at the Barry Zukerman Amphitheatre, Earl Bales Park, at 7 p.m. In case of rain, performances will take place inside the community centre.

FAMOUS TRIALS

Historian **Gerald Ziedenberg** discusses "The Shlomo Shwartzbart Trial," Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 7:45 p.m.

Deadline reminder: Aug. 29 is the deadline for Sept. 8. Due to Labour Day, Sept. 2 is the deadline for the issue of Sept. 15. Phone 416-391-1836, ext. 235; fax 416-391-0829 or e-mail whatsnewcjn@gmail.com.

Other News

SHAAR SHALOM SINGLES

Shaar Shalom Singles (ages 45 plus) presents **Jordan Klapman** performing tunes from Jewish composers of Broadway. Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m. Call **David** 416-224-9494.

JUNCTION SHUL PARTY

Congregation Knesseth Israel (The Junction Shul), 56 Maria St., celebrates its 100th anniversary at a street party Sept. 18. E-mail info@junctionshul.org.

HARBORD C.I. REUNION

The 1951 graduating class of Harbord Collegiate Institute is holding a reunion brunch Sept. 18 at the Donalda Club. Call **Debby Cowitz** at 416-633-0115 or **Kaylee Miller** 416-486-1574.

MELTON MINI-SCHOOL

Registration is open for fall courses "Dramas of Jewish Living (history)" and "Ethics of Jewish Living." Both taught at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, Wednesday mornings, 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Knowledge of Hebrew not necessary. Courses start Oct. 5.

A 10-week graduate class starts Oct. 11 on the Arab-Israeli conflict, taught by **Michael Rubin** at Beth David Synagogue.

Call 416-789-7400 to register.

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FRIENDS OF SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST STUDIES

HAS THE INTIFADA COME TO YOUR CHILD'S UNIVERSITY?

What you and your university-bound children need to know about anti-Semitism on campus*

Join Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for a free Information Evening to learn about:

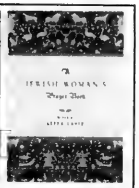
- Israeli Apartheid Week at Canadian universities
- The student Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions (BDS) movement
- Campus delegitimization of Israel

Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 7 pm

5075 Yonge St. Ste 902, Toronto

To register call Tracey Steyn: 416.864.9735 x 21
tsteyn@fswc.ca

**FSWC has organized this Information Evening in response to parental and community concern that our children are not adequately prepared for the challenges they face in confronting anti-Semitism on university and college campuses. This meeting will help address those concerns.*

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood presents
September 9-10, 2011
Dr. Aliza Lavie
Week End Scholar in Residence

Aliza Lavie's ***A Jewish Woman's Prayer Book*** is a collection that draws from a variety of Jewish traditions, through the ages, to commemorate every occasion and every passage in the cycle of life, from the mundane to the extraordinary. Men and women alike are adopting women's prayers, hearing and feeling their own supplications resonating in the words. Winner of the 2008 American NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD, the book and its subject have become the focus of extensive public discussion, numerous literary reviews, conferences, and cultural dialogue.

Friday Evening, September 9, 2011
Women's Prayers are Coming Home

Services begin at 6 pm.
Dinner following services: $30.00 per adult. $15.00 per child.
RSVP no later than 5:00 Tuesday Sept 6.
Please call the Synagogue Office at 416-221-3433
Presentation: After dinner Dr. Lavie will discuss the fascinating journey of her academic research, and will share and discuss some of the prayers in this book.

Shabbat, September 10, 2011

Shabbat Morning – from the bima Thoughts and insights about the high holy days and prayer.

Following Kiddush.... Women's Customs. An up close look into Dr. Lavie's newest work and as yet unpublished book. She will speak specifically about high holiday rituals and customs.

Shabbat Afternoon – no fee, but registration is requested. (416-221-3433)
Dr. Lavie will lead an in-depth study of Fanny Neuda's Prayers for the High Holidays. In 1819 Fanny Neuda was born into a rabbinical family and grew up steeped in religious study and prayer. In contrast to other books of prayer written for women, which were mainly composed by men, Fanny Neuda's book was the first known prayer book for Jewish women written by a woman.

This weekend is sponsored by the Beth Tikvah's Sisterhood, Synagogue Adult Education Committee and the Chaskel Davidson Memorial Fund.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for two hours on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings to work with young adults with special needs starting in September at DANI'S Place, Sheppard Avenue and Bathurst Street. Contact ssokol@dani-toronto.com.

VENDORS WANTED

Vendors wanted for Reena's bazaar Sept. 11 at Reena's Toby and Henry Battle Developmental Centre, 927 Clark Ave. W. Contact **Aviva** at 905-889-2690, ext. 2216, or awindman@reena.org.

BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR

Temple Har Zion presents the second of three seminars on bereavement. **Rabbi Cory Weiss** will discuss Jewish perspectives on death and dying. Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m. Call 905-889-2252.

HERITAGE MUSEUM

The Morris and Sally Justein Heritage Museum at Baycrest presents *The Dream Fulfilled – Theodor Herzl and the Jewish State*, with more than 400 items from the private Herzl memorabilia collection of **David Matlow**. Open to the public. For hours and to schedule group tours, call 416-785-2500, ext. 2802, or ababins@baycrest.org.

ACCOMMODATION REGISTRY

Are you looking to rent your basement apartment or an extra room in your house? List it free through the Accommodation Registry at UJA's Jewish Information Service of Greater Toronto. If you are looking for a place to live, we will be happy to assist you as well. JIST is located in the Harold & Miriam Green Lobby in the Lipa Green Centre, 416-635-5600, jinfo@ujafed.org.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Heartline Bereavement Group grief support program meets at Hospice Thornhill. Contact **Bonnie Strand** at 905-764-0656, ext. 227.

CEDARVALE MINYAN

Cedarvale Shul is located in the basement of Cedarvale Terrace at 429 Walmer Rd. On Shabbat, enter through the rear doors at back of parking lot.Weekday minyan at 7:45 a.m. Shabbat at 9:30 a.m. Kiddush follows services. For information on shul services, call 416-707-3161.

MULTIPLE MYELOMA WALK

A 5-km. walk in support of the Molly and David Bloom Chair for Multiple Myeloma Research at the Princess Margaret Hospital will be held Oct. 16. For more information, call 416-946-6584 or visit www.mm5kwalk.ca.

FOR SENIORS

New Horizons is a Jewish Hungarian seniors club that offers kosher food, casino trips and low membership fees. Call 416-256-1892.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. (55+). **Valerie**, 416-395-7881. Casino Rama, Sept. 14. Dance with live music, Sept. 18. Ongoing activities: Mondays, line dancing, 10 a.m.; Tuesdays, fitness class with qualified instructor, 10-11 a.m.; Wednesdays, art class, 10 a.m.; Thursdays, social bridge, 12:30 p.m.

Seniors Woodworking Club Fully equipped shop in Earl Bales Park. Call 416-630-6487.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m., Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell. 416-630-9444.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday afternoon socials. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl**, 416-635-6317, or **Marcia**, 416-932-1229.

Bernard Betel Centre 416-225-2112. Aug. 25, **Lynne Kropman** speaks about "Laughter Yoga: Stimulate Your Feel-Good Senses," 1:30-2:30 p.m.; Aug. 30, **Diana Mingail** speaks about "The Leica Freedom Trail," 10-11:30 a.m.; Sept. 1, **Judy Weiss** speaks about "Conflict Management," 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Beth Sholom Synagogue 416-783-6103, ext. 228. **Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich** and **Cantor Eric Moses** speak about "Stories of Inspiring Women for an Inspiring Year," Sept. 7, lunch at noon. RSVP.

Wagman Centre, 416-785-2500, ext. 2275. Entertainers of the Wagman Centre looking for energetic seniors. Now working on a program dedicated to the 1950s – folk tunes, crooners' songs, rock 'n' roll. Contact **Judy Ross**, 416-733-0580.

Miles Nadal JCC, Phyllis 416-924-6211, ext.155. Aug. 25,High Tea, 1:30 p.m. Enjoy a variety of cakes and teas and learn all about tea. Sept. 8, 2 p.m. **Iain Scott** speaks about "Pavarotti: Last of the Great Tenors?"

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.

Registration is now open for fall programs. Open-house week Aug. 21-26 to sample many of the adult programs.

Movie Mondays – *Just An Ordinary Jew* will be shown Aug. 29. Doors open 1 p.m., movie begins 1:30 p.m.

Drop-in duplicate bridge game with **Samy Toledano**, Thursdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Pay at the door. No charge for people attending first time.

Chai Dancers has an opening for dancers. Some dance experience required.

Beginners folk dance starts Sept. 12, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Intermediate dance follows, 8:30-10 p.m. International folk dance starts Sept. 14, 7:30-10 p.m. All are at Prosserman. $8 per class. International and Israeli folk dancing, Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m, drop in, pay at the door.

Advanced Israeli dance classes start Sept. 6, 8-11 p.m., at Tanenbaum CHAT, Wallenberg campus, 200 Wilmington Ave.

Contact **Teme**, ext. 4364, for all dance programs.

Mah-jong beginners and intermediates, Aug. 10-Sept. 14, 1-3 p.m. $58/$68.

Current events discussion, Thursdays, 12:45-2:15 p.m.

Shalom Singers Choir with **Esther Ghan Firestone** is looking for male singers. Rehearsals Thursday mornings.

Learn to read Hebrew, speak Hebrew and understand Judaism in three crash courses offered at the Prosserman JCC and the Miles Nadal JCC. First course is reading Hebrew, Sept. 18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. $75 includes kosher lunch and materials.

Kolel cooks with **Bonnie Stern** Sept. 13, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Cooking demo, tastings and Jewish learning for the fall holidays led by **Bonnie Stern** and **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein.**

MILES NADAL JCC

750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211.

Pick up the Miles Nadal JCC program guide to learn about fall programs or visit www.mnjcc.org.

Miles Nadal open house Sept. 7, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Find out more about the centre's programs this year.

The exhibit *Memorable Moments: Photography by Harry Joy* will be on display in the gallery until Sept. 8.

The Michael Bernstein Chapel holds services every Thursday at 7:15 a.m. and Sunday at 8 a.m., followed by a breakfast. Everyone is welcome for regular services and yahrzeit observance. Call **Coleman Bernstein**, 416-968-0200.

What's New is now online. You can find it at cjnews.com

STROKES FORE STROKE: Golfers in the 22nd annual Baycrest Strokes Fore Stroke Golf Classic raised $410,000 for stroke research and care at Baycrest. From left, event sponsors Allan and Susan Fenwick accept a gift from Strokes for Stroke co-chairs Len Waldman, Ronnie and Perry Steinberg.

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OBITUARIES
and Related Notices

Steeles Memorial Chapel

Braun, Eva	Aug. 2/11	Private
Butovsky, Sidney	Aug. 3/11	163 Hillhurst Blvd
Dick, John Aaron	Aug. 4/11	18 Ken Wagg Crescent
Shiaman, Isadore	Aug. 5/11	27 Lynnhaven Rd
Itkine, Mikhail	Aug. 7/11	Private
Day, Samuel	Aug. 8/11	2 Neptune Dr
Harvey, Jolana	Aug. 8/11	81 Hove St
Koral, Fanny	Aug. 8/11	3560 Bathurst St
Greenspan, Ruby	Aug. 8/11	Private
Goodman, Esther Rachel	Aug. 9/11	3560 Bathurst St
Basest, Marsha Carol	Aug. 9/11	132 Brickstone Circle
Shuman, Leslie	Aug. 9/11	60 McNairn Ave

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Sam Myers	Aug 6/11	10 Senlac Road
Ruth Goldstein	Aug 7/11	65 Eunice Road
William Wasserman	Aug 10/11	32 Kimloch Crescent
Lewis Cohen	Aug 6/11	
Larry Kutnowski	Aug 10/11	220 Steeles Avenue, W.
Flora Goldstein	Aug 11/11	22 Norfinch Drive
Martin Besserman	Aug 11/11	550 Kingston Road
Regina Canning	Aug 11/11	31 Tichester Road
Norton Mogul	Aug 11/11	191 Banbury Road
Albert Waxer	Aug 12/11	66 Collier Street
Bina Maser	Aug 14/11	404 Banbury Road
Fryderyka Bilinski	Aug 14/11	700 Mt. Pleasant Road

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
ROSE BLAU ז"ל
took place
Sunday, August 21st at 12:00 Noon
Pardes Shalom Cemetery

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
MURRAY LEWIS ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, August 28th at 11:00 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Shaarei Tefillah Section Row 20
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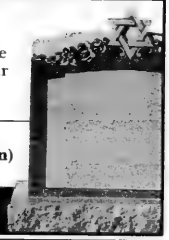

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French game show puts Jerusalem in 'Palestine'

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The Société Radio-Canada ombudsman's office says that complaints it has received about a reference to Jerusalem on a game show as a city in "Palestine" are outside the office's jurisdiction.

The ombusdman's office has referred the matter to the public broadcaster's French audience relations department, which had not responded by the end of last week to queries on the matter by HonestReporting Canada (HRC), a pro-Israel media watchdog.

The reference to Jerusalem occurred on the Aug. 12 episode of *Connivence*, a half-hour daytime game show that airs Monday to Friday.

Laure Simonet from the ombudsman's office told *The CJN* in an e-mail that "Radio-Canada's office of the ombudsman was set up to help ensure that the corporation's policies and standards of journalism be fully observed in Radio-Canada news and current affairs programming.

"Entertainment programming, like the game show *Connivence*, is generally beyond the mandate and jurisdiction of this office."

Radio-Canada is the French-language arm of the CBC.

"We are hopeful that Radio-Canada will take this matter seriously and that they will endeavour to set the record straight on this serious journalistic transgression," Mike Fegelman, executive director of HRC, told *The CJN*.

HRC sent out an alert on the error and mobilized its members across the country to demand a correction from Radio-Canada. Fegelman said close to 250 e-mails sent out by its members were copied to HRC by late last week, and probably many more went to the broadcaster directly.

A clip of the show where the Jerusalem reference is made is posted on HRC's website.

Host Sébastien Benoit asked contestants: "What city in Palestine is known to be a place of pilgrimage for Christians, Jews and Muslims?"

The contestant answered "Jerusalem," to which Benoit replied: "It is indeed Jerusalem."

Connivence, which has been on the air since April, is produced by the outside company Bubbles Television, which, according to its website, makes more than 25 shows for various French-language television networks. Two teams of two players each compete by answering general knowledge questions for cash prizes of up to $3,000

"As to a correction, it remains to be seen," Fegelman said, "but we are monitoring the program vigilantly and we will know if they air a corrective.

"At present, I can say that we received an overwhelming response from our members in both English and French and from coast to coast, who were quite outraged that their public broadcaster had declared all of Jerusalem to be a city of 'Palestine.'"

Not only is Jerusalem "currently in, and an inseparable part of, the State of Israel," Fegelman told the network, but the implication was that a sovereign state of Palestine exists.

This is not only a matter of a factual error, but the question amounted to "a charged political statement," he said.

Law could help stop store boycotts: ex-MP

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Former member of Parliament David Kilgour, now active in international human rights issues, has joined the counter-protest against the boycott campaign targeting St. Denis Street stores that sell Israeli goods.

On Aug. 13 outside the Naot shoe retailer, Kilgour addressed a crowd supportive of its owners, calling for the immediate end of the picketing. A lawyer by profession, he believes a muncipal bylaw, or other legislation, could be enacted against the continuous demonstrations.

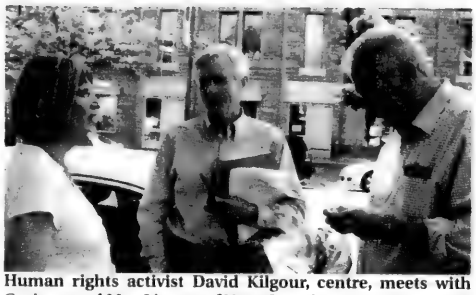
Kilgour was expected to return this past Saturday.

An anti-Israel group Palestinian and Jewish Unity (PAJU) began holding almost weekly demonstrations outside Boutique Le Marcheur last October because it stocks a line of Israeli-made shoes, a small part of its inventory.

In February, the campaign extended to across the street to Chaussures Naot, which sells footwear made at Kibbutz Neot Mordechai in the Upper Galilee, and that store has now become the main target of PAJU. Naot also stocks shoes from other countries.

Kilgour noted that Naot employs about 200 Palestinians as independent contractors in Israel.

"The five or so boycotters here today from PAJU, led by William Sloan… are holding up two large signs about Palestine," Kilgour said. "In reality, they are harming much-needed Palestinian livelihoods with their ongoing Saturday disruptions of commerce in this fascinating neighbourhood of Montreal."



Human rights activist David Kilgour, centre, meets with Corinne and Max Lissoos of Naot Canada.

The anti-boycott protesters, who well outnumbered their opponents and some of whom are not Jewish, are a grassroots group, said one of their leaders, Sharon Freedman, who invited Kilgour to lend his support.

Kilgour lauded Israel for the strength of its democracy and noted that there are Arab members of Knesset and the judiciary. "No serious person can believe that the tactics of PAJU will alter the policies of the government of Israel," he said.

Kilgour represented an Edmonton, Alta., riding from 1979 to 2006, first as a Progressive Conservative, then a Liberal and finally independent. Now based in Ottawa, he promotes democracy around the world, including serving as co-chair of the Canadian Friends of a Democratic Iran and defending the Falun Gong in China.

Kilgour deplored that the boycotters appear to want to put two "legitimate tax-paying businesses out of business and their employees out of work" in Montreal, and said the boycott is contrary to the Canada-Israel free trade agreement.

He also hinted at darker motivations.

"Can anyone today not know that in virtually every country Hitler and the Nazis invaded, one of the first things they did was to seize all Jewish businesses and send their owners to ghettos first and then to death camps?" he said.

Corinne Lissoos, president of Naot Canada, and her husband Max Lissoos, vice-president, came in from Toronto to meet Kilgour and their other supporters. While the Lissooses are Jewish, Le Marcheur's owner, Yves Archambault, is not. Both business owners have refused to comply with the boycott demand. Archambault was on holiday Aug. 13.

Kilgour thinks the city of Montreal and the Quebec government, and even Ottawa, could do more to put an end to the demonstrations in businesses.

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Jewish groups cheered in gay pride parade

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Unlike the previous two years, an anti-Israel group did not participate in Montreal's annual gay pride parade on Aug. 14.

Queers Come Out Against Israeli Apartheid (QCOAIA) had been expected to possibly march again, and a Jewish gay group Ga'ava, the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA) and the Israeli consulate were prepared.

As it has for the past four years, Ga'ava (meaning pride in Hebrew) had a contingent in the parade. This year, CIJA (which has assumed much of the functions of the now-defunct Quebec Jewish Congress) lent its support to the Jewish community presence, and, for the first time, the State of Israel participated in the weekend festivities.

"They [QCOAIA] have always been pretty marginal and have become even more so," said Jonathan Kalles, CIJA's associate director of government relations, who attended. "The mainstream LGBT community has no patience for them."

QCOAIA is a separate group from Queers Against Israeli Apartheid, whose participation in Toronto's gay parade has provoked controversy.

About 40 people were aboard or walked with the float fielded Ga'ava, which encompasses lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans-gendered Jews, in the parade along René Lévesque Boulevard.

"There were people of all ages, straight and gay, some non-Jewish," said Ga'ava chair Carlos A. Godoy. "Rabbi [Ron] Aigen [of the Reconstructionist Synagogue] walked the first half of the parade, and Rabbi [Julia] Appel [outreach rabbi at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom] met us at the end. We tried to show the strength of intergenerational relationships and the togetherness of the Jewish community.

"We were extremely well received, cheered and applauded. People came out of the crowd to shake our hand, they thanked us."

The organization also had a booth the previous day at the Community Day in the Gay Village. The theme of their display was Tel Aviv's vibrant gay scene, and it recreated the city's Hilton beach, complete with two tons of sand, a 10-by-10-foot backdrop and attractive models.

The group handed out information on rights and freedoms enjoyed by Israel's minorities and about 1,000 pairs of free sunglasses from the Size Doesn't Matter campaign, launched by the Canadian Federation of Jewish Students to promote a more positive image of Israel.

In co-operation with the consulate and the organizers, Ga'ava also brought in DJ Erez Ben Ishay to play the music following the parade at a dance party at Emilie Gamelin Park.

"Erez Ben Ishay, otherwise known as DJ Erez Bi, is one of Israel's most acclaimed DJs and a regular in the Tel Aviv gay party scene," said the consulate's cultural attaché, Margaux Chetrit.

"I am very happy to be invited for the first time to Canada to spin at Montreal's gay pride festival," he said. "Tel Aviv is where I started my career as a DJ, and I am happy to represent my beautiful city for the enjoyment of everyone."

Chetrit said the consulate was proud to participate in this year's edition of the parade, which under its current organization, has been held since 2007.

"He was a highlight of the evening, and was on for three hours," Kalles said. "The crowd, which must have been about 20,000, was very excited, very enthusiastic about him. Many knew him already, and when he was introduced as coming directly from Tel Aviv, Israel, there was a huge cheer," Kalles said.

The Ga'ava float, a decorated pickup truck, featured the Magen David banner in the rainbow colours symbolizing LGBT community, instead of blue. Similar T-shirts were designed especially for the event.

"The best way to counter [QCOAIA's] negative and divisive message is with a strong, unified presence of like-minded Jews," said Ga'ava in its publicity for the event. But the organization's participation pre-dates that of the other group.

Unlike in the past two years, when Quebec Jewish Congress was an identifiable component in the Ga'ava contingent, CIJA was not visible as an organization, Kalles said. Neither Ga'ava nor CIJA protested the possible presence of QCOAIA, and its non-participation was the group's own choice, Kalles said. "No one tried to exclude them. We never said they should not be allowed to march. Trying to stop them would only give them the attention they seek."

Son born while rabbi was in hospital

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In September, while Rabbi Simes was still in intensive care at the Ottawa Hospital, baby Charlie was born. His brit was a cause for celebration for a family that sorely needed something to celebrate. It was held at the hospital, and Rabbi Simes was able to hold the baby in his lap.

After many months at the rehab centre, and to the astonishment of almost everyone, Rabbi Simes had made enough progress to return home – with no ventilator or feeding tube. He has made more progress than anyone anticipated and hopes there is more to come.

"I really think that the people in this community are all sharing this journey, because sickness is a very lonely thing, but it has been amazing. It's not so lonely when I know so many people are impacted," Rabbi Simes in an interview with *The CJN* at his home.

"When I was still in ICU in Syracuse, when things were very touch and go, people in Ottawa and around the world took upon themselves to do mitzvot. That is incredibly encouraging and inspiring to me. I think of myself as a facilitator of people becoming better people. I just see a lot of good. Of course, it is a silver lining in a lot of darkness, but I focus on the silver lining."

Although confined to a wheelchair and reliant on others to take care of all of his basic needs, Rabbi Simes is able to see the silver lining every day.

Rabbi Simes at the NCSY event celebrating five years of Torah High, where he was a guest speaker.

"Of course Shaindel is everything for me. At this point, I need 24/7 care. She knows what I need. It is a very big challenge for her."

Their children also help with daily care. The older ones have learned to help with the bag that helps expand their father's lungs and also to lift him into the sling lift to move him from his wheelchair. The younger children help to feed him.

"I have done so much more than what was expected," he said. "I didn't know how serious things were until months after the accident. My family was always smiling and upbeat."

"I don't know how people in my situation manage without such support and without faith," Rabbi Simes said.

He is grateful for the support of his family, his community and the professionals who have worked with him over the months. Both his physiotherapist and physician live in his neighbourhood and make house calls, even during the night, if required.

His synagogue is accessible and he's able to spend time there, which is a great comfort. At the time of his interview with *The CJN*, work was being done on both a new van that is being customized and a new home that's being renovated to accommodate his needs.

In the fall, Rabbi Simes plans to do some volunteer teaching at Hillel Academy, where the students eagerly await him. He will also be working with the teachers at Torah High, an after-school high school program that he helped found five years ago.

Bram Bregman, co-founder of Torah High, said the students are looking forward to having Rabbi Simes back. "The students love him as a teacher. He shows them respect, and they in turn show him respect. I am fairly confident that he will be able to come back and teach. It is what he is really born to do."

Rabbi Simes always considered classroom teaching to be his destiny as well, but since the accident he has had time to think and re-evaluate. "Since then, I have been thinking that my passion and talents have been classroom teaching, but you never know what God wants from you. Maybe now things have shifted. It might seem like I am doing less, but maybe I am fulfilling a different purpose. Maybe God has a different plan for me."

"Of course I have fears, but the only attitude I can take is that if I can make it through today, then I am victorious over that day," he said.

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Netanyahu must not escalate the situation

First challenge is to stabilize relations with Egypt

Ari Shavit
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Reality is cruel. It is cruel for the Americans, who are starting to understand the consequences of toppling longtime Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak this past winter. Reality is also cruel for the Israelis, who started believing that a social framework could replace security in this country.

Analysis

It is cruel for all those who became enamoured with the Tahrir revolution, the ones who now understand that this same revolution has caused the peace between Israel and Egypt to crumble. It is cruel for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's rivals, who are witnessing how the Popular Resistance Committees in Gaza are effectively crushing the tent protests. It is cruel for Netanyahu himself, who was so proud of a non-existent death count – and lo and behold, there are now dead to count. Reality is cruel for all Israelis, as it reminds us where we live, who surrounds us and what we are up against.

Last Thursday's co-ordinated terror attacks are quite similar to the kidnapping of soldiers in northern Israel in July 2006. In both cases, a clever terror attack took Israel by surprise. In both cases, the terrorists breached internationally recognized borders. In both cases, Israel did not use the intelligence it had gathered. In both cases, Israel's initial retaliation was direct and decisive, although the response to the retaliation was rocket fire that led to civilian deaths.

Thus, the question that Netanyahu now faces is whether or not to continue the campaign in the south, which is similar to Ehud Olmert's 2006 campaign in Lebanon. Is it necessary to escalate and escalate, and embroil Israel in a second Gaza war? In the 48 hours following Thursday's attacks, Netanyahu acted firmly. He even properly handled the crisis with Egypt, although Saturday's attack on Be'er Sheva may yet change everything.

The prime minister's confidants may try to entice him to implement dangerous plans, and Netanyahu may just fall for it. He seeks revenge, and is powerful enough to get it. He believes in the power of deterrence, and is powerful enough to renew it. If he succeeds, it may lead to the release of Gilad Schalit, which would make Netanyahu the hero of the nation.

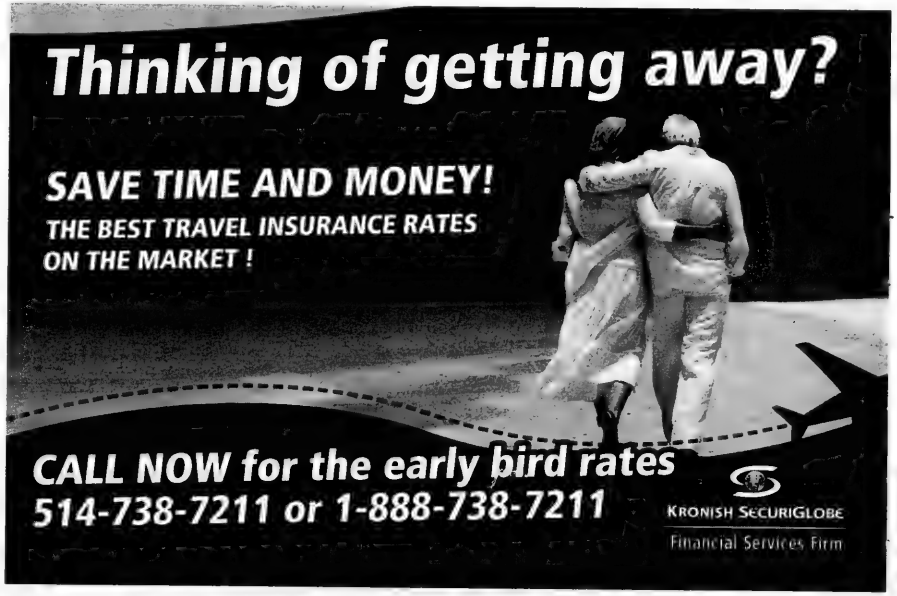
But Netanyahu must not succumb to such seduction. Hamas was not behind the attacks on Thursday, nor does it seek to increase tensions with Israel. Therefore, a direct attack on Hamas will be perceived as disproportionate and unjustified. Egypt will not be able to stand aside, and this time, it will surely call back its ambassador from Tel Aviv and freeze the peace.

The international community will not show restraint – it will present Israel as a warmonger. And when hundreds of rockets from Gaza hit Sderot, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Be'er Sheva, Rechovot, Rishon Letzion and Tel Aviv, the Iron Dome missile defence system will be deemed ineffectual. Netanyahu will face the same dilemmas that tore Ehud Olmert apart.

Terrorists armed with heavy weapons, guns and explosives launched four attacks in quick succession in southern Israel near the border with Egypt's Sinai Peninsula on Aug. 18, killing eight people and wounding 31 more, officials said. The assailants targeted a passenger bus, a military patrol and a private car. *[Israel Sun photo]*

Needed now are restraint, good judgment and long-term thinking. The first challenge is to stabilize relations with Egypt and stabilize the Sinai Peninsula, tasks that call for American leadership and creativity. The second challenge is to renew the ceasefire with Hamas, a task that calls for Israeli restraint.

Even if a future confrontation with Gaza is inevitable, Israel must delay it for as long as possible. It cannot act under such sensitive circumstances. If Netanyahu gets into trouble as Olmert did, his fate will be the same as Olmert's. The protests that are happening today in Israel prewar will be nothing compared to the ones that will come postwar.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No apology to Turkey

Israel will hold fast to its decision not to apologize to Turkey for its raid on a Gaza-bound flotilla ship, despite a direct request from the United States, Israeli officials reportedly said. Israeli media are citing unnamed Israeli officials as saying that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in a phone call with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton turned down an Obama administration request to apologize to Turkey for the deaths of nine Turkish citizens, including one Turkish-American, in a Navy commando raid on the Mavi Marmara in May 2010. The findings of a United Nations inquiry into the incident were expected to be made public this week. The Palmer report, whose publication was delayed by several weeks in order to give Turkey and Israel more time to reconcile, is reported – according to advance copies given to the two countries – to vindicate Israel for blockading the Gaza Strip. Turkey says it won't reconcile with Israel until Israel offers a formal apology and compensates the victims' families. Israel has offered its "regret."

Light rail finally opens

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Israel Briefs

Israel, Hamas implementing Gaza ceasefire

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Israel and the Hamas-rulers of the Gaza Strip have agreed to a ceasefire after five days of cross-border violence, officials said Monday, after a previously reported truce was not implemented Sunday night.

One official who was involved in mediating talks between Israel and Palestinian factions in Gaza said the groups had "reached an understanding on a truce and that the truce has started."

A Palestinian official said Hamas had agreed to enforce the ceasefire on smaller militant groups that were responsible for most of the rockets fired at Israel in the recent surge in violence.

The understandings were reached via Egyptian mediation, Ghazi Hamad, deputy foreign minister for the Hamas administration in Gaza, said.

The radical Popular Resistance Committees, which often act independently of the other Gaza militias, also announced a temporary halt to its rocket fire.

A Hamas official said Sunday that the Gaza rulers planned to enforce a ceasefire on Sunday evening at 9 p.m., but 12 rockets were fired from Gaza toward Israel by Monday morning.

Israeli diplomatic sources said earlier Monday that Israel has no desire for an escalation on its southern border, and that the Hamas decision to undertake a ceasefire is a unilateral step that Israel is examining.

Meanwhile, President Shimon Peres visited the southern Israeli city of Ashdod on Monday and said that Israel must respond to the rocket attacks from Gaza, but not in an overly violent way.

"The situation in Gaza is not simple and we must examine all options," said Peres. "We were not the ones who opened fire first. Whoever started the escalation must stop it, not us."

Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak, centre, talks to Israeli soldiers during a visit to the Iron Dome missile defence system deployed in the city of Ashkelon in southern Israel on Sunday. Fighters in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip bombarded southern Israel with rockets and mortars Sunday, striking an empty school and sending thousands of Israelis into bomb shelters, as Israel responded with airstrikes and diplomats scrambled to keep a new convulsion of Israeli-Palestinian violence from escalating. ***[Flash90 photo]***

Egypt welcomes probe into police deaths

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Egypt welcomed a joint investigation with Israel on the killing of five Egyptian security personnel during an Israeli border operation, but said on Sunday the response was insufficient given the gravity of the situation.

"Although the Israeli statement is seemingly positive, it is not on a par with the gravity of the incident and the Egyptians' anger at the Israeli acts," the Egyptian cabinet said in a statement, quoted by the semi-official *Al-Ahram* newspaper, following a crisis meeting.

Egypt said on Saturday it would recall its ambassador from Israel, insisting the killing of five Egyptian security personnel while Israeli forces were pursuing gunmen across the border was a breach of its 1979 peace treaty.

Egypt's Foreign Ministry later called in the Israeli charge d'affaires, delivered a protest and demanded a joint investigation into the deaths. Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak said Israel regretted the deaths, which followed attacks in its border area that killed eight people and sparked the most serious crisis in ties with Egypt since longtime ruler Hosni Mubarak's overthrow in February.

Barak also said he had instructed the Israel Defence Forces to conduct a joint investigation with Egypt.

"The Egyptian government considers the approval to conduct a joint investigation to uncover the circumstances of the incident a fundamental step to prevent the occurrence of such accidents, as Egyptian blood is not cheap and the government will not accept that Egyptian blood gets shed for nothing," Egypt's state news agency MENA said.

The Israeli decision to work with Egypt to investigate the killings is "positive in appearance but does not fit with the weight of the incident and the state of Egyptians' outrage from the Israeli actions," MENA added, quoting a cabinet statement released after a second round of a ministerial crisis meeting headed by Prime Minister Essam Sharaf late Saturday. "And as Egypt confirms it is keen on the peace with Israel, Tel Aviv also will have to share its responsibilities in protecting that peace," MENA said.

Hundreds of Egyptians continue to protest outside the embassy. One protester burned the Israeli flag and replaced it with the Egyptian one, a Reuters witness reported.

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Agenda has changed to security issues

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But we were quickly reminded that we're part of the old Middle East. We can never get away from the issue of fighting for our lives."

Mizroch, who holds South African and Israeli citizenship, adds that the terror attacks spun Israel back to reality. "We're not like every other place in the world where we can go into the streets and talk about social order. It was a rude awakening. It wasn't one lone gunman or two. This was a mega-attack. This has definitely changed the agenda from economic and social issues back to security issues."

Following the attacks on Route 12, everyone from government ministers to the average citizen voiced concern over the 280-kilometre-long Israel-Egypt border.

Ser, who has done reserve duty along the border, said the ease with which the terrorists crossed the border is distressful. And no one denies that the government will have to treat the Egyptian border differently from now on

"I am concerned about the danger that's growing in Sinai, and about our porous border there. I have seen first-hand how ineffective it is, how anyone can just step over the fence and sprint toward a vulnerable target inside Israel," said Ser, a father of two young boys.

"It's a problem that Israeli governments have ignored for decades. If this doesn't wake up our government now, I don't know what will. But I do know that it will be terrible – and that it will have been entirely avoidable."

Those who know and use the route into Eilat were not taken aback by the attacks there.

"The attacks in Eilat were not surprising," said Glenda Oxman, a resident of Be'er Sheva. "Since [deposed Egyptian president] Hosni Mubarak has been out of power, no one is in charge in Sinai."

"We see dozens of people from Africa cross the border every day, so I think many people were expecting something like this to happen. We don't have an effective border between where we live and the Sinai desert," Eilat resident Tal Lezerovitz said. "When I heard there was a terror attack, I knew it was people from Gaza crossing into Sinai and then into Israel. The people in Eilat want the border to get closed for security reasons. There is a great concern."

For Yocheved Miriam Russo, another Be'er Sheva resident, the assault on Bus 392 into Eilat was heart-rending.

"What really bothered me a lot is I've been on that bus so many times. It's such a happy bus trip, as people are going on vacation. That just broke my heart," Russo said. Russo and Oxman, neither of whom has access to bomb shelters, spoke to *The CJN* the day 10 rockets exploded in their home city, killing one Israeli and wounding a dozen more.

"I'm shaking but I'm also angry," said Russo, who recently bought a home in Be'er Sheva. "Nothing serious will get done until rockets hit on Tel Aviv. I don't want rockets to hit on Tel Aviv, but it's gone too far. Today was crazy. You don't get through a day like today and not think there's an escalation of violence."

The international media coverage of the latest events has also irked Israelis. "What makes me so angry about the Route 12 attack is they attacked us, we responded and the news is about the damage Israel did," said Russo. "It makes me so furious that we're not making the world understand the impossible circumstances under which we live."

"I think that international media can't surprise me anymore. They have their well-known bias against Israel, and terrorizing our people has always been treated very gently, unlike Israel's defensive actions, which always get the title of 'aggressive actions' against the poor Palestinians. It makes me minimize my exposure to international media," Rosenkrantz said.

In addition to the current wave of terror, which escalated over the weekend when Grad missiles hit Be'er Sheva on Saturday night, killing one person, Israelis are wondering about the effects of intended declaration of a Palestinian state at the United Nations in September.

"Statehood will provide world legitimacy for future terrorist attacks, especially – but not only – in those areas of Jerusalem that the Palestinian Authority has unilaterally decided to include in its state," said Fabian, a business development manager at Israel-America Chamber of Commerce.

And while gearing themselves up psychologically for another round of terror against the country they choose to call home, Israelis hope the social justice movement that has been sweeping the nation in the last few weeks will not be a victim of the rockets, and most intend to stay in the place they call home.

"I'm hoping the newly returned terror will not diminish the social strife, which is no less important than keeping our country safe," Fabian said.

"I don't know many Israelis who would leave because of security issues," Mizroch said. "People leave because they can't afford to live here."

So, why stay?

Mizroch said the "feeling of belonging" keeps him here. "Even though I love Vancouver for so many reasons, and I love South Africa for so many reasons, I don't have the same feeling of community and belonging that I have here."

Fabian said, "I have a U.S. passport and have lived there for many years. While there, I debated on whether I should live in the U.S. or in Israel. Here, I have no doubt."

"Israel is my home, my land and where most of my friends and family live," said Rosenkrantz, who hasn't renewed his Canadian passport. "Terror can get you anywhere, even in Canada, and it didn't even cross my mind to leave Israel."

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Canadian promotes customer service in Israel

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It seems ironic that a visiting Jewish professor from Canada would come to an Israeli business school to discuss the importance of customer service, yet Prof. Jean-Charles Chebat believes that Israeli business culture may not be as pushy as stereotypically believed.

"One of the clichés people have about Israelis is that they are very bright – very rude and pushy, but bright. I'm not sure if it's true," Chebat said with a laugh in an interview with *Ha'aretz*, adding that "if Israel is not carrying Jewish values then what is it?"

Chebat, who teaches at the HEC Montréal business school, was invited to speak by Tempus-Biz, a new initiative at the School of Business Administration at the College of Management Academic Studies (COMAS) in Rishon Lezion, last month. The initiative was founded and is directed by Prof. Dafna Kariv as a spin-off of the European Union's Tempus project.

COMAS was the first institution in Israel to be granted recognition by the Tempus project, which aims to create links among students, professors and professionals all over the world around entrepreneurship and innovation.

Kariv and Chebat, leading researchers in entrepreneurship and customer service, respectively, have both found that their Jewish roots and connection to Israel have profoundly affected their professional and personal lives.

Chebat believes the Jewish world has been evolving for centuries, contending that although the Jews of today are much unlike their ancestors, they are still cut from the same cloth. Many of today's Jews don't necessarily have all the same customs and traditions as their forefathers, but they continue to uphold the same values, which Chebat hopes will be the case for many centuries to come.

Kariv has even drawn parallels between successful entrepreneurship and the Israeli mindset, citing Israelis' pro-activism, propensity for risk-taking and creativity that have allowed many Israelis to make waves in the business world.

Despite these inherent traits, Kariv claims the environment in Israel is very problematic for budding businesses, forcing Israelis to think outside the box.

"When you are in a very pressed place, and it is a necessity-oriented environment, you do things, and you initiate things, and you create things, and you become more entrepreneurial," Kariv said.

Prof. Jean-Charles Chebat

Chebat added that Jews have not traditionally run big corporations but rather are known to be a "start-up nation." He even went so far as to assert that not only have Jews been forced to start business endeavours from scratch, but over time, the Jewish people have had to rebuild themselves repeatedly, making them a "start-up people."

He added that historically Jews have not acted as civil servants, and were in fact excluded from public service in many countries for centuries. This exclusion has forced Jews to survive in a hostile environment, a factor Chebat believes has pushed Jews to be more competitive than the business next door.

The need to be competitive and to stay afloat in tough times is all the more relevant today, as an international divestment campaign has been targeting Israel in recent years, affecting Jewish academics as well.

Kariv believes anti-Israel sentiments are largely due to Israel's negative image in the media. She said she has been visiting Montreal every summer for the past six years, and every time she hears anything about Israel, it's negative. She added that the media tends to be very one-sided, saying she has never seen anything on TV praising Israeli start-ups during a recession, for example.

This image, both academics contend, could be changed for the better by bringing students (regardless of religion) to Israel, allowing them to be exposed to local entrepreneurial progress.

"Israel is very dynamic, so we will strive to make it happen," said Kariv.

Partners to form insurance company for Israeli Arabs

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Israeli Arab and Palestinian businessmen have joined forces to develop an insurance company that will compete in Israel's insurance market and appeal to the Arab population.

Initial estimations suggest the company will need a capital investment of 60 to 90 million shekels ($16.5 to $25 million Cdn), in accordance with the capital requirements of all Israeli insurance firms.

The partnership includes three business groups – one Israeli and two Palestinian. Each will have equal holdings in the insurance firm and have already committed to providing their share of the required capital investment.

The two Palestinian partners are Al Quds Holding and Wataniya Insurance Co. (also known as National Insurance). The Israeli partner is being led by lawyer and accountant Tarek Bashir, who was among the initiators of the enterprise.

At first, the insurance company will focus on car and property insurance and may broaden its scope in the future to areas such as health and life insurance.

According to Israeli insurance companies, the portion of Arabs insured by Israeli companies is similar to the rest of the population, so none of the large companies are particularly exposed to the Arab population. Therefore, if this initiative succeeds, all of Israel's existing major insurance companies will be equally affected. However, smaller insurance companies, which tend to appeal to niche markets, are most likely to feel the blow.

Associates of the insurance company's initiators claimed that language barriers and cultural differences affect the level of service and treatment that Arabs get from Israeli companies. They say a fully Arab company will have more appeal than one that caters to an Arab market, but is under Jewish ownership.

Israeli insurers said they don't see the enterprise as a threat just yet. "I don't think such an initiative will succeed. What determines where customers go is the price, not the people behind the company," said a senior staff member at one of Israel's largest firms.

A staffer at another major Israeli insurer added, "Companies tend to treat the religious [Jewish] and Arabic sectors as communities that require special attention. You can't be too sure that they experience language difficulties – most of them know the Hebrew language exactly like we do. In any case, what matters most to the insurance customer is not the company itself, but rather the insurance agent that works with him or her. There are many Arab and Jewish insurance agents that specialize in the Arabic sector and are very familiar with it."

A look back at the future of publishing

[Reviewed by Norman Ravvin]

Writers, publishers and some readers know that this is another of the book industry's dark periods.

The shift to e-books is taking place faster than most publishers expected, and though the new technology provides a new source of growth, it puts traditional aspects of the publishing and bookselling industries in danger. Readers will continue to disagree about the comfort level of machines like the Amazon Kindle or Indigo's Kobe, and they likely, too, have varied feelings about the value and viability of the print-on-paper book. (The fact that we have to distinguish that familiar object from its competitors points toward a definite, possibly irreversible shift in the taste of many reader.)

Books written today about these shifts often take a partisan stance, and are somehow themselves immersed in the present predicament: they are in the awkward position of arguing for their own survival. Instead, we might turn to Matt Cohen's *Typing: A life in 26 keys*, (Random House) a memoir now over 10 years old, which provides much of what the contemporary Canadian reader needs, in economic, historical and cultural context, to consider where publishing and reading is headed in the coming years.

Cohen wrote *Typing* in the final year of his life as he struggled with the lung cancer that would kill him. It is a bitterly funny portrait of the writing life, of the constitution of new Canadian literary institutions in the 1960s and '70s, and of the position of a Jewish writer in these developments. Cohen's book likely gained some of its prophetic power from the fact that its author knew it might be his absolutely last word on the things that mattered most to him.

Typing portrays an earlier dark period in Canadian publishing and writing history, during the 1990s, when, Cohen tells us, "the selling and publishing of books has been transformed. Many of the independent bookstores whose owners and staff literally campaigned for Canadian books, hand-sold them to their initially dubious customers, provided venues for hundreds and thousands of readings, and were the foundation of the market for Canadian-authored books have gone out of business or been bought by the chains. A single chain, Chapters, is now estimated to sell over 50 per cent of all Canadian books." Alongside such developments Cohen points to the disappearance of publishing houses in the 1980s and '90s, and the increase of foreign ownership of Canadian-based publishers.

Alongside these developments, Cohen acknowledges that the "content" of successful Canadian novels had become more "diverse and unpredictable in every way." Canadian fiction, he adds, had become increasingly successful abroad.

Before he watched these changes taking hold, Cohen was an acute observer as the cultural nationalism of the later 1960s led to a flourishing of new publishing houses, some which were managed by an influential generation of young writers – among them Margaret Atwood, Michael Ondaatje and Dennis Lee.

Cohen focuses his most sentimental and nostalgic passages on the creative ferment he witnessed at Toronto's Coach House Press, "a community that had given itself over to the exploration of esthetics and esthetic experience... Oh, the scorn that was heaped on these bedraggled hippies for caring more about art than commerce." Run out of a converted coach house near the University of Toronto, Coach House Press enraged the cultural elite. In this group Cohen includes established publishers, reviewers and editors, all of whom resented seeing their "status-conferring powers" challenged. Among the many ripe anecdotes he has to tell on this front is one of his encounter with Robert Fulford, then the editor of *Saturday Night* magazine. Though Fulford was considering a Cohen-penned piece on the Coach House Press, he wondered, of Coach House's editor, "Who ever told him he could be a writer?"

This aspect of *Typing* offers a portrait of a Canadian culture war: the struggle between mainstream institutions and upstart outfits; between Toronto and the faraway "regions"; between an established generation of cultural workers and their rebellious heirs. Provocatively, he takes this portrait one step further, by arguing that many "of those writers now considered to be our greatest – Robertson Davies, Timothy Findley, Margaret Laurence, Margaret Atwood, Alice Munro," wrote "out of a conservative, small-town, restrained, Protestant tradition that found a tremendous echo of self-recognition across the country." As the "offspring of a completely different cultural and religious tradition," Cohen felt himself to be at inevitable odds with the heroes and values of Canadian literary life.

The presentation of these themes in *Typing* was not well received, and with Cohen dead, writers of stature, including Atwood and Fulford, took the opportunity to tell Cohen he was wrong (often without mentioning that they themselves were players in the cultural scenario Cohen detailed in his memoir). But this discussion was short-lived.

Many of Cohen's key points – his view of Jewishness in Canadian literature, his carefully plotted history of the ups and downs of CanLit – were little attended to. His understanding of the major challenges facing literary culture in the 1980s and '90s is something only publishers and writers might consider today, when the industry looks most in danger. *Typing* remains fresh, funny and prophetic, a worthy guide for anyone interested in the past and future of Canadian literary life.

Norman Ravvin's recent books include the novel The Joyful Child *and the edited collection* Failure's Opposite: Listening to A.M. Klein.

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Ottoman train station converted into a shopping centre

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff reporter

TEL AVIV — Tel Aviv's newest major tourist attraction is a refurbished and altogether charming late-19th-century Ottoman Turkish railway station.

Known in Hebrew as HaTachana (The Station), the complex was the terminus of the Jerusalem-to-Jaffa railroad line. One of the first rail lines in the Middle East, it was officially opened on Sept. 26, 1892, when Palestine was an Ottoman domain.

A hub of commerce in a developing economy, the line operated more or less continuously until the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. After the fighting ended, Israel abandoned the Jaffa station and built a new one in Tel Aviv. Ignored and lashed by the elements, the station in Jaffa fell into disrepair as the rerouted Jerusalem-to-Tel Aviv line prospered.

Several years ago, private investors purchased the derelict station and began converting it into a shopping and entertainment centre. Combining history with business, it opened last year.

Today, HaTachana, spread over 20 hectares, consists of 22 renovated buildings housing restaurants, cafes, specialty stores and boutiques.

The freight terminal building in the HaTachana complex once handled tons of goods each year.

The train station
[Sheldon Kirshner photos]

But the structures that particularly bring the Jerusalem-to-Jaffa line to mind are the train station building, the freight terminal and the railway tracks. The faux tracks, which accommodate two beige-white-and-brown railway carriages, lead nowhere and are strictly for show, designed to remind visitors of a bygone period.

Some of the buildings are foreign to the original site. One of them, the Villa, now a café, once belonged to Hugo Wieland, a member of the now-defunct German Templar community.

HaTachana, admission to which is free, is across the street from the municipal beach and adjacent to Neve Tzedek, the first Jewish neighbourhood outside Jaffa, which was once a bastion of Palestinian nationalism and almost exclusively inhabited by Muslim and Christian Arabs.

The Jerusalem-to-Jaffa line was the brainchild of British financier, banker and philanthropist Sir Moses Montefiore (1784-1885), an early Zionist who conceived the idea in 1838.

Palestine was back then a Turkish province, having been conquered by the Ottoman empire in 1517.

In 400 years of imperial rule, control of Palestine slipped out of Ottoman hands only twice. In 1798, Napoleon's army temporarily seized Jaffa, Ramle, Lod, Nazareth and Tiberias. Several decades later, Mehmet Ali of Egypt captured Palestine, but his conquest was short-lived.

When Montefiore proposed a railway line linking Jerusalem to Jaffa, Palestine was home to less than 50,000 Jews and Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern political Zionism, had not even been born.

Montefiore figured that a railroad would be a better way of transporting goods than the camel, the mainstay of transportation before the 20th century. The project, however, fizzled and Montefiore backed out. Construction costs would have been prohibitive and the Turkish sultan feared that a railroad would serve western rather than Ottoman interests.

The torch was passed to Joseph Navon (1858-1934), a Jerusalem businessman and member of the city's Sephardi elite. An Ottoman citizen, he aggressively promoted the project. After receiving a permit from the authorities, he joined forces with a French entrepreneur. When their funds ran out, Navon found investors in Switzerland, Germany and Belgium.

When Navon tried to enlist Herzl's support, he was rebuffed. The "wretched little line from Jerusalem to Jaffa was, of course, quite inadequate for our needs," Herzl claimed in a letter.

Undeterred, Navon pushed on, buying stock from Ferdinand de Lessseps' Panama Canal Company and recruiting engineers from Europe and labourers from the Middle East.

During its heyday prior to World War I, the line processed 43,000 tons of freight and handled 183,000 passengers annually.

Contrary to Herzl's belief, the line was of benefit to the Zionist movement in Palestine, prompting Baron Edmond de Rothschild, a Zionist benefactor, to build Jewish settlements along it.

From the 1870s onward, thousands of evangelical Christians from Germany, the Templars, settled in Palestine, creating flourishing colonies. The Wielands, a Templar family, established a brick and tile factory near the Jaffa station.

Hugo, the patriarch, built a one-storey residence in 1902 and added a second floor in 1906. His descendants lived in the house until the mid-1930s, when the generally pro-Nazi Templars were expelled by Britain.

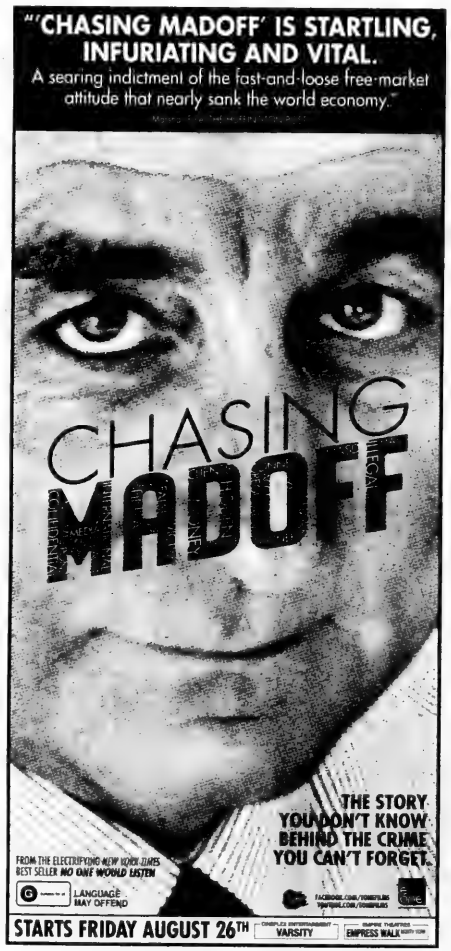
The line was affected by hard political realities, having been commandeered by the Ottoman Empire and Germany in World War I and silenced by the first Arab-Israeli war.

After Israel and its Arab neighbours signed armistice agreements in 1949, the line lost its relevancy. Having been replaced by a terminal in Tel Aviv in 1950, the station in Jaffa sank into obscurity and decrepitude. But as southern Tel Aviv was gradually gentrified, real estate developers saw potential in the decaying station.

Five years in the making, HaTachana is now a place where you can grab a sandwich at the Café Tachana, savour southern Italian fare at the Italika B'Tachana, enjoy an ice cream cone at Vaniglia and sip a latte at the Café Greg.

If you're drawn to outdoor markets, you may like the craft fair on Thursdays and the organic fruit and vegetable market on Fridays. And if you're a shopper, you can wander in and out of eight elegant shops.

But above all, HaTachana takes you back to a gauzy era when locomotives belched black smoke and Israel was still a glint in the eyes of Zionists.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Sedaka finds letting up is hard to do

Marvin Glassman
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Neil Sedaka, now 72, has sold more than 60 million albums during his 50-plus years in music, but he isn't resting on his laurels.

Instead, Sedaka continues to create. Currently, he is working on a musical based on his life in music titled *Laughter in the Rain*, which he hopes will debut in London's West End in 2012.

Sedaka, who will performing in Toronto on Aug. 26 at the CNE Bandshell, hopes the musical can shed light on his life and the music business, much like *Jersey Boys* did for singer Frankie Valli.

"You can call the musical "the Jewish *Jersey Boys*" because it is about my real life and Jewish roots. The story has a lot of drama that makes it more than a feel-good story," said Sedaka in a phone interview.

"My mother had an affair that almost damaged our family, and much is revealed about what was wonderful, and what was not, about working in the music business back in the 1950s and through the years. My songs are used to move the story along, and the musical ends with me going up on stage to perform the music of my life."

Sedaka is hoping the new musical will not suffer from poor reviews as did the musical based around his songs *Breaking Up Is Hard To Do*, which was at Stage West Mississauga in 2009.

Aside from this shoddy musical, the rest of Sedaka's life is a testimony to his talent and dedication to his career. Born in Brooklyn to Sephardi Jewish parents Eleanor and Mac, young Neil played classical music on the piano and

Neil Sedaka

was awarded a scholarship from the Juilliard School of Music by age 13.

His mother wanted him to be a classical pianist, but Sedaka preferred to write pop standards. At age 13, he teamed up with 16-year-old Howard Greenfield, who lived in the same Brighton Beach apartment building as he did. The duo wrote songs together until Greenfield's death in 1986.

"I always had the love of other genres, but back in the late '50s I was hired for these songs. Together with Howard, we wrote wonderful songs that endured, as did our partnership."

The hits included his signature *Breaking Up Is Hard To Do*, *Calendar Girl* and *Happy Birthday Sweet Sixteen*. The duo wrote hits for Connie Francis (*Where The Boys Are*) and other artists when Sedaka was no longer featured on Top 40 radio.

Sedaka and his family moved to England in the 1970s, and he found a reversal of fortune when *Laughter in the Rain* was released in 1975, followed by a ballad version of *Breaking Up Is Hard To Do* in 1976. His 1980 duet with daughter Dara, *Should Have Never Let You Go*, also became a hit. He was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1983.

Sedaka's family has been involved in all aspects of his music. He has been married for 49 years to Leba, who has been his manager for most of his career. Last year, Sedaka recorded the CD *Waking Up Is Hard To Do* with his two grandchildren singing backup, featuring his famed songs with lyrics made for children.

Sedaka paid tribute to his late mother by recording albums of classical and Yiddish music. His performances of the music from the albums drew raves in Chicago and New York.

"My mother would have been proud because she very much wanted me to be a classical pianist and I loved the Yiddish songs that she taught me."

Sedaka performs in concert at the CNE Bandshell on Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free with admission to the CNE grounds. For more information, call 416-263-3800 or go to www.theex.com.

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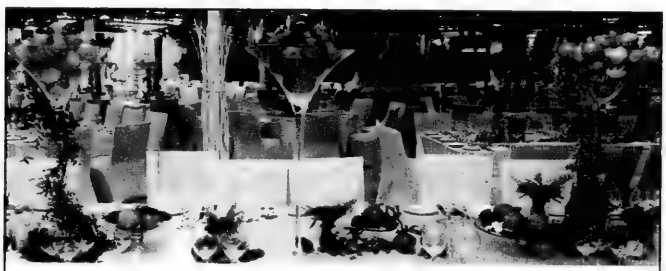

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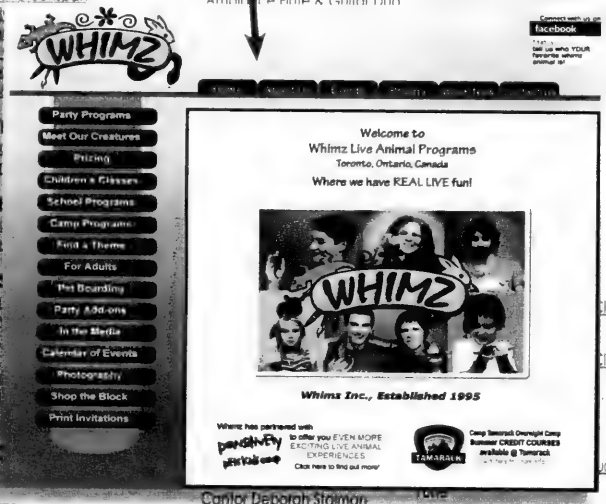

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EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

COMPETITION SEEKS DESIGN PROPOSALS FOR TRADITIONAL SUKKAH

Kehilla, the housing agency of the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, invites architects, students, artists, builders and design professionals to submit design proposals to its inaugural Sukkahville design competition.

The aim of the competition, which is open to everyone, is to design a temporary, free-standing sukkah for the Sherman Campus near Bathurst Street and Sheppard Avenue during the holiday of Sukkot. Inspired by New York City's Sukkah City 2010, the competition challenges entrants to re-imagine the sukkah, the traditional temporary shelter of Sukkot.

A committee of judges will select five winning designs, all of which will be constructed on the Sherman Campus in time for Sukkot. Submission deadline is Aug. 31. www.feduja.org/EVITE/2011/2011_sukkahville/info.html.

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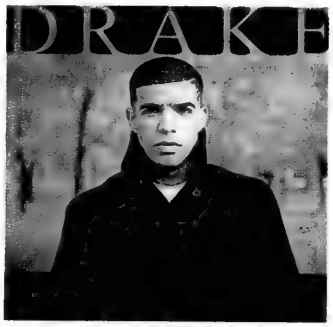

Names in the News: Canadian-born Jewish hip-hop artist **Drake** has been named recipient of the Allan Slaight Award, a $10,000 prize presented annually to a young Canadian working in music, film, literature, visual or performing arts, sports, innovation or philanthropy. Drake has announced he will donate the money to Dixon Hall, a community-based service that assists people in low-income neighbourhoods of Toronto.

The 24-year-old artist first gained attention as an actor on the CBC-TV series *Degrassi: The Next Generation*, then took the music world by storm with two independently released singles. His 2010 debut album *Thank Me Later* went platinum and a second album is slated for release in October. He has amassed two Juno Awards, six Grammy nominations and various other nominations and wins.

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Ofra Harnoy

Arts in Brief

• The Civic Light Opera Company presents a revolutionary new production of the Rodgers & Hammerstein Broadway classic *Carousel*. The cast is head by **Joe Cascone** as Billy Bigelow, the troubled carnival baker who falls in love with Julie Jordan (**Finnie Jesson**). The musically rich score includes *If I Loved You, You'll Never Walk Alone* and other great standards. $28. Fairview Library Theatre, 35 Fairview Mall Dr. Sept. 7 to 24. 416-755-1717, www.CivicLightOperaCompany.com

• **Alf Kwinter** presents a comedy routine in English and some Yiddish at the Friends of Yiddish annual membership breakfast. Guests $15, members free. Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Sunday, Sept. 11, doors open 10 a.m., breakfast 10:30 a.m. RSVP by Sept. 7 to Sandy, 416-736-8073 or yiddish18@yahoo.ca

• Cellist **Ofra Harnoy** returns to the concert stage for the opening of Mooredale Concerts' 23rd season. The program, performed with a pianist, features **Bach**, **Beethoven** and **Cesar Franck**. $30, $25. Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park Cres., Sunday, Sept. 25, 3:15 p.m. 416-922-3714, ext. 103, www.mooredaleconcerts.com

• **Jerry Gray and the Travellers** present This Land Is Your Land, a concert marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of American folk legend **Woody Guthrie**. Guest artists include members of the Guthrie family. $50, $70. Markham Theatre for Performing Arts, 171 Town Centre Blvd., Markham. Sunday, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m. 905-305-7469,grayg@rogers.com

The Devil's Double highlights face of dictatorial Iraq

The British actor Dominic Cooper plays the pathological Uday Hussein in *The Devil's Double*.

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff reporter

Lee Tamahori's riveting feature film, *The Devil's Double*, focuses on the bloody Saddam Hussein era in Iraq.

Eight years after the United States and its allies invaded Iraq and deposed and captured much of its Baathist leadership from Saddam Hussein on down, the country, plagued by terrorism, sectarian strife and political instability, is still a work in progress, to say the least.

Tamahori – a seasoned filmmaker whose credits include *Once Were Warriors* and *Die Another Day*, the 20th James Bond movie – zeroes in on Uday Hussein, the dissolute son and heir apparent of the brutal dictator.

Now playing in Toronto, *The Devil's Double* is based on a true story and is framed by two major events that rocked the Middle East in the 1980s and 1990s – the Iran-Iraq War, the longest ever conflict in the region, and the first Gulf War, which cut hegemonic Iraq down to size and subjected it to severe United Nations sanctions.

Uday (Dominic Cooper) is a thuggish and unhinged figure who favoured Cuban cigars, British and American liquor, German sports cars, Swiss watches and Italian tailored suits.

A sexual predator who frequented discos and preyed on Iraqi school girls and new brides, Uday behaved with a sense of unbridled entitlement. To Uday, Iraq was a family fiefdom. He was not delusional. His father ruled Iraq with an iron fist and brooked no dissent.

The Devil's Double refers to Latif Yahia, an Iraqi war veteran whom Uday chose as his body double. Yahia, played by Cooper as well, was reluctant to oblige Uday. But he had no choice but to obey his master.

After submitting to plastic surgery, Yahia was ready to play his assigned role. But he never liked it and sometimes bridled at the bit. Yahia was painfully aware that his boss was a certified psychopath.

Uday, who was killed by U.S forces in the summer of 2003, was indeed a piece of work. In this lavishly mounted film, whose cogent script was written by Michael Thomas, Uday lurks in practically every scene.

He laughs maniacally. He sadistically tortures Iraqi athletes who underperform. He picks and chooses attractive women to satisfy his lust. He drives around in a car on the prowl for virgins. He rapes a new bride, grabbing her at her marriage ceremony.

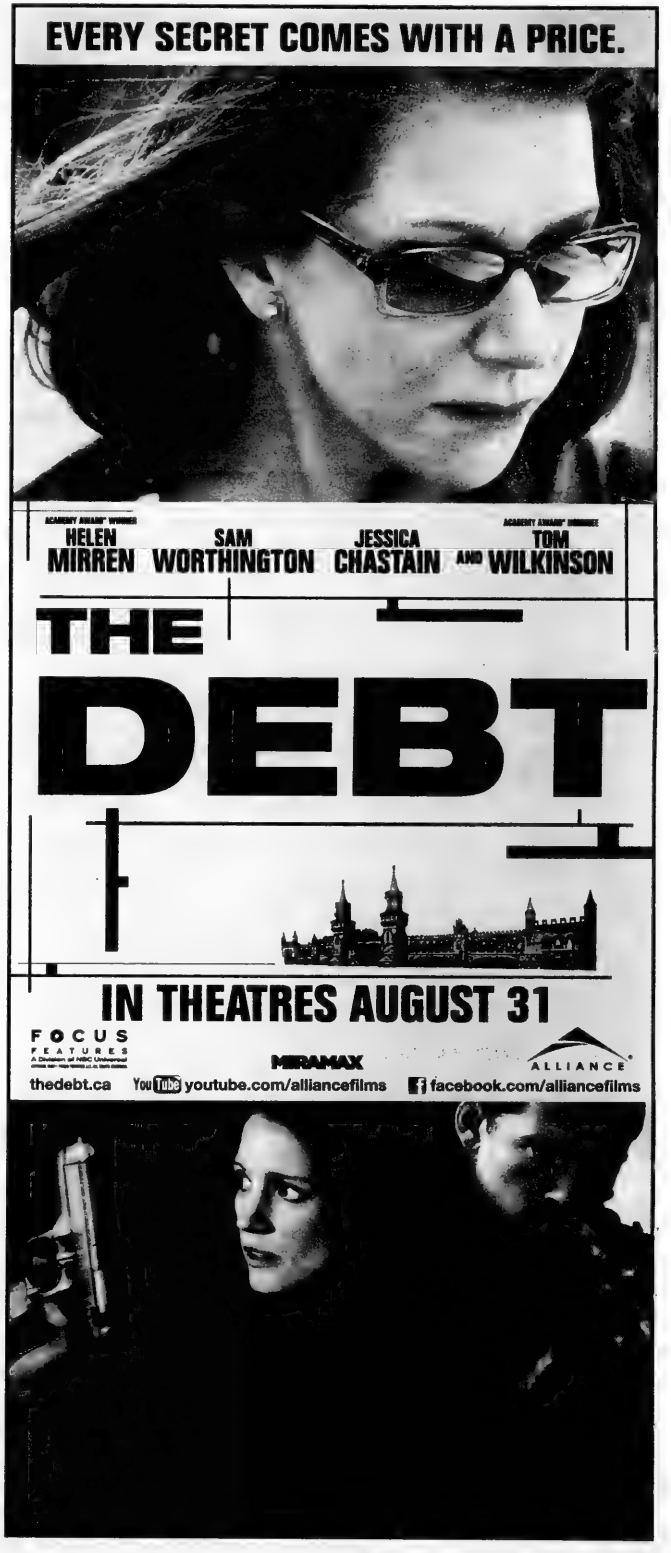
In a moment of volcanic rage and possible folly, he murders his father's unquestionably loyal valet and food taster, spilling his organs with a curved dagger and finishing him off with a gun blast to the head.

This grisly incident underscored Uday's problematic relationship with his father (played by Philip Quast) and anyone else who dealt with him, including his girlfriend, Sarrab (Ludivine Sagnier).

Thanks in no small measure to Tamahori's able direction, *The Devil's Double* successfully recreates the visceral atmosphere of fear that pervaded Iraqi society during this black period.

Dominic Cooper, a British actor, delivers a superb performance as both Uday and Latif, moving effortlessly between these two radically different characters.

If Uday was one of the faces of Iraq in the late 20th and early 21st centuries, Iraq was surely governed by the devil.



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Oldest tennis player beats youngsters at Rogers Cup

Marvin Glassman
Special to the CJN

At 33, American Michael Russell was the oldest player competing at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament held at Uniprix Stadium this month.

On the surface, it might appear that the player ranked No. 100 would be an easy victory for the younger athletes in the draw.

But, as three of his opponents can testify, Russell was not so easily dismissed. Russell, who is Jewish, showed his mental toughness in his opening match in the qualifying round by outlasting Toshide Matsui of Japan 6-4, 5-7, 6-4 in a gruelling three-set thriller.

The next day, Russell made quick work of 24-year-old Marsel Ilhan of Turkey 7-5, 6-2, outworking his younger opponent.

In the main draw, Russell continued to exceed expectations by defeating 47th-ranked Albert Montanes of Spain 7-5, 6-2, once again out-manoeuvring his 30-year-old opponent with guile and hustle.

"I feel good that I can still beat players who are both younger and ranked higher than me," said Russell following his matches, wearing a sleeveless shirt that exposed his muscular build.

Known as "Iron Mike" and "Muscles Russell" by his competitors, Russell is a fitness fanatic who made his opponents look like the seniors on the court.

"I saw what fitness did for Andre Agassi in his last years in tennis, so I knew that by staying in shape, I would be adding years to my career."

Russell could not out-hustle Swiss player Stan Wawrinka, who, at age 24 and ranked 17th, proved to be too difficult to conquer in the second-round match. Russell lost 6-3, 6-2 and served eight double faults in his loss.

"The last few years Michael has been playing some of his best tennis. He is an inspiration to a lot of guys, especially if you're 27, maybe not doing well. Michael is the example that you can have your best years in tennis after 30," said Wawrinka following his victory.

Veteran American tennis player Michael Russell credits his fitness regime for his longevity on the circuit.

Having turned pro in 1998, Russell's tenure has spanned the peak years from Agassi to Pete Sampras and Roger Federer. His name is not widely known because Russell struggled with knee injuries and played almost exclusively on the challenger circuit – the minor league of professional tennis – for most of his years.

"In my first six or seven years, I struggled more and did not have the same mental and physical fortitude that I have now. Since I broke into the top 100 in 2007, I feel better, stronger and have as much desire to compete as I ever had," Russell said.

Russell is the second-highest ranked Jewish player on the circuit – Dudi Sela of Israel is 92nd. Sela did not compete at the Rogers Cup.

Born in Detroit, Russell learned the sport from his father, George, a former University of Michigan tennis star. Like his father, Russell also excelled in collegiate tennis, winning NCAA rookie-of-the-year honours in 1997 playing for the University of Miami.

"I was raised, as are most Jewish people, not to forgo a university education. I'm happy I competed for the University of Miami and had a tennis scholarship. I have absolutely no regrets for anything over my career, and hope to still have a few more years left to compete," Russell said.

Adding to Russell's stability was his marriage in 2007 to Lily, a fitness consultant from Houston, Tex.

Russell's 14 years and counting on the pro tennis circuit are longer than that of most players, and even more remarkable given the depth of competition. Russell's highest ranking was number 65 in 2007, and he has played mostly on the major tennis circuit over the last four years. His best result in 2011 was a quarter-final finish at the Memphis tournament.

The only other Jewish player competing was 530th-ranked American Jesse Levine, who won his opening match over Ukrainian Sergei Bubka 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (9) before losing 6-2, 6-1 to Favio Cappola of Italy in the qualifying rounds.

The Israeli Davis Cup doubles team of Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram did not compete at the Rogers Cup as their ranking (number 52 for Erlich) was too low for entry.

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Peer rebounds in Ohio

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Israel's Shahar Peer rebounded from her poor showing at this month's Rogers Cup with a second-round victory over Pauline Parmentier of France at the Cincinnati Open last week.

Peer, ranked 24th in world, had been due to play world number 3 Victoria Azarenka, but she pulled out due to a "right hand strain" just hours before the match was to start.

Parmentier, ranked 35 spots below Peer, turned out to be a much easier opponent, with Peer winning in straight sets 6-2, 6-3. Next for Peer was China's Shuai Peng, 15th in the world.

The two have met three times in the past, with Peer winning their last two encounters.

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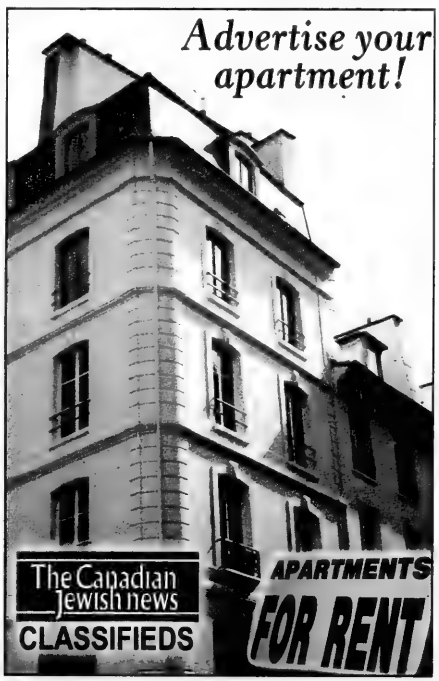

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Front page of 1938 Star

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The newspaper provided its readers with the first reference to Germany's genocidal policy in a piece published on April 1, 1942. "The Nazis Are pursuing a policy of systematized extermination in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Serbia and elsewhere," the story declared.

"Thousands of Jews have been slaughtered this year in Bessarabia and the whole of Rumania is, so far as the Jews are concerned, a concentration camp. The 90,000 Jews that remain in Czechoslovakia are soon to be rounded up… Events are becoming tense in Bulgaria… From Holland has come the report that 4,000 Jewish youth were 'worked to death' at dangerous forced-labour camps by the Nazis."

Through 1942, the *Star* published stories about the use of Jewish slave workers in Bulgaria, deportations from Germany, Holland and Slovakia, the ghettoization of Polish Jews and the mass murder of Jews in the Baltic states and Poland.

The *Star* published its most detailed account of Nazi mass murder on Dec. 24 1942: "The anti-Jewish activities… have now grown to systematic murder on a mass scale… Almost 2,000,000 Jews in Europe have been slain since the war began. Another 5,000,000 are scheduled for destruction."

In a reference to Nazi death camps such as Auschwitz and Majdanek, the newspaper said, "Poland appears to be the main 'slaughter depot' to which Jews from all over Europe are being shipped."

Frisse writes, "By the end of 1942, despite the overall unsystematic and fragmentary coverage of events, *Star* readers knew of the European scope of the deportations and killings, the central role that Poland played as the destination of the deportations and the place of mass exterminations, the collaboration of people in the Baltic states in the extermination of their Jewish populations, as well as the main methods of killing applied by the Germans."

Throughout 1943, articles carried by the *Star* made explicit references to the Treblinka, Belzec and Sobibor death camps. Yet it mentioned the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising only in passing.

In conclusion, Frisse says the paper's "main shortcoming" in its coverage of the Nazi era was its "lack of consistency." Some stories, such as the September 1941 Babi Yar massacre in Kiev, were published only years after the fact.

Nonetheless, the *Star*'s coverage was superior to that of other Canadian newspapers, Frisse told *The CJN*.

He closes his piece with a resounding moral judgment: "In relation to Canada's role as a passive bystander to the Holocaust, the Canadian government's unwillingness to come to the aid of the Jews of Europe is not a reflection of lack of knowledge. The decision not to take action was not made *because* of lack of information, but *in spite* of information that as early as 1942 pointed toward the existence of a comprehensive plan to destroy the Jews of Europe – the Final Solution."

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STRATFORD ACTOR IS DEDICATED TO THE STAGE

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

For Ian Lake, a young actor who has dabbled with television roles, his real passion is for the stage.

In his fourth season at the Stratford Festival, 28-year-old Vancouver native Lake said that acting has been a huge part of his life for the last decade.

"I had parents who were very appreciative of the arts and would always bring me out to shows and made it an important part of my upbringing, but it wasn't until I went to university when I was 18 that I really took a more serious approach and started to consider it as a career choice," said Lake, who plays Joey in Nobel laureate Harold Pinter's *The Homecoming*.

"Joey is the youngest of three brothers. He's a boxer, and it's a family where everyone is like a pack of wolves, and there is a real fight over territory in this family," Lake said, explaining the character he plays.

"It's not the friendliest family... Joey is really quite an innocent. He doesn't really engage so much in verbal sparring, because I don't think he has the mental ability to do it. He feels like if he leaves well enough alone, nobody will come after him. He's a boxer, a construction worker, he likes to chase women and eat food, and that is his world. He doesn't speak very much, he speaks with his body language more than anything and it's a really fun character to play."

Ian Lake

Lake, who is also part of the ensemble cast in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, said that his role in *The Homecoming* was the first one in his acting career that inspired him to prepare extensively, by training for months at a boxing ring.

"This is the first time I have really taken on such extensive preparation for a part," he said.

Lake has a number of sought-after Shakespeare roles under his belt, including Silvius in *As You Like It*, Florizel in *The Winter's Tale* and Demetrius in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, but this past winter was the first time he was able to land a role to which he felt a personal connection.

"For the first time, I had a chance to play a Jewish role," said Lake, who described his upbringing as secular, but his family was a part of a "network of several Jewish families," who were members of the Peretz Centre for Secular Jewish Culture in Vancouver.

He said his first and only Jewish role came when he was working at Theatre Aquarius in Hamilton, Ont.

"There is a play called *For This Moment Alone*, which is a talmudic reference that when you do a mitzvah, God looks down and says, 'for this moment alone it was worth creating the world,'" Lake explained.

The play – by Canadian playwright Marcia Kash, who borrowed heavily from her own family history to tell this story – was set in Toronto in 1948 and is about a Holocaust survivor who deceives a family of survivors that settled in Canada.

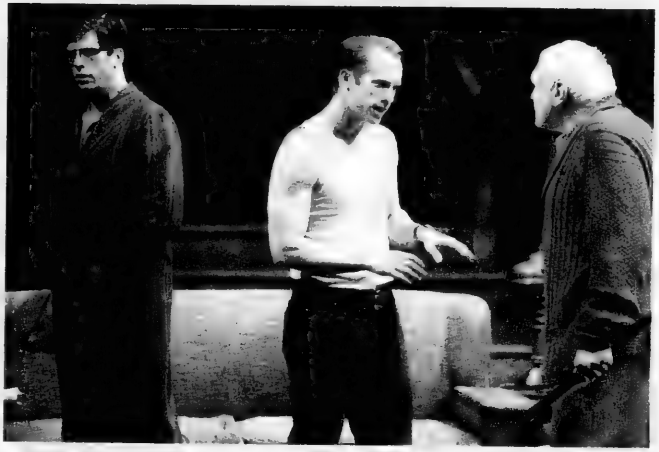
Lake's character, a survivor named Freddy, pretends to be a relative of the family so they will sponsor him for immigration to get him out of a displaced person's camp.

"This was the first time that I played a part that meant so much to my history and my family's history, and it wasn't just about it being an emotional story. It was actually something that mattered to me," Lake said.

He said even though he was never pushed into roles that have Jewish themes, he felt that this role honoured his family in some way.

Although his own family didn't suffer through the Holocaust firsthand, as his grandparents were born in Canada, "for my grandmother, [teaching about] the Holocaust is one of her reasons for being."

Lake said his grandmother, who once served as the director of the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre, used to take him on tours of the centre.



Ian Lake, centre, as Joey in *The Homecoming*.

"I remember... being affected quite strongly by that."

But it was his recent trip to Israel on a Birthright Israel tour that helped make this role more meaningful for him.

"Going to Israel gave me a stronger sense of what it means to be a Jew. Leaving Vancouver, I felt disconnected from that part of my life, because I work in Stratford, where there are so few Jewish people – there are only a handful of us, and we get together for Holidays, and every now and then, someone will have a Shabbat dinner. There's about six of us in the whole company of 100 actors."

He said his trip to Israel helped him play the part of Freddy better.

Lake said his trip also helped him solidify his convictions and seek roles that mesh well with his ideals.

"If there is a story that conflicts with my ideals, it's important for me to have an opinion about that and have the opportunity to say, 'That isn't something I'm interested in doing...' Going to Israel was part of me beginning to understand exactly what my ideals are," he said.

Although much of Lake's acting experience comes from his time on the stage, he has recently landed a television role on the CTV drama *Flashpoint*.

"That was my first foray into television and it was a lot of fun... [But] my real passion is for the stage," said Lake, who trained at the National Theatre School of Canada and at the Birmingham Conservatory for Classical Theatre.

"I've been very fortunate to work at Stratford and to work on some big stages and get to play some really phenomenal parts," he said, adding that there is nothing like performing on stage.

"Here at Stratford we have some pretty big theatres where you can get about 2,000 people in a room. It's pretty special to get the chance to go up there and perform in front of that many people, especially when the plays we get to do here are such wonderful plays."

He said although he wants to put more of an effort into landing more television gigs, "I think my heart will always belong on the stage in theatre."

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Dear Ella,

I play mah-jong with the same group of women every week. We've been playing together for many years and have become close friends. Janice, one of the members of the group, was just diagnosed with breast cancer. She told us all individually. She said she didn't want the mood or the conversations at our games to change. We often talk about life situations when we get together – anything from shopping to rotten kids and everything in between. We know we need to respect Janice's wishes not to discuss her health at our games.

Ruthie, one of the other women, does and says whatever she wants. No matter what's going on, Ruthie manages to twist it around and only see how it affects her. She dominates the conversation with her problems week after week. She is a good person, but a little hard to take.

We were all shocked when at our last game, she brought up how difficult it was when her aunt had cancer and how it turned the whole family upside down. I wanted to reach across the table and duct tape her mouth shut. Janice excused herself early, claiming she had a headache.

Talking to Ruthie and letting her know will only have an effect for a short time, because she doesn't really hear any kind of criticism. You can see in her eyes that she isn't listening. What should we do? It was a very uncomfortable evening for all of us.

Sad Mahj Member

Dear Sad Mahj Member,

No one has control over the personalities of others. They say that "it takes all kinds" to make the world interesting, but it's unfortunate that Ruthie lacks the sensitivity that's so needed here.

Janice has a battle ahead of her, and she wanted to use your weekly mah-jong games as an escape. Since you're all close, Janice knows what kind of person Ruthie is, so her little story about her aunt probably wasn't a surprise.

There are a few things you can do. Start by bringing it to Ruthie's attention. She's so self-absorbed that she didn't have a clue how her story affected her friend. I'm sure she didn't tell the story out of malice. She just can't see past her own life. People like Ruthie suck the energy out of those around them. They cause a lot of eye rolling and thoughts of "here we go again."

Since no one can really control Ruthie's mouth, you may experience some uncomfortable moments at your games in the future. You can try to jump in and change the subject or try handling the situation with humour. A funny line hurts less than an embarrassing serious moment.

Maybe Ruthie will pick up on what your are doing and stop, but she may be so far gone that she won't even realize what's happening.

At the end of the day, it will all be up to Janice. If having a place to escape to is important to her, she will have to sit down and have a talk with Ruthie and lay down some ground rules. You can only go so far to create that comfortable place for Janice to escape to.

It's times like this that really test the bonds of friendship.

Ask Ella

Ella Burakowski

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN, *e-mail: ellacjn@gmail.com. But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

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- **2 tblsp brown sugar**
- **1 c vegetable oil**
- **1 head romaine lettuce, torn**
- **1 pint fresh strawberries, sliced**
- **1 crumbled feta cheese**

In a skillet over medium-high heat, cook the almonds, stirring frequently, until lightly toasted. Remove from heat, and set aside. In a bowl, prepare dressing by whisking together garlic, honey, Dijon mustard, raspberry vinegar, balsamic vinegar, brown sugar, and vegetable oil. In a large bowl, toss together toasted almonds, romaine lettuce, strawberries, and feta cheese. Cover with dressing; toss to serve.

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CJN web columnist Lauren Aginsky compares her hectic life with young children to that of her friend who is now an empty nester and tries to project 15 years down the road.

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Montreal-area resident discovers the words "Jew ride" scratched into the family car.

Tel Aviv's newest major tourist attraction is a refurbished late-19th-century Ottoman Turkish railway station, below.

The limits of information

It was another of my favourite activities – an ethics seminar with a group of health-care professionals who work in the geriatric department of a large Tel Aviv hospital.

Whenever I am in Israel, we meet to discuss a specific clinical case in which the staff is confronted with difficult ethical decisions, and we use the opportunity to talk about principles and approaches. With the requisite coffee, strudel and good humour, it is always an uplifting experience for me and gives me a chance to use my fractured Hebrew – which usually ends up with us collectively speaking "Heblish."

The case we discussed could just as well have been from Canada: an older man living at home with severe dementia looked after primarily by his wife with the assistance of a personal-care worker. His two daughters helped with his care, and during the discussion it became clear that although they were not the legal substitute decision-makers, they seemed to be taking over that role from their mother, without her necessarily agreeing with their views.

The 92-year-old patient had been brought to emergency because of sudden onset back pain without any history of trauma. He was admitted to the geriatric unit, and tests revealed severe osteoporosis and a compression fracture of a lower vertebra. Another finding was a small tumour-like lung nodule that, from the X-ray, could not be determined as either benign or malignant. His significant dementia prevented his participation in discussions, but he was still able to eat and, with help, use the lavatory.

Senior Side of Life

Michael Gordon

The daughters were pressuring the physicians to determine the "cause" of his back pain and nature of the lung lesion. The staff was reluctant to expose the patient to invasive investigations as those non-invasive ones already done (scans, CT scan, blood work) had not revealed further information. There was no one on the medical staff who thought that more tests would likely add to their ability to treat him, other than for symptom control. But they did think that determining whether the nodule in his lung was malignant, through bronchoscopy or needle biopsy, could lead to serious adverse reactions and was unlikely to prolong his life or comfort.

The daughters, despite their mother's expressed reluctance, were pressing the doctors for "more information" to "know exactly" what was wrong with their father. The wife was reluctant to get into conflict with her children, but seemed to understand better the status of her husband with whom she lived, while her devoted daughters only visited, although regularly.

At the end of the team discussion with me, after exploring all the points, it was decided to ask the daughters what they thought more information would provide for their father, who was already on the steep trajectory slope of decline from dementia, which they clearly did not understand has a terminal phase. We agreed to stress to them the reality of his dementia illness and that his comfort during the limited period of life he had should be the focus now, rather than exposing him to the potentially negative impact of modern technological medicine.

I suggested that the team emphasize to the daughters, in a loving and supportive fashion, the limits of "more information," when what their father needed at this point was love and devotion and a focus on comfort rather than a "diagnosis" that was unlikely to add much to his life.

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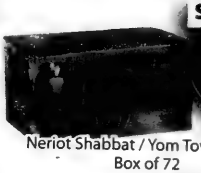

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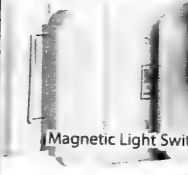

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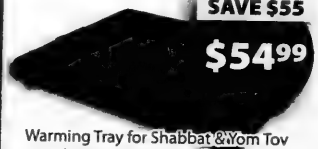

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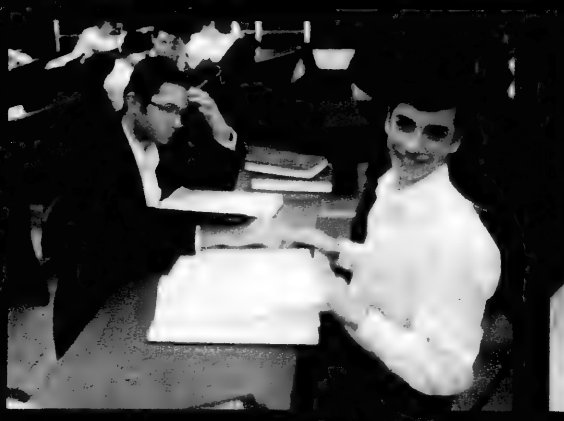

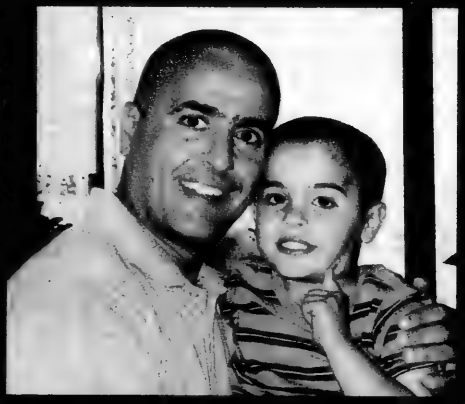

Diversity contributes to community's richness

Jewish community – or aspects of it – can serve as an unexpected common denominator.

In this Community Focus supplement, university student Michelle Bitran writes about a Shabbat dinner in London, England, that a non-Jewish friend organized for a group of exchange students.

Korinne Shefa, also a student, shares some of her experiences in Vancouver and how they helped her appreciate her home community in Thornhill, Ont.

The CJN's summer intern, Laura Fixman, takes a look at issues faced by the deaf Jewish community, while Yosef Tastassa provides insight into the mindset of Israelis living in Canada.

Editorial

The supplement, like the Jewish community itself, offers somewhat of a mixed bag. Its content runs the gamut from Israelis to Russian Jews, intermarried couples, deaf Jews, bar mitzvah students with Asperger syndrome, and people who've taken on leadership roles in the community, such as Elizabeth Wolfe, chair of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's board of directors, and Perry Romberg, recipient of a recent leadership and service award.

It also reflects recent change, from the growth of the Russian Jewish community to the relatively new issue of finding burial ground for interfaith couples.

As well, Jennifer MacLeod writes about the diminishing appeal of synagogue for some men and how congregations are addressing that.

The Jewish community is a diverse group, but at the same time we share common concerns. Although diversity is sometimes at the root of distance between different sectors, it also contributes depth and richness to the tapestry that is our community.

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SHABBAT TABLE: A potluck Shabbat dinner in London, England, brought together a Canadian student with a group of friends and provided a forum to share her Jewish heritage. ***See story on page B22.*** ***[Annie Taylor photo]***

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UIAFC director wins award for community service

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Perry Romberg has spent the better part of his career reaching out to and helping his fellow Canadian Jews, wherever they are in the country.

For his efforts, in May he received the Charles "Chuck" Zaionz Community Leadership and Service Award from Canadian Jewish Congress, which is given to a person who best exemplifies the example of *amcha* and giving back to the community.

Zaionz, who passed away in 2008, was a renowned community activist and also held positions as chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), Ontario region; chair of the CJC national executive, and as an officer of Toronto Jewish Congress (predecessor of today's UJA Federation of Greater Toronto).

Speaking to *The CJN* last week, Romberg, UIA Federations Canada's (UIAFC) director of financial resource development, sought to play down his own work in the community and instead praised Zaionz for the example he set as a Jewish community leader.

"He believed in CJC and the need to represent Canadian Jewry," Romberg said. "My award is secondary. It's about Chuck and who he was... he moved in powerful circles, but he was a man of the people. He represented the best of Jewish community professionals."

Some might say the same about Romberg, who in his current role with UIAFC helps raise funds for Canada's smaller Jewish communities.

Romberg's bio reads like a list of how to give back to the community.

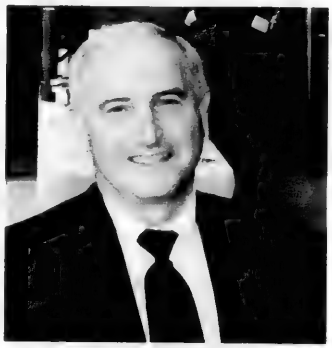
He has been involved professionally in the Toronto Jewish community since 1974, first for 13 years as a clinical social worker at Jewish Family & Child Services. Then from 1987 to 1998, he was executive director of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada (JIAS).

"Those were fulfilling, busy years for our little office," Romberg said of his years at JIAS, noting that it was the era of *perestroika* in the Soviet Union, and JIAS' offices were faced with a huge influx of Russian Jews leaving the USSR to come to Toronto and the West.

From 1998 to 2000, Romberg was assistant director of community planning and allocations for UJA Federation of Greater Toronto. Since 2000, he has held various positions at UIAFC, including director of planning and community development, and director of campaign and regional community services.

In effect, Romberg has spent much of the last 11 years visiting and fundraising for the unaffiliated Jewish communities of Canada. It's a job that has taken him all over the country.

"I've gotten to know a lot of Jewish communities and Canada. I'm very privileged," he said.



Perry Romberg

Romberg said his office's mission now is to reach out to aging Jewish community outposts in the country in places such as Owen Sound, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie and other small towns where the Jewish populations are dwindling and the children have left for larger centres.

As a result, these older communities' interests in Jewish affairs have become "very low," he said.

"We're trying to be creative in our outreach to them now," Romberg said, noting that his office has launched various Internet initiatives, such as the "virtual *cheder*" to "get into the living rooms of the smaller communities."

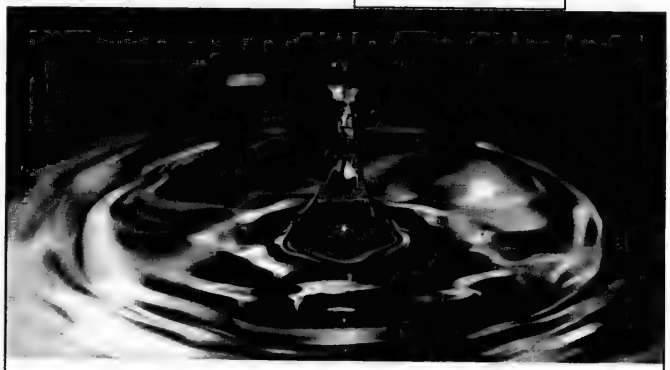
However, he conceded that over the next decade, it's possible many of these Jewish communities will disappear entirely due to attrition.

Romberg said that these days, he's focusing more on soliciting bequests and endowments from those community members to help secure funding for future projects and needs of the remaining unaffiliated Jewish communities.

On the positive side, he said, while many smaller communities are aging and losing motivation to stay connected to Jewish community affairs, some towns have seen recent spikes in Jewish population growth: Kingston and Kitchener in Ontario, and Kelowna, B.C., to name just three.

"We have to reinvent ourselves," Romberg said, speaking about community leadership in general. "It's not just the smaller towns [where unaffiliated Jews live]. It's also a challenge for the major cities, too. Even in Montreal and Toronto, as large as these communities are, there are many unaffiliated Jews who aren't interested. The issue of Jewish identity in the modern age is worldwide. That's why there are inventive programs like March of the Living, Birthright, J-date.

"I'm an observant Jew. Judaism is an introspective religion for me. It's always reinventing itself. It [means] never saying 'that's the way it was so that's the way it should be.'"



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The deaf Jewish community in Toronto

Laura Fixman
Intern

With the High Holidays just around the corner, Arthur Gunter of the now inactive Toronto Jewish Association of the Deaf (TJAD) said that finding interpreters for synagogue services is one of the deaf Jewish community's biggest obstacles.

"A lot of interpreters also don't know Hebrew sign language, so that's very difficult," Gunter said.

TJAD was founded in 1980 and had programs at the National Council of Jewish Women's Council House. In 1994, TJAD hosted the first conference in Canada for the National Congress of Jewish Deaf.

Since that time, the group has been in decline, and although there are still a few members, they have not organized any activities in recent years.

When the club first started, TJAD member Martyn Wayne said they had fundraisers every month and a lot of support from corporations.

"I think that now there's a lot of Jewish people that don't really know that we're here," Wayne said.

Wayne and his wife, Andrea, who are both deaf, have several ideas to help TJAD raise awareness. They would like to start a website and are considering going to synagogues to make presentations about the club. They would also like to host parties for holidays like Chanukah or Passover where sign language would be used, and they would like to get a rabbi involved.

The Waynes are members of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, and they said the rabbi gives them a copy of his sermon in advance so that they can follow along. When the rabbi makes extra comments that aren't written, however, it's difficult for them to follow along, they added.

Solel Congregation in Mississauga has been providing sign language interpreters for 12 years, mainly at their Hebrew school and on certain days for services. They started offering interpreters because a student in the Hebrew school was hearing impaired, and there have since been other members of the congregation who are deaf or hearing impaired.

"We want to make sure that every family can participate in Jewish life," Arliene Botnik, Solel Congregation's director of education, said.

Solel publishes the dates when interpreters will be provided, which Botnik said is about once a month. Sign language is also taught in the Hebrew school, and Botnik and Rabbi Lawrence Englander have learned to sign a few prayers.

"We show the congregation that we can pray with our hands as well as our mouths," Botnik said.

English teacher Tony Fuoco with a class at Yeshivas Nefesh Dovid

Gunter said it's important for more synagogues to regularly offer interpreters, but another idea would be to have note-takers for open caption, meaning that the words spoken would be printed on a large screen. He said this would be even easier than having interpreters.

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Shlomo Malka, who is from Israel, studies at Nefesh Dovid.

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He added that they would also like to get volunteers to help them get TJAD going again.

"We want the Jewish community to know that everyone is welcome including rabbis, assistant rabbis, students and anyone who's interested," he said.

Martyn and Andrea Wayne said they would like to have programs that enable members of the deaf Jewish community to learn Hebrew and about holidays, and to have Shabbat programs.

Deaf boys who want to study in a yeshiva can go to Yeshivas Nefesh Dovid in Toronto. According to Libbi Kakon, the wife of the rosh yeshiva, Rabbi Chaim Tzvi Kakon, the 10-year-old school for the deaf is the only one of its kind in the world.

The school was started in 2001 by Rabbi Kakon and Dr. Hartley Bressler because they wanted to help deaf boys who wanted a yeshiva experience.

"My husband couldn't get into a yeshiva growing up because he's deaf, and he didn't want other boys to go through that experience," said Libbi Kakon, who has a hearing loss herself, as do some of their children in varying degrees, although others do not.

At first, she said, she wasn't supportive of the school, but she changed her mind when she saw how the yeshiva took boys who were struggling and prepared them for the future.

"They were dying emotionally and spiritually," Kakon said. "These are kids that didn't want to get up in the morning."

Yeshivas Nefesh Dovid takes students from all over the world including France, Belgium, England and Israel. Kakon said they're successful in part because of their excellent staff, and their Judaic and secular program. After they graduate, students go on to various careers including pharmacy, welding and law. There are about eight to 15 boys a year, and Kakon said they gain more than just an education at the yeshiva.

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The boys come to the school from different backgrounds and levels of Jewish learning. Kakon said parents who send their boys to the yeshiva often have a lot of fears, something she understands. But she also thinks it's important for people to realize that this school is necessary. She added that people with hearing loss are judged on how well they speak, but that doesn't mean that they can't have difficulties if they speak well.

But at the yeshiva, "there's a true, deep-rooted understanding of exactly what makes them tick or exactly what they're going through," she said. "Deafness is a hidden disability, so someone can look, speak and function amazingly, but they can still be suffering."

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JRCC still building as it turns 30

Jennifer M. MacLeod
Special to The CJN

When Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman arrived in Brooklyn from the USSR in 1971 at 15, he dreamed only of studying Torah near the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson. After witnessing three generations' struggle to remain Jewish, Rabbi Zaltzman believed the fight was over at last. But the rebbe helped him see that for the free world, it was just beginning. "My goal in life changed… to join the Rebbe's army," helping Jews discover the beauty of Judaism.

Today, he's still at it as senior rabbi and founder of the Jewish Russian Community Centre (JRCC), which celebrates its thirtieth anniversary this year.

Dating the woman who became his wife, Rabbi Zaltzman told her "My plan is to… move to any corner of the world the rebbe would send us." She agreed, and in 1981, they were on their way to Toronto with a very special mission – to reach every Russian Jew here.

The rebbe told Rabbi Zaltzman, "They went through World War I, World War II, and seventy years of Communism… that they left Russia still knowing they were Jewish was a tremendous achievement… [we] owe them, to help them to discover what the Soviet Union took away from them."

There were 1,500 Russian Jewish families here at the time. Rabbi Zaltzman's initial goal was to visit two families each day and attend every wedding or funeral in the community, a goal he quickly realized was impossible.

The Jewish Russian Community Centre brings Purim joy to Russian Jews of every age.

Today, that population has grown to about 16,000 families – and yet, in many ways, the JRCC still tries to reach every single one, not just once, but over and over.

"We send them a birthday card every year from 1-year-old to 120 and hopefully older… wedding, anniversary cards… yahrzeit reminders." They also get the JRCC's monthly publication, *Exodus*, in either Russian or English, and an annual calendar inviting them to programs and classes often planned sixteen months in advance to meet a summer print deadline.

The first JRCC synagogue opened in a temporary location in 1985, moving to its own space in 1987. In 1998, it began expanding around the GTA and beyond with five new branches in Thornhill, Richmond Hill, and even Ottawa, plus four satellite locations offering Shabbat services only.

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Seven rabbis and 16,000 families

Alex Shnaider, left, president of the Jewish Russian Community Centre, and Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman.

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From a solo operation, the JRCC has swelled to include seven full-time rabbis, their wives and families, and a growing number of support staff offering everything from bar and bat mitzvah programs and holiday parties to immigration and legal assistance, clothing and furniture banks and interest-free loans.

The population served by the JRCC has also grown to 16,000 families, including many who came to Canada after living in Israel. More than half "use some kind of services of our centre on a yearly basis," says Rabbi Zaltzman. Five or six hundred join in for Shabbat services alone.

The secret of the JRCC's success is the rebbe's dual conviction in "the unlimited wealth that is in the soul of every human being," and the need to "help any Jew... in any way possible, to create Jewish continuity."

Whether that means inviting 500 students and singles to a Lag b'Omer party or sending out 700 Passover food packages; setting up more than 10,000 High Holiday seats or buying finger paints for almost a hundred day care children, the JRCC intends to be there for every Russian Jew.

As for the many in the community born to Jewish fathers and non-Jewish mothers, they, too, "need dignity and respect."

As reported last month in *The CJN*, that has even meant officiating at a funeral for a non-Jewish woman at her husband's request (at a non-Jewish cemetery.) "This is the reality," says Zaltzman. It wasn't the first time such a situation had come up. "Because of our deep Jewish commitment, we do things that nobody else would touch."

"Many... grew up in orphanages and do not know if they are Jewish or not. One of our responsibilities is to help them figure it out. Then we introduce them to Jewish values, and help them embrace the religion."

In terms of services and involvement of Russian Jews, Toronto ranks among the top two or three cities worldwide: the others are in Moscow and Ukraine. "The former Soviet Union in seven decades took away any real emotional, spiritual, intellectual connection to Judaism... Thank God, today a big percentage of them participate in the life of the community."

Thirty years later, Rabbi Zaltzman looks back with satisfaction at the lives the JRCC has touched – but sees also the tremendous work ahead. He's thrilled with the new locations and increased rabbinical staff, but says the community really needs a central location to serve as head office for services, programs and events like simchas.

Despite the JRCC's ties to the worldwide Chabad-Lubavitch organization, there is no central structure to support Chabad houses around the globe, which must raise funds locally. Over 2/3 of the JRCC's $5 million budget is raised from within the Russian-Jewish community.

Though Hebrew-Christian "messianic" groups in the city often target Russian Jews, Rabbi Zaltzman isn't worried. "Because of the former Soviet Union, they are not educated enough... [but] the way to fight darkness is through light; more knowledge of Judaism, more practice of Judaism... more excitement and pride of being a Jew."

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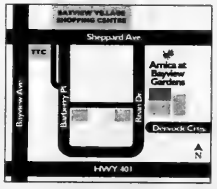

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A bar mitzvah program for kids with Asperger's

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

As the date of her son's 13th birthday edged nearer, Connie Putterman knew that the bar mitzvah program offered to members of the Beth Tzedec Congregation wouldn't be a good fit for her son.

Putterman's son has Asperger's syndrome, or high-functioning autism, which causes him to struggle with social situations.

"We wanted something that is going to be tailored more to him, that could also really help him develop, start the process of bar mitzvah, develop social skills, plus understand the whole process of becoming a responsible community member," Putterman said.

When she and her husband approached Beth Tzedec senior Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl about her concerns that the standard bar mitzvah program wouldn't work for their son, Rabbi Frydman-Kohl challenged them to come up with a program that would.

"We had all these very lofty goals in our heads of what we wanted to see out of a bar mitzvah program and the rabbi said, 'OK, come up with one.'"

Just months later, Beth Tzedec launched the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Prep Club, a pilot project for children who struggle with social anxiety, are gifted but have learning disabilities, non-verbal learning disabilities or Asperger's syndrome and require a program better suited to their needs.

Putterman said the program, which is highly subsidized by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, was inspired by her son, who "is very high-functioning, who is very capable, gifted and inquisitive."

She said the Jewish community lacks high-level social skills groups for kids like her son, who will be bar mitzvah age in April.

"We decided we wanted something rich in content for a group of kids who can be really challenged academically and intellectually, but are highly cognitive."

Putterman and her husband, who have made many connections over the years with both families and professionals who are involved with autism and Asperger's, approached those they hoped would want to jump on board the pilot project.

"We got highly-skilled psychologists, social workers, PhD psychology students who run social skills groups for Asperger's kids, people who've worked at CAMH [Centre for Addiction and Mental Health]. They all work on a volunteer basis," Putterman said.

Beth Tzedec Rabbi Adam Cutler provides the Jewish content for the program, which is open to both members and non-members.

Since the weekly sessions began in late April, only four children have signed up for the program, but Putterman said they're looking for ways to expand and spread the word, as well as to incorporate tikkun olam projects to help the children consider other people's perspectives and the concept of giving back.

"I hope he may be able to think in his teen years about being involved in Jewish communal life, whether it's through some of the youth groups or helping Ve'ahavta [a Jewish humanitarian organization] in some way."

But for now, Putterman said the group – which has stopped meeting for the summer and plans to resume in the fall – has focused on discussion and compromise, with each family looking at what their son expects from his bar mitzvah and what the parents expect of him.

"We're really discovering the things that are cool for [our son] and the things that aren't cool, and our expectations, and where our expectations differ and where they are the same," Putterman said, adding that she expects her son, who is very uncomfortable about being the centre of attention, to go on the bimah and read the Torah.

She said the group sessions not only serve as a "jumping off point for them to be members of the Jewish community," but also gives them a say in the matter and a feeling that they are part of any decision.

"One of my goals is for my son not to go home after the service and for him to stay for an hour for a luncheon or something, which he doesn't want to do... He doesn't like to be kissed every five seconds... Those things really make him anxious," Putterman said.

"So how do I celebrate with my family and friends and encourage them not to be all over him? My son came up with a brilliant idea. He said that if he's going to have any kind of event, he'd like to do a receiving line, where people could have half an hour to wish him a mazel tov, and then no more."

Putterman, who was impressed with her son's compromise, expressed another goal for her son – that he'll learn to enjoy being a part of the congregation and going to services.

"I think it's about accepting the responsibility of being a Jewish adult."

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Mini School celebrates 10th anniversary

Laura Fixman
Intern

The Florence Melton Adult Mini School has come a long way in Toronto since it started in 2001 with 13 students in evening classes at the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

The Melton Mini School is offered in about 60 cities and now holds morning classes at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, as well as at Beth Sholom Synagogue, Shaarei Shomayim Congregation and Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

To ensure good quality teaching, faculty members participate in ongoing adult education programs.

"The teachers have been outstanding, each and every one, and the folks in the head offices of Chicago and Jerusalem have a close relationship with us," Loretta Tanenbaum, the Melton Toronto director said.

The school, part of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, was founded in 1986 by Florence Zacks Melton, a community activist and a longtime supporter of Jewish education.

After completing two years of core classes, students receive a certificate of completion from Hebrew U. There are four core courses offered over a two-year period. Classes meet for two hours once a week, for 30 weeks. The courses include Rhythms of Jewish Life, Purposes of Jewish Living and Ethics and Dramas of Jewish Living (history). There are also several graduate classes, although those aren't restricted only to graduates.

Tanenbaum said students have told her that the school has given them a thirst for learning and the ability to speak with their grandchildren who attend day school and answer their friends' questions about Judaism.

At the Mini School, questioning and dialogue are encouraged in class. Textbooks reflect the spectrum of Jewish thought so that students from all streams of Judaism are comfortable participating, Tanenbaum said.

"It has been a privilege to work with a team dedicated to bringing high quality education to the Jewish community of Toronto," she said.

Throughout any given year in Toronto, there may be as many as 80 students taking classes. In the coming year, Melton is hoping to offer a new class called Foundations, which will run for 20 weeks in the Thornhill area, and is for parents of day school children. Tanenbaum said that this is only one change to be made to the school in the next 10 years.

"We are beginning our 11th year in October, and we consider it to be the first [course] of the next 10 years," she said.

Florence Melton died in 2007, after her idea of widespread adult Jewish education became an educational franchise.

"She was a creative woman with a vision, and that vision is still with us today," Tanenbaum said.

There are Mini Schools throughout the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia, attended by more 5,000 students. There are no examinations and no prerequisites to enter the school.

The school is the largest pluralistic adult Jewish education network in the world. Tanenbaum said that students have the opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences, which provides an enriched perspective.

For more information, go to www.fmams.org.il.

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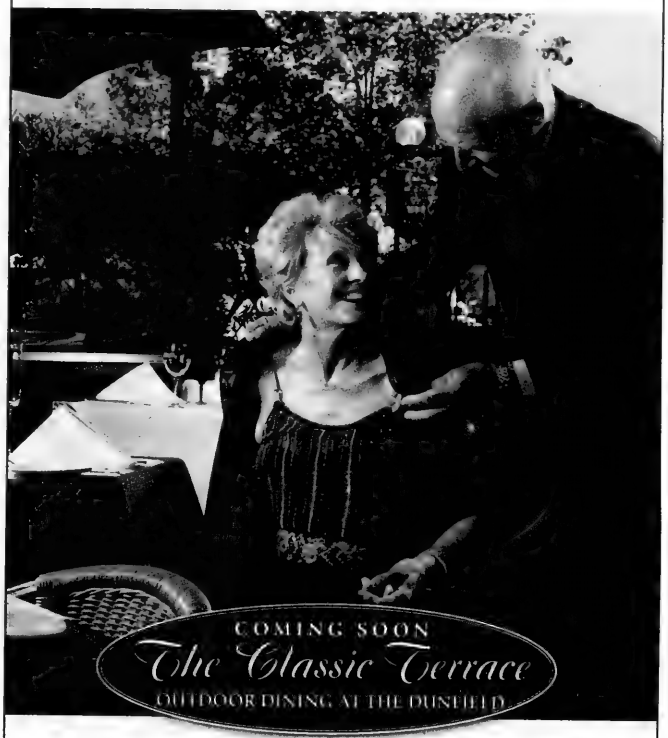

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Bring back the boys: the vanishing Canadian male Jew?

Jennifer M. MacLeod
Special to The CJN

No man is an island – except maybe in shul, where men may be a vanishing breed. And after decades of "Can't live with 'em" jokes, it turns out Judaism needs men. "It's a very large problem," says Stan Greenspan, vice-president of the Federation of Jewish Mens' Clubs (FJMC).

FJMC, the umbrella organization for more than 250 Conservative/Masorti synagogue brotherhoods in North America, is fighting back with its Mentschen.org website, featuring articles and issues of significance to today's Jewish men. In one article on the site, The Shrinking Male Member, author Art Spar asks "Thirty years ago I was surrounded by men in synagogue... What happened?"

Stan Greenspan

Greenspan believes Canada is about twenty to thirty years behind the United States in this as with other issues, like intermarriage. Beth Tzedec's Rabbi Adam Cutler agrees. "What trends there does eventually trend here." At a summer program at Brandeis University, Rabbi Cutler noticed a 3:1 ratio of female to male participants. "That's not unheard of in a Jewish youth program."

For Greenspan, the delay between the U.S. and Canada is good news – it means "we have a chance to solve things before they happen." He also believes no one movement is affected more than others. In any synagogue, "no matter what you do, you're going to have somebody who doesn't want to do that."

Rabbi Adam Cutler

What's driving men away? Brandeis graduate student Daniel Parmer, co-author of a landmark paper on gender and Judaism, has said, "Boys and men as a group are not attracted to feminized Jewish activities and environments. To the extent that we want a non-controversial Judaism, men will shy away."

"As women have become empowered in Reform Judaism," explained Temple Har Zion's Rabbi Cory Weiss in a 2009 interview with *The CJN*, "there has been concern about disempowering men." He added, "We at Har Zion don't have this problem...but we certainly want to avoid it."

Rabbi Cutler says "the fewer male leaders, the fewer male participants there are going to be." Like Weiss, he says his own synagogue has been less affected thanks, in part, to retaining some gender distinctions. Though Beth Tzedec "recently increased the ritual participation of women [allowing them to be counted as part of the minyan], we're still not fully egalitarian," and most parts of the service are still only led by men.

Beth Tzedec has had particular success with teenage boys, who are, according to Greenspan, the "least involved Judaic group." Rabbi Cutler credits an effective youth director and programs like Shabbat floor hockey.

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Male attendance drop 'an issue for entire community'

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Rabbi Chaim Strauchler

Rabbi Chaim Strauchler of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation says this is nothing new: adolescents "do explore; they're looking out for different things." Beyond separate bar/bat mitzvah programs, though, Shaarei Shomayim isn't focusing on single-sex activities. "We have to find avenues to engage young men and young women." There's a regular teen minyan as well as father/son and mother/daughter programming. "If you offer something of quality, you want everybody to participate."

Moving Traditions, a US-based organization, recently published *Engaging Jewish Teenage Boys: A Call to Action*, with seven major recommendations, including "hire a strong male educator," and "work with, not against, students' physicality, energy and need for activity."

And it turns out Jewish men want what the boys want – on grown-up terms. "You've got to have the brotherhood... to get together, be guys; do the goofy stuff guys do – not that we do goofy stuff," Greenspan adds. What the guys want are physical outlets, but also team building, leadership training and discussion groups dealing with male issues – aging parents, unemployment, health issues – head-on.

Rabbi Strauchler, who hasn't "noticed a difference as far as male or female participation changing over the years," says if anything, Shaarei Shomayim's brotherhood is actually "more stable than our sisterhood," which was traditionally run by volunteer homemakers – women whose time may now be pre-empted by careers. But despite Shaarei Shomayim's commitment to gender equality, ritual feminization has not been an issue. "Each gender has a unique role to play... it's a crucial value that we build our communities around."

In attracting men, synagogues sometimes send mixed messages. Few would question the need for a sisterhood for "women to get together and bond," while the men's club raises eyebrows, says Greenspan: "Why do you need that? You've got the rest of the stuff that's going on."

Rabbi Michael Skobac

Sexism is rampant. "Nobody says 'you can't have a woman in that job'," but we still don't accept a man who wants to leave his job to raise a family. A woman can take a year off with a baby; "a man, the eyebrow goes up again." Men's clubs help "teach men how to cope with society."

But Rabbi Michael Skobac of Jews for Judaism says Spar's article asks the synagogue to serve "a lot of purposes other than what it's ultimately there to do," but does not include a single mention of God.

"If the synagogue is supposed to be there for male camaraderie, there might be quite a few other places that are even better – the golf course, basketball court...even a Jewish bowling or softball league." As for companionship and support, "they can get it from their therapist, get it from friends... I don't know if they can get it from their synagogue."

If the synagogue stays on mission, "primarily as a place to intensify and develop our relationship with God, I think that we're not going to find people losing interest in it... If that's what it's there for, it doesn't have to compete."

Greenspan says FJMC is also working in that direction through projects like its "World Wide Wrap," an annual tfillin festival with 300,000 participants over the past ten years. It encourages its leaders to participate in minyanim and *Birkat Hamazon*. "The leadership leads and the membership follows."

Ultimately, says Rabbi Skobac, any drop in attendance isn't a man's issue; it's an issue for the entire Jewish community. "We need to make synagogues more effective as places of prayer and places of spirituality."

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Congregations welcome new clergy

Laura Fixman
Intern

Several congregations in the Greater Toronto Area have seen new faces in the past few months, as new clergy take up their positions. They bring a wide variety of experience to the congregation they now call home.

Rabbi Micah Streiffer, Temple Kol Ami

Rabbi Micah Streiffer, who is from North Carolina, became the rabbi of Temple Kol Ami on July 1. He got a BA in Judaic studies with a minor in music from George Washington University, and he was ordained as a rabbi in 2007 at the Cincinnati campus of Hebrew Union College. He plays piano and guitar and has received awards for Jewish scholarship, including awards for his sermons.

For the past four years Rabbi Streiffer was the associate rabbi at Temple Beth El in Charlotte, N.C., where his accomplishments included participation in interfaith activities such as the first Jewish-Muslim seder in Charlotte. He is joining Temple Kol Ami at a time of change for the congregation, as Leo Baeck Day School's Thornhill campus will make Kol Ami its permanent home after significant renovations.

Cantor David Edwards, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue

Beth Emeth welcomed a new cantor on July 1, David Edwards. Edwards moved to Canada in 1974 after growing up in Newcastle upon Tyne in the United Kingdom. He started studying as a cantor after his mother died in 1993, and in 2000, he became the cantor at the Lodzer Centre Congregation in Toronto, where he stayed for nine years.

Edwards was at Beth Tzedec Congregation in Calgary from 2009-2011. There he played a role in teaching synagogue members of all ages and always emphasized that it was important to keep them engaged in the synagogue. He had the opportunity to work with the Rinaton Choir during the High Holidays, and has also served as guest cantor at congregations in Toronto, Florida, Israel and England. He has appeared at the New York convention of the Cantors Council of America and is still active in the Toronto Council of Chazzanim.

Rabbi Dov Schochet, Beth Jacob V'Anshei Drildz Congregation

On April 5, Rabbi Dov Schochet became the rabbi of Beth Jacob V'Anshei Drildz Congregation, bringing his diverse experiences to the position. He was ordained as a rabbi at the Central Lubavitch Yeshiva in Brooklyn, N.Y. After he married his wife, Ruti, who is from Argentina, in 2000, he moved to Jerusalem and studied Halachah for two years.

Rabbi Schochet has been extensively involved in international Jewish communities in Liverpool and Manchester, England, and in Belarus. He travelled during Jewish holidays to various Jewish communities including those in Cuba, some Carribean Islands and Italy. He has also worked in Israel with the Israel Defence Forces. Since 2003, he has been a rabbi at the Lubavitch Yeshiva of Toronto. Rabbi Schochet has five children, four boys and one girl.

Temple Sinai has welcomed three new clergy members in recent weeks.

Rabbi Ilan Emanuel, Temple Sinai

Rabbi Ilan Emanuel, who joined Temple Sinai on July 1, grew up in the United Kingdom where his father was a rabbi at a Reform congregation in London. He worked as a solicitor in London, but realized that his true passion was in Jewish law, not secular law. He studied at the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati and was ordained as a rabbi in May 2005. In August 2005, he became the rabbi of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, the South Street Temple, in Lincoln, Neb.

At B'nai Jeshurun, Rabbi Emanuel was involved in adult education. He enjoyed leading Torah study classes because he felt that he learned a lot from his students.

He also taught Judaism to local churches and university groups, and he found the experience rewarding because it gave him a different perspective, looking at questions he said he never would have thought of. Rabbi Emanuel is married and has a six-year-old daughter.

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New rabbis and cantors hail from U.S., Canada and U.K.

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Rabbi Daniel Mikelberg, Temple Sinai

Rabbi Daniel Mikelberg, who became a rabbi at Temple Sinai on July 1, was born in Montreal but grew up in Vancouver.

He completed his studies at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles, and was ordained in May 2008. He then returned to the synagogue where he grew up, Temple Sholom in Vancouver, as an assistant rabbi.

Rabbi Mikelberg studied in Jerusalem for two years, and he has completed work projects in El Salvador and Ghana. On a Hillel-sponsored trip when he was a student, he worked in a small community after a civil war, painting and planting among other activities. He went to Ghana with the American Jewish World Service on a trip with rabbis of different denominations.

While there, they built a school, and Rabbi Mikelberg said it was a good way to build relations with the local community and a way for the rabbis to get to know each other. While at Temple Sholom, he initiated a volunteer program at a local homeless shelter on Sunday nights, and was involved with programming for people in their 20s and 30s. He plans to be involved in similar programming at Temple Sinai.

Cantor Tamar Havilio, Temple Sinai

Cantor Tamar Havilio joined Temple Sinai on Aug. 2.

She has run cantorial studies and prayer workshops at Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem since 2002, but decided to take some time off to renew her love of congregational life in North America. She was inspired to become a cantor by Aviva Katzman, who was the cantor at Temple Sholom in Chicago. Havilio is originally from Milwaukee, Wis., and has an undergraduate degree in theatre from the University of Iowa. She was invested as a cantor in 1996 by Hebrew Union College. She hopes to bring to the Toronto Jewish community a prayer workshop she developed, and will use her experience to teach future rabbis, cantors and Jewish educators while serving at Temple Sinai.

Rabbi Daniel Korobkin, Beth Avraham Yosef of Toronto Congregation

Rabbi Daniel Korobkin took up his position as senior rabbi at Beth Avraham Yosef of Toronto Congregation on Aug. 15. He was formerly the rabbi at Kehillat Yavneh Synagogue in Los Angeles, where he served as spiritual leader of Yeshiva Yavneh, an elementary school on Kehillat Yavneh's campus. He was director of community and synagogue services in the Orthodox Union's West Coast region. He is also a doctoral candidate in medieval Jewish studies at University of California – Los Angeles.

Rabbi Korobkin was ordained at the Ner Israel Rabbinical College in Baltimore. He received his master of science at Johns Hopkins University and wrote a column for *Hakol*, a Jewish newspaper in the Lehigh Valley. He was the founding rabbi of the Young Israel Synagogue of San Diego and was rabbi for Sons of Israel Congregation in Allentown, Penn.

Rabbi Yehuda Zarchi, Chabad Laureleaf

Rabbi Yehuda Zarchi, 27, will be running the new branch of Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, which will be in the Bayview and Steeles avenues area. He was born and raised in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. He received his ordination as a rabbi in 2005 from Heichal Menachem in Melbourne, Australia.

Rabbi Zarchi has had experience leading services throughout the year at various synagogues including Congregation B'nai Avraham in Brooklyn Heights, N.Y., and Congregation Chevra Thilim in San Francisco. He was also involved in developing Jewish life programs on various college campuses, among them the University of Florida, the University of Michigan and the University of Texas. In addition, he has done outreach work, providing kosher food, religious articles and education, in several Jewish communities including Burlington, Vt., Newtown, Penn., Queenstown, New Zealand, and Montevideo, Uruguay.

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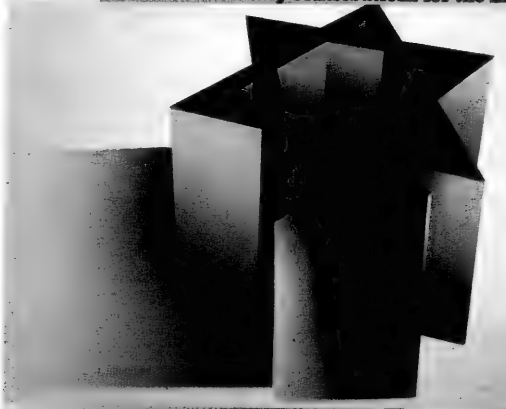

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Birthright: 'The most fun when you least expect it'

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Many people say their best memories of their first trip to Israel are things like the view at the top of Masada or the seeing the Western Wall for the first time. The moments that stood out for me however, on my trip with Birthright in May 2010, were different than that. They often happened when I was either exhausted, smelled terrible, or often, a combination of the two. If anything, my first trip to Israel taught me that you have the most fun when you least expect it.

Being thrown together with 39 people I had never met, and being forced to do things I normally would not do, was not as terrifying as I had expected. In fact, it was those people, that location, and those activities that changed my life forever.

The first of these life-changing moments happened hours after we had landed in Israel. After not sleeping on the plane all I could think about was when I could go to bed. We arrived on a Friday afternoon, which meant that Shabbat was just a few hours away. Before there was even time to process what was going on, we went to the Western Wall, and that's when I saw it for the first time. It was not the simply fact that I was there that took my breath away; it was that everybody stood there in just as much awe as me. These strangers and I had something in common.

Laura Fixman in front of the Tel Aviv Museum of Art

While standing there, I heard someone mention the singer Rihanna. I looked around until I saw why they were all whispering. There was Rihanna, in Israel, at the Western Wall. All the girls were excited. For the next few days at least, all everyone could talk about was seeing her. It was not what people expected from their first visit to the Wall, but it was the first of many experiences that brought us together. All of the moments that stand out in my mind from that trip have to do with us feeling united as a group.

Another moment that stands out for me was in the Negev, when we were dusty, dirty, and probably smelled bad. We were supposed to go on a camel ride, despite the fact that the camels were spitting, trying to bite people, and smelled horrible. I was nervous about getting on the camel, because it was so high off the ground and I'm very short. It did not help that it looked like one of them wanted to bite me. My friend and I decided to name our camel Sally, referencing the children's song. Another camel was named Alejandro, after a Lady Gaga song. We must have looked strange singing these songs through the desert.

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The trip of a lifetime

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After our camel rides, we gathered around a bonfire and shared secrets about ourselves.

We were supposed to sleep in large, round tents that night, but no one did much sleeping. Instead, we stayed up all night talking and playing games that the IDF soldiers in our group taught us. The ground was too hard to sleep on anyway.

We did not mind that we had to get ready to climb a mountain at 4 a.m. We were a unit, even in the early morning in the middle of the desert.

I climbed two mountains while in Israel, although one climb was more memorable than the other. I remember the hike up Masada, and it was not only because of the view at the top. The day did not start out great, because I could not find my running shoes. Luckily, one of my roommates lent me her extra pair. When we arrived at the bottom of Masada and were told we had to climb to the top, I was terrified. The temperature was over 35 C, and I'll admit I am not in the best mountain climbing shape.

I was sweating as soon as we started walking, I was having difficulties breathing, and it seemed like everyone was miles ahead of me. I persevered because I knew the reward would be at the top, but it felt like it took days to get there. Finally I made it, and something amazing happened. Most of my group was already at the top, and they all said they were proud of me. That was when I knew that because of this trip, I could accomplish anything I wanted.

I can honestly say that this trip was a life changing experience for me. After the Birthright portion of the trip ended, I spent two weeks with my grandfather's family in Tel Aviv, and I can't wait to go back as soon as I can afford to. It was a small, perfect taste of Israel and it has left me hungry for more.

Though it has been a year, and I am not yet more involved in the Jewish community in Toronto, I believe it has awakened a desire that wasn't there before I went to Israel.

Birthright helped me develop a connection to Israel that will lead to things I never would have done otherwise.

Shul to feature Israeli choir for High Holidays

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Cantor Alex Stein is bringing the Kol Rina choir to Toronto's Adath Israel Congregation to accompany him for the High Holidays, both to foster connection to Israel and as a way to do something "a little different and a little special."

"I look at the yom tov services as the Super Bowl of the synagogue. It's our biggest time of the year," Stein said in a phone interview from Minneapolis, where he was visiting family.

"If we're trying to play a Super Bowl... I want to bring in the best [players] we have."

A Sydney, Australia, native who has served at Adath Israel for the past two years, Stein also brought an Israeli choir for six consecutive years to Calgary's Beth Tzedec Congregation, where he was cantor before moving to Toronto.

He doesn't know of any other synagogues in Canada that have done the same thing. "It's a big thing for us, and I think it's a big thing for the community."

Kol Rina – which Stein says is one of the up-and-coming new choirs in Israel – will also sing at a community Slichot service Sept. 24 at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue. The service will bring together five Conservative congregations in all: Adath Israel, Beth David, Beth Sholom Synagogue, Beth Torah Congregation, and the Lodzer Centre.

The eight-man choir, whose name means Voices of Joy – is led by Roi Azulai, a conductor in his early thirties and a friend of Stein's. The choir members are professional musicians, and four of them also have opera careers.

Cantor Alex Stein

Adath Israel's own choir, which includes men and women, will be off for the High Holidays and will sing again on Sukkot.

Much of the choir's music will be liturgical, but there will also be some prayers sung to opera tunes and maybe even one or two Broadway tunes, Stein said.

After the holidays, Stein will lead a two-week musical tour to Israel. The shul trip, which is sold out, will have 45 participants and will include Shabbat davening with Kol Rina as well as a musical cruise on the Kinneret, a private piano concert by Israeli pianist Yitzhak Tavior, and a "surprise" cantorial concert in Tel Aviv.

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Federation's head of Israeli affairs speaks out

Yossi Tastassa
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The unique circumstances of her life and her rich personal experience have prepared Galya Sarner perfectly for her dual role as the director of the Israeli-Canadian project at the Schwartz/Reisman community centre and the head of Israeli affairs at UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

When I asked Sarner about her identity, I expected an answer that would include the Israeli part and the Canadian part, but I was surprised.

"Above all, I am a mother and a wife," said Sarner. "No matter where I have been or will be in my life and what I will do, my family is the most important thing, and it is the torch that accompanies me and lights my way along the road," she added.

Sarner grew up in the old Katamon neighbourhood in Jerusalem. Her father was born in Jerusalem; her mother came to Israel from Iraq in the early 1950s.

After completing her military service, Galya studied education. She has a bachelor's degree in special education and theatre arts and a master's degree in education. For her thesis, she wrote about "multi-cultures in Israeli society," focusing her research on the difficulties encountered by women educators who immigrated to Israel from the former Soviet Union in the early 1990s. Sarner admires these women and says that their impact on her life was deep and strong. "Meeting them was exciting. They filled me with strength."

Galya Sarner

Her husband, Robert, who was born in Toronto, is director of communications and public affairs at Roots Canada. A former journalist in France and Israel, he used to write a column from Jerusalem for *The CJN*. The couple met during one of Robert's visits to Israel.

"Robert worked in Paris in corporate communications," said Sarner. "His visits to Israel connected him to his Jewish roots. Our relationship strengthened his identity," she added.

A year after they met, the Sarners married and moved to Paris. While Robert was busy at work, Galya became involved with the local Jewish community, which she described as exciting and multi-faceted. She worked for a Jewish radio program called *Radio J Shalom*, studied photography and expanded her ties with members of the community. The Sarners lived in Paris for five years, and their daughters, Aviv and Shani, were born there.

"My purpose is to put the Israeli community on the map, to give it identity and space to grow, and especially legitimacy," Sarner said. "It is important that we open our doors for the Israelis wherever they are. It is important that that door be open in both directions – in the direction of Israel and, of course, in the direction to Canada. It is important to me that Israeli communal life is rich and vibrant and that social activities for the community will increase."

Some of her most satisfying accomplishments have included helping to organize the celebration of Israel's 61st anniversary, the integration of the Israeli community into federation's annual Walk with Israel, the inauguration of Ilan Ramon Boulevard in Thornhill, Ont., and the organization of a rally in support of Gilad Schalit, the Israeli soldier who was abducted by Hamas in 2006.

Sarner spoke optimistically about her plans for the coming year in which she hopes to further develop programs for the Israeli and larger Jewish community.

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Federation chair follows in her dad's footsteps

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Elizabeth Wolfe sometimes jokes that, for her, "community" is the family business.

The chair of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's board of directors since last November, Wolfe – a lawyer by training, and a mother of two university-age children and two older stepchildren – is the third person in her family to hold that position, following in the steps of her mother, Rose, and her late father, Ray.

Elizabeth Wolfe

As well, her volunteer work – which has become her full-time avocation – includes board membership on the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto, *The Canadian Jewish News*, the Shalom Hartman Institute and a history of involvement with a host of other, mostly Jewish, organizations and agencies.

For years, when she was growing up, there were a lot of people coming and going in her house, attending meetings and dinners, Wolfe recalls. "I think growing up in that environment just creates a sense of normalcy that community is part of your life."

Ray Wolfe's commitment to the Jewish community was also evident when he led a group of investors 40 years ago in purchasing *The CJN* and expanding its coverage and reach. His daughter, who was an undergraduate student at Harvard University at the time, remembers that he spoke about his vision for the paper as "a voice for the community," as well as an advocate and a voice for Israel.

She got an up-close look at the relationship between the paper and the community in the summer of 1975, as a student intern at *The CJN*, copy-editing and writing stories.

"It was a wonderful experience," she said, adding that she's "not sure [the staff] were so thrilled in the beginning because I didn't have any journalism experience, and I was the publisher's daughter."

Wolfe's work at the paper – including a two-part front-page story on the opening of Baycrest Terrace – afforded her "an interesting introduction to community life and the complications of community life… [as well as] the tensions between focusing on the positive initiatives versus dealing with the questions and the challenges that any organization faces."

Among the challenges facing the community today, she cited the economy, engaging the younger generation, political issues regarding delegitimization of Israel and the resulting need for advocacy.

"I don't think as a community we are over the impact of the recession," said Wolfe. "There are still all kinds of needs out there in terms of the vulnerable elements of the community."

In a more positive vein, she said Toronto is "a wonderful community," with advantages over many American cities including generational continuity and a larger percentage of children at Jewish day schools (resulting in strong Jewish identities).

At the same time, the Jewish community is in "a transition period," she said, referring in part to its recently reconfigured national advocacy structure. Wolfe, whose CV lists her as a director of Canadian Jewish Congress (whose function has been absorbed into the new advocacy entity) thinks that in a year or two, people will view the changes more positively.

As well, in the Toronto area, construction continues on the Lebovic campus in Vaughan, Ont., and construction is expected to begin next year on a new Jewish Community Centre on what is now called the Sherman Campus, on Bathurst Street north of Sheppard Avenue. It will replace the former Bathurst Jewish Community Centre, which closed in 2009, and was subsequently torn down.

Programming has started at both locations, and progress is visible at Lebovic, Wolfe said. "There's a real interest and anticipation in that campus opening, because of the programming and vibrancy it's going to provide to the community."

Wolfe said that programming revenue and some commercial revenue will help support the new facility at Bathurst Street and Weldrick Road. She expects it will be fully self-supporting within five years. Construction funding, which is separate from the annual UJA campaign, includes provision for startup costs in the initial years of operation, she explained.

In the years ahead, Wolfe expects that Toronto will "continue to be the fastest-growing Jewish community in Canada" as well as one of the strongest, with "a vibrancy in education, culture and Israel engagement that will attract people from other communities."

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Shuls take softer approach to intermarriage

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Most Toronto rabbis – Orthodox, Conservative and Reform – will tell you that the phenomenon of parents ripping their shirts and reciting the mourner's *Kaddish* when their Jewish children intermarry is largely a thing of the past.

"Intermarriage is a fact of Jewish life at this point, and the question is, what can we do to help as many Jewish families of whatever composition live as meaningful a Jewish life as possible?" said Rabbi Michael Dolgin, who leads the Reform congregation Temple Sinai.

Beth Tzedec Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, senior rabbi of the Conservative synagogue, said that the Jewish community in Toronto has begun to reflect the multicultural community it is based in.

"We have people at Beth Tzedec who are Caucasian, black, Asian. We have people who come from a whole variety of ethnic backgrounds, but our community has remained primarily mono-religious," Rabbi Frydman-Kohl said, adding that we should accept people of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds, but try "to maintain a sense of one religious community."

Although all of the rabbis interviewed for this article said they see many instances of intermarriage, they were all vague about the numbers in their own congregations.

But a 2010 study by the Knesset Information and Research Centre in Israel reported that intermarriage rates among Diaspora Jews have increased by more than 200 per cent over the past 50 years.

It said that in the United States, 55 per cent of all Jews marry non-Jewish partners, while rates in Australia and Canada fluctuate between 25 and 30 per cent.

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham Rabbi Avraham Plotkin feels that intermarriage is "probably the greatest challenge of the Jewish people today."

"In the olden days, people used to sit shiva. The point of the shiva was to show how strongly we feel about it," Rabbi Plotkin said.

He added that children must understand that when it comes to intermarriage, there can be no compromise.

"We encourage parents and anyone involved to be totally strong about not encouraging, God forbid, an intermarriage and to let the kids know in no uncertain terms how hurtful it would be to them and that they will not accept it," he said.

"But the second aspect is that we should try to save the Jewish person after it has been done and to work with them in the best way we can... No Jew will be left behind."

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Rabbi Michael Dolgin

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'Not beneficial' to write off Jews who intermarry

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Reform Judaism formally opposes the practice of rabbis officiating at interfaith weddings, but it allows each rabbi to decide. Yet although some surveys say that 50 per cent of Reform rabbis in the United States would do so, Rabbi Dolgin said no Reform rabbi in Toronto would officiate at a wedding of a Jew to a non-Jew.

He said he chooses not to focus his energy on actively preventing intermarriage, hoping instead that the refusal of rabbis to officiate at interfaith marriages is enough of a signal that "being with someone with a strong Jewish identity is good for our community in the long run. But we take people where they are."

He said he tells Temple Sinai's Hebrew school students that "there are two kinds of people to marry: people who are Jewish, and people who aren't Jewish yet."

Rabbis Dolgin, Frydman-Kohl and Plotkin each agreed that conversion is the best approach when it comes to an interfaith marriage.

"Jewish people have this strange idea that there is something not OK about encouraging someone else who is important in their life to consider Judaism, and I think that is an important idea," Rabbi Dolgin said. "Why would we not give them the opportunity to consider this tradition for themselves?"

Rabbi Plotkin said that although he recognizes that encouraging non-Jewish spouses to convert could "backfire" by giving people the impression that intermarriage is tolerated in the Orthodox community, "if it does happen, we have to try to pick up the pieces.

"Let's say the woman is Jewish and the children are Jewish. We will try to gently suggest to the father to consider conversion, because it is important that his children have a Jewish father," Rabbi Plotkin said.

> ***'Choosing one spiritual path provides framework for raising children'***

"We try to make the families as homogeneous as possible and to try to see that the father will help the mother in passing on the Jewish values."

Rabbi Frydman-Kohl said the first step in dealing with an interfaith marriage is to encourage the parents to accept the non-Jewish partner.

"Obviously, the hierarchy or desirability is that [the non-Jewish spouse] will choose Judaism."

He explained that a couple has enough challenges to face in a relationship and deciding on one spiritual path will help a couple "ground their relationship" and provide them with a framework when it comes to raising children.

If the non-Jewish partner decides not to convert, Rabbi Frydman-Kohl said he hopes they at least "choose a Jewish life and try to find a pathway to that Jewish life."

Those who choose not to convert are still welcome to attend synagogue services, although they may not become official members.

"Our goal is to say to them, on some level, 'This is your choice, and we respect your choice, but you now need to think about whether you want to be part of the community, and if you do, we will look for a way to help your spouse who is not Jewish feel connected,'" Rabbi Frydman-Kohl said.

"We'll provide High Holiday tickets... and we want the non-Jewish partner to be a supportive non-Jewish spouse."

He added that Jews who choose to intermarry should still feel like valued members of the Jewish community.

"The days when people were written off if they intermarry, I think that almost everyone agrees that it's not an approach that is beneficial to our community. Although there are still people who adhere to that," Rabbi Frydman-Kohl said.

In a 2004 *CJN* article that covered a panel titled "Can we decide, and not divide?" Adath Israel Congregation's spiritual leader, Rabbi Steven Saltzman, said his synagogue is probably the only Conservative shul in North America to ask members to leave if they marry a non-Jew.

"In the end, they have to respect our decision to build a community of Jews married to Jews [and] raising Jewish children," he said, adding that those who convert would be welcomed "with open arms."

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Welcoming interfaith couples, but keeping boundaries

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Today however, Adath Israel executive director Bernie Rabinovitch said that this policy "is currently under review," declining to comment further.

Rabbi Frydman-Kohl, who was on that panel with Rabbi Saltzman seven years ago, said this is an issue all congregations have to wrestle with.

"How do we maintain our borders and our boundaries, and at the same time, become a welcoming community? We are challenged by that."

Rabbi Plotkin said that to become a member of the Markham Chabad, one must be a Jew, and if a Jewish male marries a non-Jew who does not convert, he, too, cannot be a member of the synagogue.

"It's a practical thing, because if the children are not Jewish, it creates a whole [problem]. That is the general policy, but we do try very hard to keep anyone, if there are Jewish members in the family, we try to keep them involved."

Rabbi Dolgin said his shul also has a membership policy when it comes to interfaith couples, albeit a more lenient one.

"The non-Jewish members of a family are part of a family membership, but are not individual members in the synagogue themselves," he said, adding that it is important to welcome anyone who wants to embrace the Jewish community.

"If we spend all our time in judgment over who they married... it leaves us precious little energy to welcome people and have them feel comfortable giving their children the kind of education that would be meaningful," he said.

Over the past few years, Rabbi Dolgin has been working on purchasing a section of the Lambton Hills Cemetery in the city's west end to accommodate the burial of interfaith couples who cannot be buried together in Jewish-only cemeteries.

"It's been a slow and long process, because we're dealing with the government and licensing and all these other ridiculous things.

However, the concept of that is when you welcome other people into your community, you do so by welcoming them as who they are, not with an agenda."

Rabbi Plotkin said that although there is no way to prevent intermarriage, "the greater the sacrifice, the more the commitment, the more the level of observance, the less of a chance of intermarriage in the family."

> ***'A slow and long process' to accommodate burial of mixed couples***

But Rabbi Dolgin said that children of interfaith parents might be just as connected to Judaism as children of two Jewish parents, provided they're exposed to Jewish education and traditions in the home.

"When it comes to creating a healthy Jewish identity in a child, the most important thing is to live in a home that identifies as a Jewish home and to have consecutive years of formal Jewish education, whether part time or full time," Rabbi Dolgin said.

Whatever a person's religious tradition, ethnic or cultural background, Rabbi Frydman-Kohl said, "everybody is worthy of respect and can find a place in our religious community."

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Israel remains integral part of Israelis here

Yosef Tastassa and his son, Ori

Yosef Tastassa
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According to the official statistics in the State of Israel, about one million people have left the country since its establishment in 1948 and have chosen to live their lives abroad. Most of the Israelis who left Israel live in the U.S. and Canada.

For many Israelis, establishing a new life abroad is a dream. The majority of Israelis who live abroad, and in Canada in particular, will say that their move was made with the hope of a calmer life, improved economic options and a better future for their children.

Individuals and families have invested a fortune to obtain the required documents for living and working abroad. They also needed mental strength to make such a big change in the middle of their lives, leaving behind familiar habits, culture and environment to suddenly embark on a trip to the unknown.

But those who have built new lives in Canada did not turn their backs on Israel, their homeland. On the contrary, in some ways their Israeli identity becomes stronger abroad. Sometimes it seems that many Israelis who live in Canada actually are still living "in Israel" except of course it is Canadian air that they breathe.

Is there a paradox here?

If we left Israel because we believed our future and our children's future would be better in Canada, why do we adhere to the values and culture of the place we left? Why do we not assimilate into the local Canadian culture?

Most of the people I have spoken with respond with the cliché: "You can take a person out of Israel, but you cannot take Israel out of a person."

The fact that we left Israel for personal reasons does not mean we oppose what Israel represents. Israel is a part of us, we are a part of Israel, and it will always be so. There are many good things about Israel, and we wish to preserve them, and transfer it to our children. In addition, the vast majority of Israelis abroad have close relatives in Israel, as well as friends they have known for years.

A child born to Israeli parents living in Canada will likely be "wrapped" in an Israeli atmosphere. His native language will be Hebrew. He will know the Jewish holidays and special dates in the modern Israeli calendar. He may find himself in an Israeli daycare where Hebrew is spoken by the staff and the children.

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Rediscovering Shabbat dinner in London, England

Michelle Bitran
Special to The CJN

When I arrived in London, England almost eight months ago to begin my semester studying abroad, I never thought that one of the most memorable experiences I would walk away with would be a Shabbat dinner.

I spent the first frosty weeks in January adjusting to the journalism program at my host university, wandering the streets of London, admiring the impressive architecture and enjoying the novelty of the British accent. It wasn't until after my parents visited me, three weeks into my journey, that I started to feel something was missing.

Though I attended Hebrew day school at home in Toronto, my family was never particularly observant. However, the Jewish tradition we never missed was the weekly Shabbat dinner. To me, these dinners felt more like a big family gathering, a chance to catch up with my cousins, rather than a religious observance. And so, when I went to London, I didn't expect to miss the tradition itself in addition to my family. But that is where I was wrong.

Seeing my parents brought a little piece of home to London, and when they left, I wanted to keep that familiar presence with me. I decided to look for a Shabbat dinner to attend in London. I started with the Jewish student group on my campus, since I was hoping to meet other Jewish youth in the area and make new friends.

Three unanswered e-mails later, I realized that the Jewish student group was either not as active or not as inviting as I had hoped. A bit crushed over my failed attempt, I mentioned my experience in passing to a fellow exchange student from Australia. And it was she who turned everything around.

My friend is not Jewish, but she lives in a very Jewish area in Melbourne and has celebrated Shabbat and other Jewish holidays with her friends and their families. When she heard about my Shabbat dinner dilemma, she was determined to solve it. She began organizing a potluck Shabbat dinner at her apartment for all the exchange students, among whom there were only three Jews, myself included.

Her enthusiasm and knowledge about Shabbat shocked me. "Do you know where to get challah in London?" she asked me. I nodded, only half sure, and she gave me the job of finding it. "Don't worry about the rest."

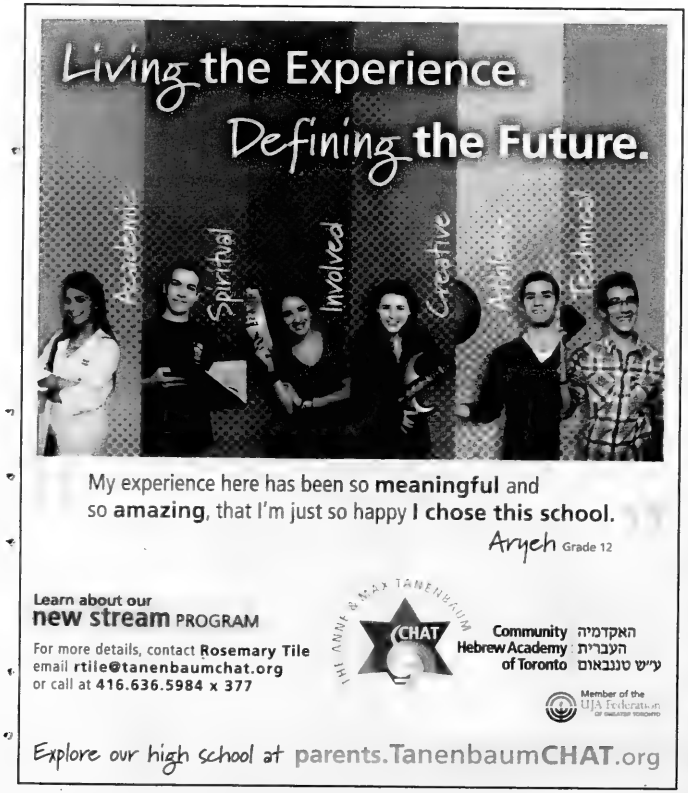
Michelle Bitran *[Annie Taylor photo]*

So the next Friday, I left class early and made my way over to the only bakery in east London that I suspected would have a loaf of challah on the shelf. When I got to my friend's apartment that evening, I could hardly believe my eyes.

About 12 friends had gathered, each with a dish of their own. The table overflowed with chicken, potatoes, pasta and salad. There were even tea light candles set up and ready for the brachah. The boys had been instructed to bring hats to use as kippot, and the girls were dressed in some of their best clothes. For most, it was their first Shabbat dinner - some had never even heard of Shabbat before, but they were all eager to learn.

As I stood up and covered my eyes to bless the candles, all I could think about was how beautiful and unique this Shabbat dinner was. I was surrounded by open-minded friends who wanted to share my traditions. While this potluck dinner did not look like any Shabbat dinner I've ever been to, it brought us together and taught us to enjoy and respect our different customs.

That Shabbat dinner made me realize that, sometimes, old traditions can be renewed in the most unexpected ways. It made me proud to share and celebrate my heritage. And it certainly got a few of my friends hooked on the sweet treat of challah.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Culture shock in Vancouver

Korrine Shefa
Special to The CJN

Growing up in one of the most Jewish neighbourhoods in the country, Thornhill, Ont., I'm sure there are countless experiences I have in common with most of the Jewish community there.

Most of us are walking distance from a synagogue, a bagel shop and a Hebrew day school. Most of us have also been to the Richmond Hill SilverCity movie theatre on its busiest day – Christmas.

Most of us have heard bickering Israelis – who despite being part of the largest Israeli population in the country, think no one could possibly understand their secret language – complain about you in Hebrew right in front of you.

Having spent most of my life in Thornhill's Jewish bubble – a stone's throw from the Promenade Mall where my visits usually consisted of trying to avoid the inevitable, awkward small talk with my parents' friends at the Aroma café – I welcomed an opportunity to move away from the nearly 200,000 strong Jewish population in the Greater Toronto Area and all the clichés that come with it.

It's been a year since I moved to Vancouver to pursue a master's degree in psychology, and "spread my wings."

But I now realize how much I took my Jewish bubble for granted.

Not to say that Vancouver doesn't have a Jewish population. According to the Jewish Agency for Israel, Vancouver boasts the third largest community in Canada, with a population of about 30,000. But compared to what I'm used to in Toronto, the Jews here seem like an endangered species.

I've been living in downtown Vancouver since August 2010 and I have yet to see one mezuzah. During Chanukah, I saw no menorahs proudly marking the holiday, and while I'm sure there has to be a kosher-style deli around here somewhere, I haven't found one yet.

I debated getting involved with the Vancouver Hillel, and although I'm on their monthly "News for Jews" e-mail list, the events are usually a far commute from where I live. And as a 26-year-old, I'm not too keen on hanging out with freshmen 7 to 8 years my junior.

When I spent Rosh Hashanah in Vancouver, away from my family, I started to really feel homesick.

There I was at the grocery store buying apples and overpriced honey ($8! Really!?), and then I went home to sit in my room, alone, dipping my apple in the honey. (Insert single rolling tear here.)

That's when it occurred to me: Where am I going to find Jewish boys to date?

Uh-oh.

One of my girlfriends came up with a great idea to keep me from spending my two years at grad school as a reluctant *shomeret nègiah*, someone who avoids physical contact prior to marriage.

She suggested I Google the nearest Israeli restaurant and hang out there to casually scope out the scene and maybe "accidentally" bump into some young, eligible boy my mother would be happy to meet. I agreed.

Although I was fully aware of how hilariously pathetic this mission was, I was disappointed to see that all the falafel huts and shawarma joints were Lebanese owned – not exactly what I had in mind. Mission 1, failed.

That's when I caved. I had no other choice. I had to turn to JDate. Now, I'm not going to pretend that I have never ventured onto the site before. Like many, I've dabbled with the online Jewish dating site, but after a few disastrous (if not hilarious) experiences I'd given up that route to find love.

I do remember however, that when searching for potential mates in the GTA, I had thousands of profiles to choose from.

I sat in front of my computer, updated my profile with my new city and postal code, and searched for matches in the Vancouver area.

Korrine Shefa

I had 15 profiles to choose from.

Fifteen.

One awkward date later, with a gentleman who told me that my outfit looked fabulous, I had all but given up.

Riding the SkyTrain, Vancouver's subway system, one evening, I heard something I hadn't heard since I moved to Vancouver: Hebrew.

Never before has the guttural "ccchhhh" sound sounded so beautiful.

In Toronto, this would never faze me, but that night, my head snapped up as I examined the passengers around me. By the time I located him (and yes, he was cute) he had walked off the train.

Telling a friend about the lone, mystery Israeli, my friend encouraged me to ride the same train at the same time each day until I ran into him again.

But even if I made that desperate effort, what would I say if I ever saw him again?

"Hi! I'm a Jew, too!" Or, "Can I hang out with you and your friends?"

What about, "What are your plans for Passover? Eating matzah sucks, eh?"

When I flew home to spend Passover with my family, I drove around Thornhill and realized how much I missed my Jewish community and how comforting it was to be surrounded by people who grew up sharing the same experiences. Never again will I take that for granted.

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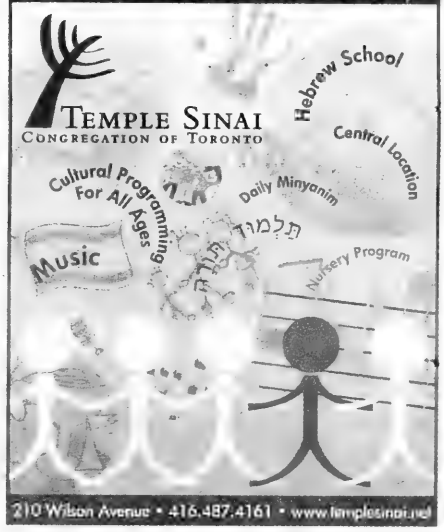

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Ex-nurse becomes hospital chaplain

Jenny Libman
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Rabbi Rena Arshinoff is proof that it is never too late to change your life. In 2003, after more than 20 years of working in nursing and epidemiological research, she made the decision to apply to rabbinical school.

"As a mother of three children, and as someone with an established career, this was a huge decision," said Rabbi Arshinoff. "It was not easy, but I knew it was what I was meant to do."

Rabbi Arshinoff grew up in a traditionally Jewish home in Montreal. "We observed all the Jewish holidays, and I went to Yiddish classes after school, but becoming a rabbi was never something I considered – my spirituality came much later in life." Rabbi Arshinoff moved to Toronto in 1980 to study epidemiology at the University of Toronto.

It was in 2000, while saying *kaddish* for her father, that Judaism began playing a larger role in Rabbi Arshinoff's life. "I was becoming more involved in the synagogue, I learned all the prayers, and I began to see the Torah as something very important to me. Initially, I thought that when my year of mourning was complete I would return to my previous life, but something changed and I wasn't able to go back."

Rabbi Rena Arshinoff

In 2001, at age 48, Rabbi Arshinoff decided to have an adult bat mitzvah – something she hadn't considered while growing up in Montreal. "At this point, many people were telling me that I should become a rabbi, but I would just laugh. I wasn't ready to seriously consider it."

Later that year, a chaplain at Humber River Regional Hospital, where the rabbi was doing research, told her that she would become a rabbi. "She told me that one day I would just know it was the right thing to do – and she was absolutely right."

In 2003, Rabbi Arshinoff entered rabbinical school. She spent a year studying in Israel followed by four years in Cincinnati. After becoming ordained in 2008, she spent an additional year training in hospital chaplaincy. "This was a chance for me to combine my background in health care with my new identity as a rabbi."

In February of this year, Rabbi Arshinoff obtained a specialist certification from the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care (CASC). She is the second rabbi in Canada to hold this designation, and the first female and Reform rabbi.

Currently, Rabbi Arshinoff works at Toronto Western Hospital as the staff spiritual care professional with the neuroscience program, where she supports and counsels patients and their families, as well as hospital staff, through difficult experiences.

"A lot of my work is giving patients the opportunity to talk about their difficult circumstances. Many people are uncomfortable with others' grief because it brings out their own fears. I step in as someone removed from the situation."

At Toronto Western, Rabbi Arshinoff works with patients of all faiths, not just those who are Jewish. "People in hospitals are vulnerable and frightened, and this is true across all religions. I provide care that is spirituality-based rather than faith-based."

The rabbi also gives the patients' families the opportunity to talk to her. "In a sense, it makes me an ambassador for Judaism, because it allows to me to take the Jewish mitzvot, and apply [them] to people of all backgrounds."

In addition to counselling patients and their families, Rabbi Arshinoff also provides support to the staff of the Toronto Western neuroscience program. "Health-care workers, especially nurses, work in very demanding and emotionally and spiritually draining areas. They work with patients that have difficult diagnoses that are very painful to witness. As a nurse myself, I understand the pressure they work under. I hold regular reflection groups with them, debriefing and discussing the issues they are facing." She also works with Bereaved Families of Ontario, Jewish Family & Child, and leads services at Baycrest. As well, she officiates at life-cycle events on a freelance basis.

"It's so amazing to me to see all the different opportunities that are now available to me. I'm not sure what my career will look like 10 years from now, but I know that it is going to be a very interesting road."

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An identity 'paradox' for Israelis in Canada

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When an Israeli child reaches school age, his parents may send him to a Jewish day school. In Toronto, he may attend Kachol Lavan, the Israeli supplementary school, be a member of the Israeli Scouts, listen to Israeli music, watch TV shows in Hebrew, read Hebrew books and Hebrew-language news.

Are Israelis different in their behavior than immigrants from China, India or Africa? Probably not. Many immigrant communities balance dual identities. The homeland identity is preserved, and it can even intensify in order to add confidence and strengthen the sense of belonging, even as a Canadian identity is being created.

The multi-cultural ethos of Canada supports and legitimizes the preservation of the Israeli identity. Canada consists of many different cultural "nations." Canada is an open society with freedom of speech. This is a comfortable infrastructure for the flourishing of "Little Israel," especially north of Steeles.

Last week I took my younger son to one of Thornhill Woods' playgrounds. While sitting on a bench and watching him play, I listened to random conversations of other parents. I heard only Hebrew, and the topics of discussion were business matters and, of course, Israel. Everyone spoke about the increasing cost of housing there as well as the "Cottage Cheese Protest."

I asked some of them about their Internet habits. The majority said that they surf Israeli news and cultural sites on the web. They listen to Israeli music and are frequently updated about what is happening in Israel. They feel that they live in Israel through the computer's screen, despite the fact that they wake up to a Canadian morning and breathe much cooler air.

On my way home from the park I listened to Israeli music and my little son joined my singing.

Is it a paradox?

It probably is. And we're doing just fine with it.

Yosef Tastassa and his family have been living in the GTA for the past year.

Sarner uses own experience

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"Our time in Paris very much affected my personality," Sarner said. "We lived in the heart of Paris, and I was influenced by the French culture. I came to understand the meaning of Jewish life in the Diaspora and, of course, how to maintain a Jewish identity in the Diaspora.

"In my opinion, the way of the Jewish People in the Diaspora is to contribute to local society without losing their Jewishness. It is important that we know where we came from, who we are and no less what our destinies could be," she added. Sarner's longing for Israel, her family and especially her mother did not abate during their time in Paris. Thus, in 1990 the family returned to Israel. Their son, Etai, was born there.

In Israel, Sarner worked as a special education teacher, and she was accepted to train as a school principal. It was then that she witnessed the massive immigration waves from the former Soviet Union to Israel.

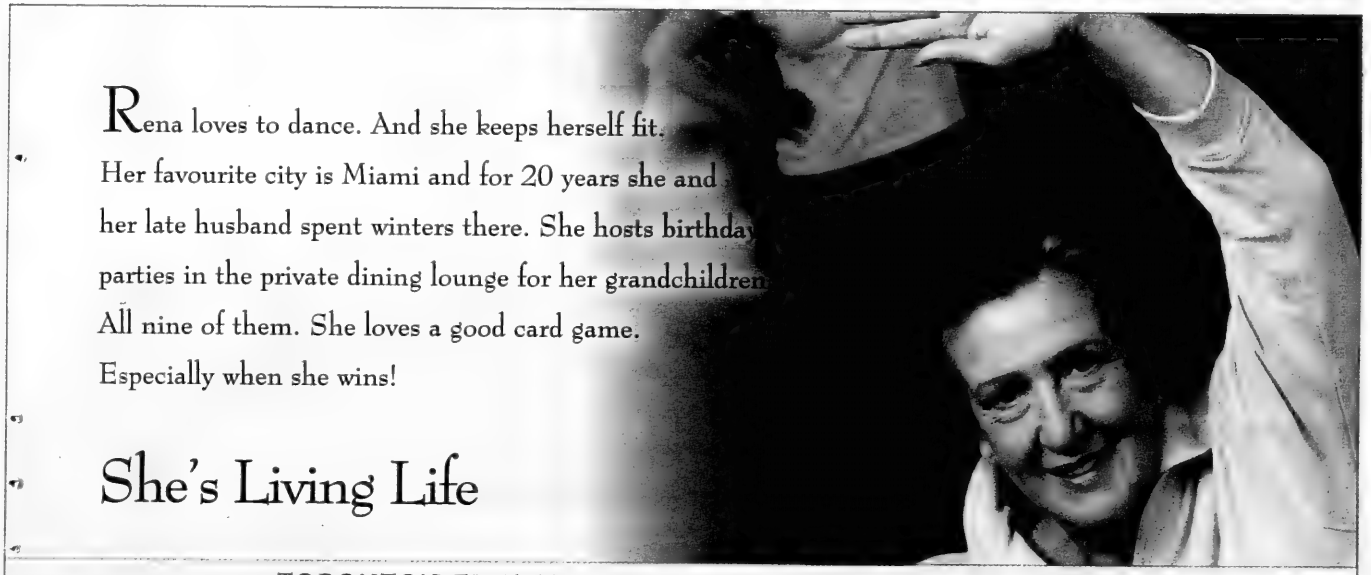
"My personal experience as an émigré in Paris, my family's immigrant experience in Israel and my research on immigrant women educators have helped me became what I am today," she said.

In 2004, Robert got a job offer in the communication business in Toronto, and they have lived in Toronto ever since. Both their daughters have served in the Israel Defence Forces, and Shani now lives in Israel.

After Sarner read a research study prepared by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto about the local Israeli community, she published an article that combined her insights about immigration from her time in Paris with parts of the conclusions of the study. The purpose of the study was to determine the educational, cultural and other needs of the Israeli community in the Toronto area and to try to establish a local program that would respond to those needs.

It was after she wrote the article that Sarner was hired by federation to try to put into practice the insights and conclusions from her own immigrant experience.

She put together a group of leaders and volunteers from the local Israeli community. The result of her work included getting Kachol-Lavan, the Israeli supplementary school, off the ground, and the creation of the Mifgash Program. The Mifgash Theatre is the only Hebrew-speaking theatre in the Toronto area. She also has significantly helped boost the Toronto-area Israeli Scouts movement.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Sixth birthday in captivity

Israelis marched toward the Erez border crossing between Israel and northern Gaza on Sunday to mark Gilad Schalit's 25th birthday. Schalit was kidnapped from his military base in southern Israel six years ago by Hamas terrorists. Negotiations for his release have not been successful. As the posters demonstrate, the people marching were also expressing their anger at the Israeli government for its inability to bring Schalit home. *[Flash90 photo]*

Libyan reaches out to Jewish expatriates

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

The leader of the Democratic Party of Libya is inviting Jewish Libyans to return to their "homeland" and is calling Israel a role model for a future democratic state in Libya.

Ahmed Shebani said the Jewish people's 2,200-year connection to Libya "is written in the stones, and the stones don't lie.

"Although Jews were expelled cruelly [after the 1967 Six Day War] and allowed to take only one suitcase, we call on Libyan Jews to forgive Libya. Libya is your mother, and you must forgive Libya for what happened."

Shebani, a businessman and Libyan expatriate living in England, said Jews "will have the right to return to their homeland and make application for compensation for lost property and for suffering."

Shebani made the offer in a telephone interview with *The CJN*, arranged by Walter Arbib, a Libyan Jew who left Libya in 1967. Arbib and his family were forced to flee after mobs rioted when early propaganda reports claimed Egyptian forces were in Tel Aviv.

Ahmed Shebani

"They thought they could get rid of the Jews all over the Arab world," he said.

Despite his flight from Tripoli and the forced abandonment of several valuable properties, Arbib, a successful Toronto businessman and philanthropist, maintains an interest in Libyan affairs.

"He has been generous to the people [of Libya] in this revolution... He has given a lot of help, including logistics and medicine," Shebani said.

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Group Rejoins Pride

OTTAWA — A local group of Jewish gays and lesbians made a return to Ottawa's Pride Parade this past weekend. Keshet had not marched in the parade since the late 1990s and the group had dwindled since then, but a new generation revived it, local activist Gabriella Goliger told xtra.ca.

WORLD

New Security Funds

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Homeland Security Department will provide about $15 million in grants to Jewish communal groups and institutions considered vulnerable to attack. The Aug. 23 announcement marked the sixth instalment of the department's Nonprofit Security Grant Program. Since its inception in 2005, $118 million has been distributed to non-profits to help fund video surveillance, blast-proof windows and promote security-related preparedness. On Aug. 23, Homeland Security announced $19 million in new grants, 80 per cent of which will go to Jewish institutions. The Jewish Federations of North America praised the announcement.

Oz Pulls Out

SYDNEY — Australia has withdrawn from next month's United Nations conference on racism in New York over concerns of Israel-bashing. The Labour government wasn't convinced that "unbalanced criticism of Israel and the airing of antisemitic views" would be avoided, and therefore withdrew, it said. The event has been dubbed "Durban III" after the original anti-racism conference in South Africa in 2001 that was marred by antisemitism, prompting Australia, among other western nations, to walk out. The Labour government subsequently boycotted the second conference in 2009, where Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad unleashed a vitriolic attack on Israel and the Jews. Australia joins the United States, Canada, Italy, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands and Israel in boycotting this year's event.

Libyan Jew Says Rebels Invited Him To Run

LONDON — The leader of the Libyan-Jewish community in Britain said that he has been invited to run for political office in post-Muammar Gadhafi Libya.

Raphael Luzon told the *Jerusalem Post* Aug. 23, a day after the fall of the Libyan capital Tripoli to rebel forces, that opposition leader Mustafa Abdul Jalil has asked him to return to Libya and run in free elections.

Raphael Luzon

Jalil is a former Libyan justice minister and now chairman of the rebel council in Benghazi.

Luzon told the newspaper that he was invited to take part in the elections "because they would like it to be open to all people, including women and Jews."

Luzon, whose family fled Libya in 1967, met Gadhafi twice in recent years.

He said he would await further developments in the country before making a decision. He told the *Post* that reconstruction of the war-torn country and the restitution of Jewish assets confiscated by the Libyan regime would top his political agenda.

War Archivist Dies

WARSAW — Historian Ruta Sakowska, one of the world's leading experts on the Warsaw Ghetto, died Aug. 22 in Warsaw at age 89. Born in Vilnius in 1922, she was director of the Ringelblum Archives of the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw. The archives, established clandestinely in the Warsaw Ghetto by historian Emmanuel Ringelblum and his secret Oneg Shabbat resistance team, document every facet of life in the ghetto and document the fate of other Polish Jewish communities. The archive was hidden on the eve of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in 1943. Some 25,000 pages of material were recovered from the ruins of the ghetto after the war. Ringelblum was killed by the Gestapo in 1944. In 1997, Sakowska received the Jan Karski and Pola Nirenska Award for her work on the archives.

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Use of kosher food bank on the rise

Helen Winer, left, and Katy Brass pack bags for distribution.
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Ellin Bessner
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The doors to the kosher food bank at Pride of Israel Synagogue don't open until 10 a.m., but by 8:30 on a Wednesday morning last month, Valerian Voinov had already arrived to reserve his place in line.

Voinov, 76, is a former Russian scientist who moved to Toronto from Israel nine years ago. Since then, Voinov said, he has been unable to find work in his field, which was designing equipment for Israeli cardiologists.

"This [food bank] is very good because they help and support all of these people," he said, pointing to a small group of regulars who are also early birds. Most, like him are Russian speaking.

Voinov is among the 130 to 150 people who come to the kosher food bank every Wednesday.

There are other places where Toronto's Jewish poor can find food or a free meal, but this is the only one operating year round where they can get strictly kosher groceries.

Clients aren't asked if they are Jewish, but they need to show papers to prove they are on government assistance.

The contents of the grocery bags vary, depending on what the Jewish food bank's main supplier, the Salvation Army, delivers during the week.

Food bank volunteer Helen Winer said that donations from the "Sally Ann" started in December 2010, thanks to a bequest to the Salvation Army in the will of a Jewish benefactor.

"It'll be a year in December that they've been giving, so for a whole year, we've saved money," she said.

The unlikely match between the Salvation Army and low-income Jews was made thanks to some behind-the-scenes steering of the bequest by the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, UJA spokesperson Steven Shulman said.

"This is how we create capacity in the community," Shulman said in an interview, explaining why UJA doesn't directly supply groceries to the food bank.

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Israel's realist think-tank

The Perspectives essay in this week's edition of *The CJN* is written by Professor Efraim Inbar, the irrepressible, straight-shooting, very forthright director of the Begin-Sadat (BESA) Center for Strategic Studies at Bar-Ilan University in Israel.

Inbar writes about the tactic coming up later this month by the Palestinian Authority (PA) to gain UN General Assembly approval for an independent Palestinian state. Typical of his straight-ahead, no-words-minced approach to policy analysis, Inbar writes: "The UN cannot deliver a state. It can neither change the facts on the ground, nor Palestinian behaviour."

According to Inbar, the Palestinians suffer and have always suffered from "failed leadership" who have squandered realistically viable moments to achieve their own state, most recently in 1948 and 1993.

Despite the high-sounding publicity it would generate, Inbar points out that a unilateral declaration of statehood by the PA would actually set further back the Palestinians' aspirations for an independent state.

There would be a high risk of new violence between the peoples, engendering further mutual distrust and animosity. But more importantly, Israel would likely withdraw from many of the pragmatic arrangements on the ground that assist and prop up the PA regime in the West Bank.

"The power differential between a democratic, prosperous and militarily strong Israel and the corrupt, autocratic and fragmented Palestinians is only growing."

Inbar's bold, assertive manner is somewhat of an insignia for and the hallmark of the centre of which he is the director. Its mission statement is a minimalist declaration of explicitly clear detail. It advances "a realist, conservative and staunchly Zionist agenda in the search for security and peace for Israel."

Canadians have been instrumental in the centre's existence ever since its founding 18 years ago.

The founder of the centre and the chairman of its board is Tom Hecht from Montreal. He was instrumental in giving life to the centre from its original conceptual idea.

Helping to give that idea a significant and weighty presence have been Saul and Mira Koschitzky of Toronto, whose ongoing support enabled the centre to construct and dedicate a new building on the Bar-Ilan campus.

The BESA Center has gained wide respectability for the breadth of its analytical work and for the plain-speaking nature of that work. Over the past 18 years, it has published numerous research and policy papers, symposia collections and books; has organized and run more than 300 conferences, seminars and symposia, and partnered with leading strategic studies centres in the United States and Europe.

The expertise of the BESA scholars extends across a wide range of subjects related to the myriad aspects of strategic considerations in the Middle East. (*CJN* columnist Gerald Steinberg is a member of its faculty.)

From the editor's desk...

Last spring, during my visit to Israel, I spent a head-spinning, thoroughly intellectually stimulating day at the centre on the Bar-Ilan campus.

I met privately for almost an hour each with six different fellows with the centre – six rather intense seminars, as it were, with an exceptionally eclectic group of scholars.

First and foremost, I was impressed with the substantive depth of each of the individuals with whom I met and conversed. Although, truth be told, I listened and took notes far more than I conversed. But I was also struck by the wide diversity of their learning and how utterly uncategorizable they were as a group in terms of their respective backgrounds and the heterodoxy of their thinking.

For example, to name only a few of my teachers that day, Ze'ev Maghen is an expert on Iran, the Shi'a religion and Islam and Persian Gulf politics. In addition to English and Hebrew, he speaks Arabic, Persian, Russian and Turkish. Maghen settled in Israel many years ago after moving from Philadelphia. (His most recent book, by the way, is a missive in another equally important strategic battle, namely the battle for the hearts, minds and souls of young Jewish people. It's called *John Lennon and The Jews: A Philosophical Rampage*.)

Jonathan Rynhold is an expert on Israeli diplomacy, U.S.-Israeli relations and Middle East-Far East relations. He settled in Israel from London.

Yoaz Hendel is a sabra. He was born in Israel and served for six years in the IDF's elite navy seals commando unit. He is an expert on military history and national security matters. He was recently appointed as chief media adviser in the Prime Minister's Office.

Next week, a little bit more about BESA.

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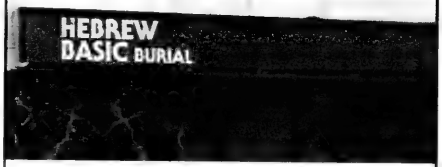

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VOIGHT VISITS

Academy Award-winning actor Jon Voight, left, visited Soroka Hospital in Be'er Sheva last week in an effort to cheer up some of the victims of the recent terror attacks near Eilat. Voight, the father of actor Angelina Jolie, is a longtime friend of the state. Voight told the victims that he was deeply saddened by the attacks and that Israel needed its friends at this time. "The U.S. should be Israel's best friend," he said, adding that one of the aims of his visit was to report back on the situation to the American public.

[Israel Sun photo]

Israel must reform its economy: think-tank

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

With a social protest movement sweeping across and gaining ground in Israel, an Israeli think-tank has released a report urging Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to articulate a new set of principles for economic growth.

Shirlee Harel

The Reut Institute, a nonpartisan policy organization based in Tel Aviv, recently unveiled a set of proposals designed to defuse tensions.

The document, *New Social Contract for Growth, Inclusiveness and Community Building*, is intended to stimulate debate and engender change.

Shirlee Harel, the institute's director of development, will be in Toronto this week to discuss the protests that have prompted Israelis to take to the streets and set up tent cities.

"After two decades of growth based on a totally free market approach, mixed with deep privatization that caused extreme social gaps leading to tremendous pressure on Israel's middle class, a spark was lit in Israeli society," said Harel, who will be accompanied by Martin Ben-Moreh, the institute's director of Judaism and Renewed Zionism.

In recent weeks, tens of thousands of Israeli demonstrators have called for the gap between rich and poor to be narrowed, complained about the high cost of living and unaffordable rents and questioned the government's spending priorities.

Responding to their complaints, Netanyahu has promised to ease the burden on ordinary Israelis and has appointed a panel to study the problem.

Harel, a 28-year-old graduate of York University and McGill University who made aliyah three years ago, said the institute has taken a leading role in responding to the wave of protests that have convulsed Israel in the past month.

The current malaise stems from Israel's decision in 1985 to stabilize its economy, she suggested.

"The current economic approach spawned many achievements but also created complex problems. It is rooted in the values of liberalism and capitalism and based on the principles of the market economy," she said.

On the one hand, Israel extricated itself from an economic crisis that lasted from 1974 to 1985, returning to a path of growth and fiscal stability.

On the other hand, she added, this policy led to gaps in society, eroded the middle class and enlarged the circle of poverty.

"For the past 25 years, Israel's economic growth has not benefited the majority of its citizens. Despite its significant achievements, Israel has become a more divided society, both socially and economically. It is these divisions that fuelled the outburst of public protests in recent weeks. Growth that does not include all citizens is explosive."

She added, "Children are the silent victims of this reality. The growing financial challenges of many households and the erosion of public services compromise the education, health and future assets of Israel's future generations."

Harel said that the purpose of the *New Social Contract* is to promote high and inclusive growth so that Israel becomes one of the 15 leading countries in terms of quality of life.

If properly implemented, the *New Social Contract* would serve as a force for good, defuse tension and offer Israelis a unifying vision, she added.

Harel said the government should increase real disposable income by decreasing the cost of basic products and services and increasing productivity.

The government should also integrate Israeli Arabs and haredim into the work force, reform tax policy and encourage the accumulation of capital through pensions, home ownership and long-term savings.

Israel's woes are exacerbated by a number of factors, Harel said.

She mentioned the security burden, the disproportionate power of groups such as the haredim and settlers, and the monopolistic positions attained by corporations and tycoons.

And while the high-tech sector has been an engine for growth, it has also increased societal gaps and failed to contribute to overall national productivity and create new jobs in recent years.

The key to bridging the gap between rich and poor, she pointed out, is to ensure that everyone has a fair chance to take part in growth and enjoy its fruits.

"The Israeli economic and social system must change," she said.

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Ontarians head to the polls October 6

The CJN *to talk with candidates, leaders*

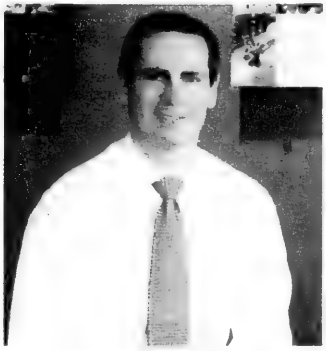
Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

On Thursday, Oct. 6, Ontarians will head to the polls to vote for their next provincial government.

Beginning with the next issue, *The CJN* will cover the run-up to the vote with a series of riding and candidate profiles, including coverage of what is shaping up to be a major battleground in the electoral district of Thornhill, where popular Conservative incumbent and former broadcaster Peter Shurman will be challenged by former Canadian Jewish Congress CEO turned Liberal candidate Bernie Farber.

The paper will also cover races in the ridings of Eglinton-Lawrence, St. Paul's, Willowdale and York Centre and is lining up interviews with the major party leaders.

Of interest to voters this year are amendments to the province's Election Act made after the 2007 provincial election that give people increased flexibility to vote in advance of the Oct. 6 election.



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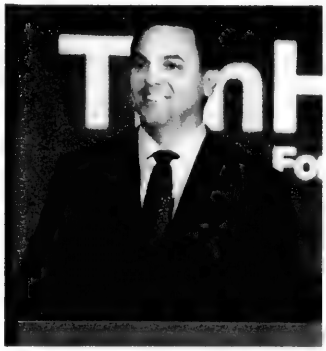

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Seinfeld star helps launch UJA campaign

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

As of last week's campaign launch, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto had already raised $7.8 million, Gilbert Palter, UJA Campaign 2012 co-chair with Barbara Bank, announced at the event.

But in an unusual move, Palter did not announce a campaign dollar goal at the launch, held Aug. 23 at the Sony Centre. An audience of almost 2,000 people filled the theatre, where Jason Alexander – George Costanza of *Seinfeld* fame – was the featured guest.

Rather than naming a fundraising goal, as UJA has in the past, Palter focused on the importance of the campaign in addressing social welfare needs such as poverty in the Jewish community.

"Our goal for Campaign 2012 is to have every Jew in Toronto understand how important UJA is to all our Jewish lives," he said. "Every single gift and every single dollar really does make a difference."

Jason Alexander is flanked by UJA Campaign 2012 co-chairs Gilbert Palter and Barbara Bank. ***[Photo courtesy Jen Arron Photography]***

Bank announced that UJA has set up a "challenge fund" that will match any new gift or 100 per cent increase over last year. (The money will come from leading donors, a campaign official told *The CJN*.)

Palter spoke of how UJA funds help Toronto's Jewish community care for its vulnerable members, foster youngsters' Jewish identity, and advocate for itself and for Israel.

Felicia Posluns, UJA's women's philanthropy chair, announced her division's goal of raising at least $10 million.

Steven Shulman, UJA Federation's campaign director and counsel, told *The CJN* two days after the launch, "We didn't want to say what the goal [for the larger campaign] was."

Instead, he said, "Our big focus is awareness about the primacy of the UJA campaign for Jewish Toronto… We believe that if we expand the number of donors, we're going to increase the number of dollars."

At last year's campaign launch, held the same time of year as this summer's event, UJA had raised $15.5 million, about twice as much as the initial pledges announced this year. The previous year's initial pledges were similar, totalling $16 million.

The 2011 campaign goal, announced at last year's launch, was $2.5 million beyond the $64 million raised the previous year. It ended up raising $63 million.

Because of the lower total, the federation has been trimming its overhead, president and CEO Ted Sokolsky told *The CJN* in an interview earlier this summer. He added at the time that the past few years have been challenging for all philanthropies and that Toronto's federation is "fortunate to hold [its] own."

The success of this year's campaign is "absolutely vital for the future of our community," Laurel Linetsky-Fleisher, launch co-chair with David Cynamon, said at the event.

Amir Gissin, Israel's consul general for Toronto and western Canada, thanked Toronto's Jewish community for its commitment to Eilat even before the recent series of terror attacks in the area. "Israel, as strong as it is… is under a lot of pressure," he said.

Eilat/Eilot is a partner community of UJA Federation, Bank noted.

"These attacks have hit home in a very personal way for Toronto," said Elizabeth Wolfe, UJA Federation's chair of the board.

She added that UJA has spearheaded a project to renovate Eilat's Joseftal Hospital and build a new emergency wing there.

Representatives of the *shinshinim* (UJA young emissaries from Israel to Toronto) recited prayers for the recovery of those injured in the terror attacks, as well as for captured IDF soldier Gilad Schalit.

Alexander – who also appeared two nights later at Federation CJA's campaign launch in Montreal – was interviewed by *Hockey Night in Canada* commentator Elliotte Friedman.

"Shalom, and *sheket bevakashah*," Alexander said by way of greeting, adding that his Hebrew teacher always repeated that phrase.

The 29-years-married father of two said he met his wife, Daena Title, when he was a struggling actor and the "office flunkey" in a New York casting office in 1980. "She was way out of my league," he recalled.

Alexander – who won a Tony Award in 1989 and was nominated for or won a dozen television awards for his portrayal of Costanza – said that the hugely popular sitcom, which ran for nine seasons, almost didn't make it to air. A pilot episode received "the worst" test scores, including comments that it wasn't funny.

"We were let out of our contracts," he said.

But NBC reconsidered after an "amazing" *TV Guide* review, and committed to an initial four episodes.

Alexander said it took him a while to realize that "George was Larry David [co-creator of *Seinfeld*, and more recently creator of *Curb Your Enthusiasm*]. George was notorious for lying his way out of any pickle."

Although his work on *Seinfeld* was "tremendous fun," Alexander said there was one episode that he almost refused to take part in, recalling his reservations about the "irresponsible portrayal" of a mohel as "a child-hating guy with a twitch," in *The Bris*.

"I went to Larry and said 'I'm out, I won't be a part of this.'

"He said, 'Come on, it's funny.'"

Alexander, who said he "love[s] Larry to death," agreed that it was funny but told David it was the only thing he'd done that was wrong. It was only after David "softened it" that Alexander agreed to go ahead.

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Menacing obsession

It's always good when a government unambiguously articulates its polices. This enables the people affected by those policies, and other governments as well, to make informed decisions regarding those policies and the government espousing them on the basis of clear information and certainty of expectations.

Thus, we point out with intensified disgust the consistency of the president of Iran's dark, hateful and menacing obsession toward the State of Israel. In an interview with Lebanon's Al-Manar television network last week, he said, "Iran believes that whoever is for humanity should also be for eradicating the Zionist regime as a symbol of suppression and discrimination."

To drive home the point that he was expressing formal state policy, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad added: "Iran follows this issue [the eradication of Israel] with determination and decisiveness *and will never ever withdraw from this standpoint and policy*" (emphasis added).

The assiduous arming and nourishing of its surrogates – Hamas, Hezbollah and the Alawite rulers of the Assad clan – to surround the Jewish state is stark evidence of Ahmadinejad's macabre loyalty to his ghoulish policy.

Whoever defends Iran's policies or rails against or obstructs western efforts to rein in its nuclear program, is defending and abetting an openly cultivated national policy of genocide. No one should scoff at the seriousness of Ahmadinejad's intentions. He is a threat not only to Israel but to world peace. Iran should be thrown out of the assembly of the United Nations, shunned, scorned and its evil obsession thwarted.

Jack Layton

The stunning suddenness of Jack Layton's death added to the melancholy of the country's loss. The NDP leader's final, palliative-care sick bed became his own Mount Nebo from which he would only imagine the landscape of the better country that he had striven his entire life to help create. He had raised up his party to a newer, more onerous, more responsible role in the governance of Canada, but was, alas, "forbidden" from leading them even higher in the House of Commons.

In announcing the establishment of the Jack Layton Scholarship for Social Justice, David Koschitzky, chair of the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, described Layton as "a lifelong fighter for many causes dear to Canada's Jewish community." B'nai Brith Canada eulogized Layton as "a man of integrity."

We share these sentiments and, in the words of Koschitzky, we "join with all Canadians in honouring the passing of a passionate advocate and pillar of our Parliament."

25 years ago in *The CJN*

The family of former imprisoned Soviet Jewish Refusenik Natan Sharansky joined him in Israel. His mother, Ida Milgrom, 77, arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport with Sharansky's older brother, Leonid, Leonid's wife, Raya, and their two sons. Sharansky was released in February 1986 after serving nine years for his activism, which began when he was denied a visa to leave the USSR in the mid-1970s.

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Jewish education before new JCCs

Letter writer Louis Train makes a specious argument when he opposes Rabbi Erwin Schild's criticism of our community leaders for their failure to make decisions that are in the best interests of our community ("The new JCC building," Aug. 25). Train argues that "were we to base all of our charitable decisions on which cause needed the money most, few would continue to contribute to any worthy organizations," because donors, in Train's view, make decisions on the basis of passion, not utility. Why should that be the case? Perhaps donors make misguided decisions because our community leaders have failed to make the argument that Jewish education, and not expensive and ornate edifices, is what in fact is essential to ensure Jewish continuity. We need affordable Jewish education, not empty lots waiting for "new and improved" Jewish community centres to ensure this continuity. A cursory look at our neighbours to the south will reveal what we may face one day if this trend continues – that is, Jewish community centres without Jews.

Joseph Adler
Toronto

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Land confiscated in West Bank

The Civil Administration of Israel recently used antiquated Ottoman law from 1858 to take over uncultivated land in the Palestinian village of Karyut. As a Canadian Jew who identifies as a Zionist, I am embarrassed and disappointed. Observers say that this action has the effect of legalizing the Jewish settlement Hayovel.

The action contravenes promises made by previous Israeli prime ministers Ariel Sharon and Ehud Olmert to then-U.S. president George W. Bush in 2004. Further, it ignores the report by Israeli attorney Talia Sasson stating that Hayovel was built on private Palestinian land.

As a Canadian, I have a nightmare of expropriation of Canada's magnificent wilderness by New York State, with the justification that Canada is not cultivating it. Fallow and uncultivated land has many purposes in nature.

I would not like another people to tell me what I must do with Canadian land. Why does our beloved government of Israel pursue actions that give its critics reason to say that Israel does not keep its word? Can Diaspora Jews defend the actions of a government that first builds illegal settlements and follows up with land expansion? Such actions put Israel in the role of "delegitimizing" itself. I would like to be able to speak up for an Israel that has a strong view of itself while respecting the aspirations of its Palestinian neighbours. When will Israel stop giving material to its critics?

Toby Brooks
Ottawa, Ont.

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The British Mandate

The West Bank was never "recognized under the British Mandate as part of a future Jewish state by the international community" ("Tolerance (1)," letter, Aug. 25). Incorporating wording from the Balfour Declaration, the mandate designated Palestine as "a national home for the Jewish people" without specifying Jewish statehood, noting "that nothing should be done which might prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine." The area east of the Jordan River effectively became a separately administered British Mandate. And while mandate rules required consultation with inhabitants so that "the wishes of these communities must be a principal consideration," this was never done in Palestine, nor did the Yishuv leadership want it. Even at the time of the United Nations General Assembly's 1947 vote on partition, Palestine's Jewish population amounted to no more than one-third of its inhabitants.

Bernard Katz
Toronto

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Camp Gesher

I was surprised to read the column "Casa Hillel kids come to Canada" (Aug. 18), by Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, about the Casa Hillel Guatemalan kids who attended Camp Gesher on Skootamata Lake this summer during my second year there. Within this heimish camp of the Habonim Dror movement, I befriended Ardonie, Lorena, Grace, Jose, Gina and Ishmel, and every day I would expect to hear "*Ola senor!*" with a strong handshake. I found them to be not only appreciative of this Jewish camp, but also mature, kind and open-minded. I'll cherish my memories with them, laughing and doing my Michael Jackson dance moves at Saturday-night parties.

Oren Ordynans
13 years old
Thornhill, Ont.

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Palestinians' UN plan won't succeed

Efraim Inbar

Earlier this year, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas made the decision to cut off the PA's negotiations with Israel and go to the United Nations in September to bid for state recognition. There, a U.S. veto at the UN Security Council is expected, while in the UN General Assembly (GA), a large majority of its members are likely to endorse a motion recognizing a Palestinian state within the 1967 borders. While such a resolution is not binding according to international law, its prospects have elicited negative reactions from Israel, the United States and parts of the international community who deplore the Palestinian unilateral approach and fear the consequences of UN approval. Israel's defence minister, Ehud Barak, has even warned of an impending "diplomatic tsunami."

These fears are greatly exaggerated. First, the UN lacks legitimacy, as it is a morally bankrupt institution that gives an equal voice to the worst aggressors and human rights offenders on the globe. It is unclear how a resolution by such a powerless institution could possibly make a dent in a century-old ethnic conflict in the Holy Land. What can the UN actually do to implement the GA recommendations? The outcome will certainly be negative, reinforcing Palestinian intransigence.

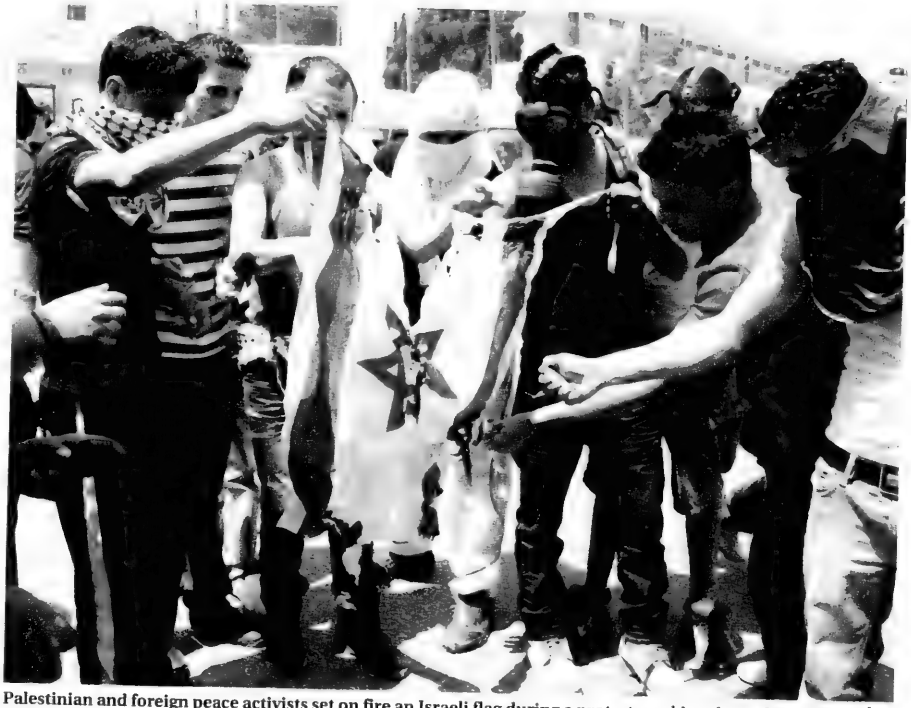
Unfortunately, GA resolutions cannot fix the Palestinian national movement, which is hopelessly fractured and dysfunctional. The UN cannot turn the Palestinian factions into one political entity. Can the UN bring Gaza and the West Bank together to present reasonable interlocutors for Israeli negotiators? Can the UN mellow the Hamas lust to kill Jews and to eradicate Israel? Can it cure the Palestinians of the *shaheed* death culture?

Is the UN in a position to infuse pragmatism into Palestinian political culture? The Palestinians still insist on the invented "right of return" for Palestinian refugees, which most of the world sees as an unrealistic demand and a huge obstacle to peace. The Palestinians are trying to rewrite history by denying Jewish history in Jerusalem. They are still not ready to concede that they lost the struggle over Jerusalem, a united capital city, which the Jews will adamantly defend. Israel is unquestionably stronger, and time is on its side. Nevertheless, the Palestinians remain "bad losers," not willing to make a pragmatic deal in order to achieve statehood.

Prof. Efraim Inbar

The UN cannot deliver a state. It can neither change the facts on the ground, nor Palestinian behaviour. The Palestinians had two historic opportunities to build a state, in 1948 and again in 1993, but both opportunities were squandered by failed leadership. Recently, we have observed somewhat more successful efforts at state building by PA Prime Minister Salam Fayyad. While he is arguably the best thing that has happened to the Palestinians in their short history, his popularity among his people is quite low, indicating the dysfunctional character of Palestinian politics. The images of a blooming Ramallah, the fruits of Fayyad's efforts, are misleading.

Can the PA survive without begging for international support every few months? Can it survive cutting down its bloated and corrupt bureaucracy as a prerequisite for building a healthy economy? The much-lauded U.S.-trained Palestinian troops have yet to meet the real test in the main mission of state building – a monopoly over the use of force. The current abundance of illegal weapons poses an extraordinary domestic security challenge for a nascent state. Can these troops be trusted to fight a serious challenge from Hamas, or will we see them collapse just as other U.S.-trained troops did in Gaza?



Palestinian and foreign peace activists set on fire an Israeli flag during a protest marking the 44th anniversary of the Six Days War this past June. *[Flash90 photo]*

Actually, regular Israeli military incursions against Hamas infrastructure in the West Bank keep the PA safe. Moreover, access to Israel's labour market, money transfers and many other services are critical to the PA's daily operations. Would statehood bring the same benefits?

The PA leadership realizes that their options vis-à-vis Israel are limited and that another terrorist campaign would turn out to be extremely destructive to the Palestinians. The power differential between a democratic, prosperous and militarily strong Israel and the corrupt, autocratic and fragmented Palestinians is only growing. Israel managed to "win" the first two intifadahs and can do so again. Now it is preparing for the Palestinians' non-violent attempt to challenge the Israeli military, which may affect Israel's image abroad and at home.

Actually, the Palestinian UN bid is an opportunity for Israeli unilateral measures such as annexation of the settlement blocs and the Jordan rift area – necessary for establishing a defensible border along the Jordan River. Furthermore, Israel can implement economic sanctions to exact a cost for the violation of the Oslo agreements, which left the decision on the nature of the Palestinian entity for final-status talks.

The main challenge to Israel, however, is not on the diplomatic front, where it is doing better than its critics think. The Arab world is in the throes of a socio-political crisis hardly able to do anything but pay lip service in support of a Palestinian state. Israel's diplomats managed to prevent an international flotilla from breaking the Gaza naval siege. Israel was also successful in procuring international understanding for its demand to be recognized by the Palestinians as a Jewish state. Furthermore, Washington is solidly behind Jerusalem on most issues, and the strategic relationship is hardly affected by differences on peace negotiations.

What is at stake, however, is Israel's social cohesion. A united Israel behind a government perceived as doing enough for securing peace will be able to sustain protracted conflict. Netanyahu's stable government meets these requirements. So far, a huge number of Israelis strongly believe that the Palestinians are not ready to make the necessary concessions for peace. A UN resolution is unlikely to change public opinion in Israel, which regards the UN as incompetent and hostile. Finally, the upheaval in the Arab world reiterates a great need for caution and for insistence on defensible borders.

Unless there emerges a more pragmatic Palestinian leadership, the conflict will continue to simmer. In all probability, September 2011 will be followed by October and many other months without a Palestinian state in the offing.

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Jews must stand with First Nations

Jean M. Gerber

in Vancouver

I imagine an island. It had a thriving population that lived in a variety of settlements: some were pastoral, some great empires, some hunted and foraged, some lived off the ocean's bounty. Once invaded by an aggressive new population, they shrivelled and suffered deprivations as the new population grew and expanded into lands of the original owners.

Now imagine that you're in a boat offshore, pursued by people bent on your death, and ahead is this lovely island, where, with difficulty, you land and settle, becoming comfortable, sometimes rich. Without this island refuge you would have perished.

Question: what do you owe this island's original inhabitants?

That island is of course North America, where several million Jews found refuge. Yet its original inhabitants were displaced to make this haven.

Well, here it is, the 21st century, and we have posters like this one taken to the United Nations by representatives of those original First Nations: "Do you have running water? I don't and I live in Canada."

Or consider this: a nurse writing to the *Globe and Mail* this month discusses maternal health challenges in the Third World, where they don't have clean water and other basic amenities: "While we pride ourselves on the advancement western mothers enjoy, we should remember that these advancements were built on a solid foundation of healthy food, clean water, good sanitation and freedom from infectious diseases."

Sadly, you don't have to leave our shores to see Third World conditions – just go to a reserve, such as the one in Sarnia, Ont. Reserves out of the public eye can't count on these benefits. Let's do a check of conditions on many reserves.

Clean water? Nope. Healthy food? Huge levels of obesity, diabetes. Sanitation? Not without clean water and waste disposal. Freedom from disease? High rates of tuberculosis – TB in the 21st century! – maternal deaths and AIDS infections. Need I go on? Hear the dissonance?

We can do marvelous things. We can improve maternal health around the globe, yet we see this achievement shatter when it comes to isolated First Nations mothers and children.

Safe drinking water and basic sanitation are human rights affirmed by the UN, yet Canada abstained when the vote came. Recently, Jewish voters were so blissed out that the Harper government stands up at the UN for Israel that we voted in large numbers for it. Yet on the internal issue of aboriginal health, there is massive silence. Should we be part of that silence?

Those of you who read Maude Barlow's article in the July 28 *Globe and Mail* know of the dismal Canadian indifference to the UN affirmation of healthy conditions and our pallid government response.

This is just one of many current media reports on conditions on many reserves, where they've had to boil their water, some for years, some virtually forever.

So what are we to do? Jews from Europe found refuge in North American in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, escaping pogroms and political oppression. We grew and flourished here. Even though North America failed us in World War II, we rebounded as a people and live today in security and peace in Canada, with a strong Israel.

We live here, however, on lands that once belonged to the original inhabitants of this land. While we, the Jews, were not their oppressors – setting up mission schools where their lives were a misery and their culture nearly destroyed – surely we owe them our support and more than that, our outrage that conditions on many reserves are Third World.

According to this newspaper, some synagogues have banded together to call for action – but there should be many, many more.

Years ago I was associate director of the (now defunct) Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region. One task, among many, was to teach public high school students about the Holocaust through symposia and interaction with survivors. Another was to advocate for issues of social justice and combat racism.

We did not make common cause, however, with First Nations whose situation was dire indeed. Now is the time that those of us who survived because there was a place for us here should make common cause with First Nations asking, after all, for simple things: clean water, better maternal health, access to healthy affordable food, and freedom from preventable illnesses.

Flotillas, blockades and double standards

Norma Baumel Joseph

in Montreal

I just returned from a visit to Israel and I am bewildered. Israel is such a small country geographically. Its neighbours occupy such a vast expanse of land. Why do they covet this little country? Why fight over a laneway between mansions when there is so much acreage for each palace?

More significantly, we might understand when the neighbours can't see Israel's reality, but how is it that western human rights groups have such clouded vision? They fight for the rights of oppressed Palestinians, but only under very specific conditions. When Fatah and Hamas fight, we don't hear a word from the western world. When Assad kills Syrian rebels, these groups are silent. When Libya erupts, they are silent. Only when Israel is involved do we hear from these indignant human rights activists.

Most perplexing, they expect Israel to shake hands with a partner committed to its destruction. Israel is called upon to make all the necessary concessions without any responding moves from the Palestinians. There is no quid pro quo in this "justice" program. Reach out your hand to someone who will bite it off. That's their logic, but it certainly isn't logical.

We are told that their concern is for the children. Mine too. But theirs is one-sided: only for the Palestinian kids. They care not for Israeli children. I worry about Palestinian children who are taught to hate. I worry about Israeli children and the 45-second rule. Do you know it?

My nieces and nephews live in Yavneh. When they hear the siren, they run. No stopping to pick up a favourite toy or book. No hesitation. No time to call mommy or daddy. You go straight to the shelter – missiles are coming. You only have time to grab the dog and go, wherever you are. They understand, no matter how young.

This is a fact of life. It means that great-grandma, Bubby Miriam, my wonderful mother-in-law who is 95 can no longer visit her family. She can't pass the 45-second test. Neither can the elderly who live on kibbutz. What will happen to them when the Scuds really hit? Why don't the people in the flotillas care about them and their families?

Fundamentally, I also care about the parents of grown children who are missing in action. What about the parents of Gilad Schalit? Why do we never hear the human rights organizations ask questions about him and the abuses he has endured? Even the United Nations has admitted that the Palestinian kidnappers have violated every regulation and human rights rule. So where are their voices?

How come the great novelist Alice Walker can't hear the words of author Jonathan Safran Foer? How is it that she doesn't see the hatred and racism that appear so obvious to me? If the Hamas leadership would say to her what they are saying to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, how would she respond?

Let's imagine the translation of the Hamas position: We will not stop until all Israeli Jews (African-Americans) are pushed into the sea. We will not allow Israeli Jews (African-Americans) to live in this country (Israel). How would she react to that? Underneath all the rhetoric, that's the claim of Hamas. They state it quite openly. Their goal is to destroy Israel and kill all the Jews in Israel. Do human rights groups not read anymore?

My husband suggested that we create our own symbolic flotilla in order to bring our human rights case to the UN and the world. What would it be if we set up a giant demonstration in front of the UN shouting from the rooftops our claims for decency, for our Israeli children, MIAs and justice? What a miracle it would be if every Jew withstood the urge to give to any UN charity and insisted that we will not give any money to them until Gilad Schalit speaks to his parents. Not one penny to any UN agency!

Let's start a chain e-mail now. Everyone write to everyone. No money to the UN. Let's get some justice for Gilad Schalit. Let's insist that human rights belong on a two-way street, and that they flow for Israel, too.

Palestinians gearing up for statehood bid

Barring a miraculous breakthrough in diplomacy, the Palestinians, represented by the Palestinian Authority and backed by the Arab League, are widely expected to take their case for statehood to the United Nations in the third week of September.

The Palestinians, who currently enjoy observer status at the UN, will seek full membership, PA President Mahmoud Abbas says. "Once admitted to the UN, our state stands ready to negotiate all core issues of the conflict with Israel," he wrote recently in the *New York Times*.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

In all probability, the PA will present its case for a two-state solution to the General Assembly rather than the Security Council. The Palestinians believe that while they have more than sufficient support at the General Assembly, their bid for statehood would be vetoed by the United States, Israel's chief ally, at the Security Council.

The PA envoy at the UN, Riyad Mansour, predicts that at least two thirds of the 192 UN member states will recognize a Palestinian state within the borders of the West Bank, part of which Israel claims, and the Gaza Strip, which is controlled by Hamas, an Islamic fundamentalist organization that rejects both Israel's existence and legitimacy.

The current Israeli government opposes the unilateral Palestinian campaign and has lobbied hard to nip it in the bud.

Israeli embassies have mobilized resources for what is shaping up as a diplomatic battle royale.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has travelled the world arguing against the Palestinian proposal while calling for a resumption of direct talks with the PA and warning that a declaration of statehood will "push peace back."

Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, who usually voices Netanyahu's views, has threatened to renounce past agreements, including the Oslo accords, if the Palestinians go through with their gambit.

As PA leaders have repeatedly stated, they will only set aside their strategy if Israel agrees to talks broadly based on an Israeli withdrawal to the pre-1967 armistice lines.

"Negotiations remain our first option, but due to their failure we are now compelled to turn to the international community to assist us in preserving the opportunity for a peaceful and just end to the conflict," Abbas has written.

Talks, brokered by the United States, were launched exactly a year ago in Washington. More ceremonial than substantive, they soon collapsed in an atmosphere of mutual acrimony, the two sides driven apart by Israel's refusal to renew its partial nine-month settlement freeze in the West Bank and by the PA's demand that all building activity must cease, even in disputed eastern Jerusalem.

In short order, Netanyahu upped the ante.

He insisted on Palestinian recognition of Israel as a Jewish state. He declared that Israel intends to maintain a military presence along the Jordan River. He demanded that the PA cancel its reconciliation pact with Hamas (which has yet to be ratified).

Although the Obama administration once supported the PA position on a settlement freeze, the United States has invested considerable efforts to stave off plans by the PA to go the UN.

Washington believes that Palestinian statehood should be the outcome of negotiations with Israel in bilateral talks. But the PA is convinced that peace has run its course, a claim that conforms with an assessment made recently by the UN's special co-ordinator for peace in the Middle East, Robert Serry.

In a gloomy appraisal, Serry said that Israel's conflict with the Palestinians is in a "profound and persistent deadlock." He added, "In the absence of a framework for meaningful talks, and with Israeli settlement activity continuing, the Palestinians are actively exploring approaching the UN."

Of late, Israel has issued a series of announcements of its intention to build more than 2,000 apartment units in the eastern Jerusalem neighborhoods of Har Homa and Ramat Shlomo and in Ariel, one of the largest Israeli settlements in the West Bank. Israel's justification for these moves turns on its oft-repeated assertion that parts of the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem will remain in Israeli hands, even after a peace agreement. Israel claims that there is a national consensus for keeping these areas.

The PA has condemned these unilateral acts, describing them as "an Israeli attempt to obstruct and destroy what is left of any effort to revive the peace process." The Mideast Quartet – the United States, Russia, the European Union and the United Nations – has expressed great concern that this construction activity will derail all hope for resuming negotiations.

Shimon Peres, Israel's president, has met with Abbas four times in the past few months to revive talks and head off a unilateral Palestinian declaration of statehood. But he has made no progress.

In a tactical bid to outflank the Palestinians and relieve international pressure on Israel, Netanyahu sent a letter to the Quartet last month in which he reportedly accepted a two-state solution based on the 1967 lines and territorial swaps.

The Palestinian Authority is taking its case for statehood to the United Nations, a position supported by most Palestinians, including these from eastern Jerusalem. *[Sheldon Kirshner photo]*

When U.S. President Barack Obama suggested in May that talks should proceed on this basis, Netanyahu demurred, claiming that the pre-Six Day War borders are "indefensible."

Netanyahu's apparent shift in policy could be significant if he means what he says. The PA, cognizant that Netanyahu's coalition partners are opposed to the pre-1967 lines as a starting point for discussions, is wary.

According to reports, PA leaders want Netanyahu to spell out his apparently new policy in public. Netanyahu, eager to preserve his coalition, is unlikely to satisfy them. At last report, he had resigned himself to the Palestinian campaign for international recognition at the UN.

Israel's strategy is to persuade key nations, such as the United States, Canada, Britain, Germany and France, to vote against the Palestinians.

But by all accounts, Russia, China, Turkey, Norway and a plethora of South American countries, led by Brazil and Argentina, will side with the Palestinians.

France, at the moment, is one of the wild cards. French Foreign Minister Francois Fillon has said that 2011 should be the year that an independent Palestinian state is created.

Jews in Israel are divided on the issue, judging by a letter signed by a group of prominent Israeli intellectuals and public figures almost four months ago. Among the signers were Alon Liel, the former director of the foreign ministry, and Avishai Margalit, an Israel Prize winner.

They endorse the establishment of a sovereign Palestinian state based on the 1967 lines and land exchanges on a one-to-one basis. As they put it, "The Palestinian appeal to the UN [for recognition] does not harm the Israeli interest and is not at odds with the peace process."

To many Israelis, the Palestinian campaign for statehood is remarkably similar to the one the Zionist movement launched before the UN General Assembly voted for the partition of Palestine in 1947.

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New fund aids march participants

Cara Edell
Special to The CJN

Each year, the March of the Living takes hundreds of Jewish young people on a life-changing journey to Poland and Israel. Accompanied by Holocaust survivors, the participants learn about their heritage and explore the most significant events in modern Jewish history.

While thousands of students and young adults have taken part in the program since 1988, there aren't enough funds to subsidize those who can't afford to attend.

But it's more critical than ever that as many young Jews as possible get the opportunity to go on the march, because their generation will be the last to share the experience with Holocaust survivors, whose stories must be heard, said Eli Rubenstein, national director of March of the Living Canada.

Anita Ekstein, a Holocaust survivor and national chair of March of the Living Canada, recently decided to address the issue by creating an endowment fund under the auspices of the Jewish Foundation at UJA Toronto and UIA Federations Canada.

The fund will help ensure scholarship money for students who are unable to pay the full cost of the program, as well as higher educational standards and increased recruitment resources that will encourage higher student participation over the next decade.

"My connection to the March of the Living is a long one. I began in 1996 to go on the March as a survivor chaperone, and this year was my 11th time," Ekstein said.

At only eight years old, Ekstein was smuggled out of the ghetto by her father to live as a Christian with a Polish family. Her father's last words to her were: "Always remember who you are," she recalled. "And in truth I never forgot who I was. I was a Jew."

From left, Nate Leipciger, survivor and march chaperone, with Lisa Winberg, Shael Rosenbaum and Jessica Taylor. ***(Cara Edell photo)***

As a survivor, she said, "it is very important for me that students and young adults have the opportunity to go back to Poland, learn about the culture that was and how it was lost. And of course learn first-hand what happened during the Holocaust by visiting several concentration and death camps. Then go to Israel, visit our country, learn more about it and strengthen their connection to Israel."

Ekstein has already given $100,000 to the endowment fund, with more pledged for the future. Other substantial donations have also been received, including a gift of $500,000 from the Ben and Hilda Katz Foundation.

During their lifetime, Ben and Hilda Katz were longstanding supporters of Holocaust education for Jewish youth, Rubenstein said. Through the establishment of the fund and such generous gifts, he said, more Jewish students will be able to act as "witnesses for the witnesses."

At "An Evening of Inspiration," an event held Aug. 17 at the home of Malka and Harry Rosenbaum, students, young adults and survivors who have taken part in the march gathered with friends and family members to share testimonials and raise awareness of the endowment fund.

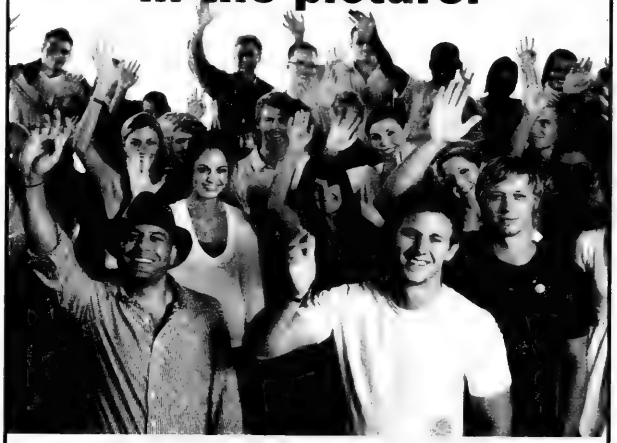
Organized by past march participants Lisa Winberg, Jessica Taylor and Shael Rosenbaum, the evening was a reminder of how powerful the experience is. "The kids come back with the impact of universal and Jewish values," including a greater sense of Jewish identity, faith and practice, a greater sense of community, and a greater need to confront antisemitism and counter Holocaust denial, Rubenstein said.

Winberg, who took part in the 2011 Young Adult March, said she was "extremely motivated" to share her experiences. As she continued to tell people about the program, she realized she "needed to do something to help ensure that more people would be able to have the same opportunity."

Winberg said she's a firm believer in experiential education. "Survivors share their stories with the participants and the participants will then share these stories with others. I think that without the March of the Living, many of these stories would be lost, and it is so important that we continue to send students and young adults every year to ensure that these stories are never forgotten."

Winberg hopes that the endowment fund "will be a huge success and allow more people to experience the march. Cost has definitely been the largest obstacle for young adults to participate in March of the Living, and I really believe that if the cost was lower, many more people would be able to take this incredible journey."

Unfortunately, we couldn't fit everyone in the picture.



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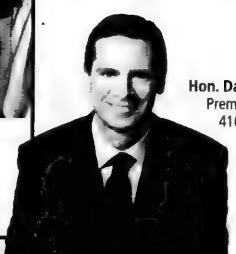

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Jewish school heads downtown

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

The Morris Winchevsky School is returning to its roots with a move to downtown Toronto this month.

The Sunday morning school, which serves the secular Jewish community, opened downtown 83 years ago for children of Yiddish-speaking eastern European Jewish immigrants. It relocated to the Lawrence Avenue and Bathurst Street area in 1960, and is among several organizations, including the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir and United Jewish People's Order, housed in the Winchevsky Centre on Cranbrooke Avenue.

Denise Handlarski

School offices will remain at the centre, but as of Sept. 18, programming will be held in rented space at the 918 Bathurst Centre in the Annex area. A pilot program was held there in the spring.

The move is part of a series of changes at the school, education director Denise Handlarski told *The CJN*.

A longtime teacher at the school with a B.Ed. from Queen's University, the 31-year-old rabbinic candidate in the Humanistic Jewish movement assumed her new administrative role in April. She will continue to teach bar and bat mitzvah students at the school.

The school's move downtown comes in response to decreased enrolment in recent years and to feedback from parents, many of whom live downtown, who said they liked the program but not the "shlep," according to Handlarski.

The school also serves families as far away as Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Ajax and Brampton, she added.

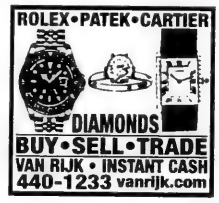
In the late 1990s, the school had about 70 students, but that number had dwindled down to about 10 a year ago, Handlarski said. Enrolment doubled when the pilot program began at 918 Bathurst last spring.

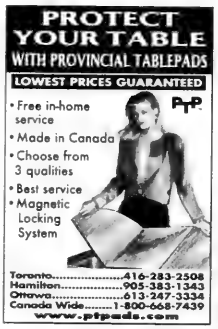
She attributed the "dramatic shift" to the move, because the program itself didn't change "in any significant way," although some new "modules" have been added.

The six-week modules form the basic curriculum and provide flexibility for students. Each module highlights a theme and also incorporates a core program that covers Jewish holidays, life-cycle events and history.

Among the themes are Jewish cooking, Jewish pirates of the Caribbean, Jewish comics and cartoons, tikkun olam and tzedakah, genealogy, Jews of the ancient world, Jewish music, and eco-Jews.

The school, which has classes for preschoolers through bar and bat mitzvah, had no previous affiliation with 918 Bathurst, which serves as a local community centre.





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Ont. boosts funding for hate crimes unit

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

The government of Ontario last week announced $400,000 in new money to support the provincial Joint Forces Hate Crime and Extremism Investigative Team (HCEIT), a network of 13 Ontario police forces' intelligence units.

"This funding allows police services to continue to build the database of thousands of intelligence reports on hate crime and extremist groups in the province and allow them access to this information as they investigate hate crimes," said Jim Bradley, minister of community safety and correctional services.

Jim Bradley

"Our government is committed to helping police services counter hate crime wherever it occurs in Ontario. We are giving police the tools they need to do their job. That includes investigating and prosecuting those who would promote hate and criminal extremism in our community," Bradley stated.

The minister announced the new funding, which will be paid out over two years, at the Benjamin Vaughan District Park in Thornhill, near the location of an antisemitic incident that took place in 2004. At that time, a number of homes were spray-painted with swastikas and antisemitic slogans.

More recently, Bradley noted, the Beth Tikvah synagogue, on Bayview Avenue between Sheppard and Finch avenues, was defaced with antisemitic graffiti.

Although no arrests have been made in the Thornhill incident, police have been co-operating with local communities to develop "a proactive approach to preventing the incidence of hate crimes, Bradley said.

"By monitoring extremist groups and sharing information with police services, the team is able to anticipate problems and deal with them more effectively," he added.

Bradley said the Ontario government is inviting community groups to submit proposals to create local strategies to address hate crimes. The province has allocated $855,000 under the Safer and Vital Communities grant program for the initiative, with a maximum outlay of $50,000 for each successful proposal.

Len Rudner, director of community relations and outreach for the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA), applauded the new HCEIT funding. "We consider it important funding for this effort. It's a great investigative tool, a great educational tool."

Bernie Farber, a former CEO of Canadian Jewish Congress, noted that York Regional Police now have 21 officers involved in their hate crime and diversity unit, up from two only a few years ago. "That speaks volumes" about the importance police now attach to the effort to stymie hate crimes, he said.

The funding announcement was made in the same provincial riding – Thornhill – that Farber is contesting on behalf of the Liberal Party. He is seeking to unseat incumbent Conservative MPP Peter Shurman in the Oct. 6 provincial election.

The Ontario government last week increased funding to fight hate crimes.
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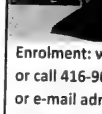

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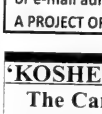

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Using summer to focus our spirit

Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz

Rabbis often lament the odd way in which the Jewish and secular calendars relate to one another. The tempo of the lazy days of summer has little in common with the three weeks of intense mourning that commemorate the destruction of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, yet they are observed simultaneously. The mindless fun of summer hardly seems to be a fitting lead-in to the introspective High Holidays, yet, again, the dual calendars play this odd trick, dragging us from cottage and beach to repentance and awe.

However, there may be more here than meets the eye. Summer vacation may be the best possible lead-in to the High Holidays, if we only would reflect on the changed nature of our lives and the world in the last half-century.

The classical ethical works of Judaism identify fundamental personality flaws that lead to moral lapses. These include pride, anger, lust, jealousy and lethargy, which we must still grapple with. But in addition to these conventional causes of sin, modern man is afflicted by new challenges.

The stresses we face today are unprecedented. We start the day with longer and longer commutes. We work in offices and businesses that demand more and more productivity and provide less and less satisfaction and security. Our social relationships are in tatters and fail to provide the emotional support we need. Technology has stolen from us the few available avenues of escape – we are always connected to our pressurized worlds through e-mail, faxes, smart phones and laptops. Even our recreation has become more bound to cyberspace breaking down the conventional barriers between work and play.

Rabbinic Reflections

These stresses have created a mental state that is called – in rabbinic Hebrew – *pizur hanefesh*, a scattering of the soul, in contrast to the ideal state of harmony and balance, *menuchas hanefesh*, tranquility of the soul. It is no wonder that, in this fractured state of mind, we have little motivation to invest the time and effort needed to cultivate our spiritual sides and precious relationships. As well, we have lost the clarity and focus that would enable us to make the good decisions that we would be proud of some day as we look back.

An optimal summer vacation would give us an opportunity to clear our minds and rejuvenate our souls. Some people's idea of "vacation fun" – frenetic sightseeing and amusement parks – may leave their nerves more ragged than before. I believe such vacations would be lost opportunities. Rest, fresh air, wholesome food, enjoyment of nature and meaningful time spent with loved ones instead would provide the healing and tranquility our souls are often denied.

Such a summer vacation would be the perfect prelude to the High Holidays. With spirits that are rested, tranquil and focused, we would be better equipped to direct our attention to introspection and setting meaningful goals for ourselves, which, after all is said, is the essence of what Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are all about.

Sadly, by the time you read these words, July and August will have passed. Hopefully the last few days of summer will achieve their potential and be a source of blessing for the seasons ahead.

Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz is dean of Yeshiva Darchei Torah in Toronto.

Israeli income disparity must shrink

One must be "thankful" when the news coming out of Israel is the high price of cottage cheese. As is so often the case, it's a relatively minor event that sparks major repercussions, often with unintended consequences. This is true not only in national or international relations, but in our personal lives as well. Modern technology enables issues that may have taken decades to surface in the past to do so in weeks, days or even hours. Yet despite the power of modern technology, not every problem can be solved as quickly as it surfaces.

Major transformations bring much dislocation in their wake. The advent of the car hurt the horse and buggy business. E-books have forced book publishers to shift focus, and major chains have hurt mom and pop stores. While some get (super) rich, many may lose their jobs, not because of a recession, but because of rapid economic growth.

Nowhere has the economic upheaval been greater than in Israel. A barren sparsely populated desert has been transformed into an economic powerhouse in a short 60 years. The list of Israeli technological innovations is breathtaking. Many are described in the best-selling book *Start-Up Nation: The Story of Israel's Economic Miracle.* Once thought of as a place to send our charitable dollars, Israel has become one of the best places to invest for those looking to turn a profit.

Lest one think that a profit motive is somehow less noble than helping the idealistic but poor pioneers living in a socialist backwater, our sages assert that the highest form of *tzedakah* is not the giving of charity but rather investments that create jobs and help the needy become self-sufficient. One can and should have their cake and eat it too.

Money Matters

Rabbi Jay Kelman CA

Yet despite, or perhaps because of, the rapid economic growth, while Israel as a whole can be counted among the wealthiest nations of the world, many of its citizens are not. The gap between rich and poor is widening everywhere, but nowhere is this problem greater than in Israel. No other country in the western world has a greater income disparity between rich and poor. While the causes for this are many, including huge segments of the population who actually choose not to seek employment, it's a problem that threatens the social fabric of the country.

The resonance of the "tent cities" in so many segments of Israeli society – rich and poor, religious and secular, Ashkenazi and Sephardi, settler and leftist – speaks to the depth of the problem, but also gives hope for a solution. When so many are united in a proper cause, solutions are much easier to come by.

It seems to me that some variation of Warren Buffet's plea to tax the super wealthy at higher rates is an equitable must. While Israelis are deeply divided on so many core issues, the values of *tzedakah*, *chesed*, and *tikkun olam* are deeply embedded in the Jewish psyche.

Tragically the terrorist attacks near Eilat turned our focus elsewhere. Let us pray that the year 5772 ushers in a period where Israeli energies will be able to focus on the social needs of the country.

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Rosh Hashanah machzor opens new front in siddur wars

Just in time for Rosh Hashanah 5772, Koren press has published a fine new Orthodox machzor (holiday prayer book). The *Koren Rosh Hashana Mahzor* features an introduction, translation and commentary (all in English) by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, chief rabbi of the United Kingdom.

The publication of this machzor represents round two in the prayerbook wars between the haredi (fervently Orthodox) and modern Orthodox camps. Until recently, the haredi Artscroll Publications had a virtual monopoly on the market for bilingual prayerbooks in North American Orthodox synagogues – both haredi and modern. Then, two years ago, the modern Orthodox Koren-Sacks made a foray into the non-High Holiday prayerbook market. In a column in these pages ("Get ready for duelling prayerbooks," May 7, 2009), I described the major differences in approach between Artscroll and Koren-Sacks. Those differences apply to the machzorim as well.

Views & Reviews

Martin Lockshin

For instance, one of the most moving prayers of the machzor is *Unetanneh Tokef*, which describes how on Rosh Hashanah it is decided who will live and who will die. Yet we can avert harsh decrees through repentance, prayer, and charity. According to Artscroll's introduction to *Unetanneh Tokef*, this prayer was "written by Rabbi Amnon of Mainz, Germany, about 1,000 years ago." Artscroll retells in excruciating detail the story of Rabbi Amnon's refusal to convert to Christianity and how he was dismembered as punishment by the Bishop of Mainz, ultimately leading to his death, but not before composing and reciting this prayer for the first time on Rosh Hashanah in the synagogue in Mainz.

Artscroll then relates that three days after his death, "Rabbi Amnon appeared in a dream to Rabbi Klonimos ben Meshulam… and taught him the text of Unesaneh Tokef, and asked him to send it to all parts of Jewry to be inserted into their liturgy. Rabbi Amnon's wish was carried out."

The Koren-Sacks machzor retells this same story with far fewer details (it leaves out the dismemberment and the dream) and then adds, "The discovery of ancient manuscripts in the Cairo Genizah suggests, however that the prayer may be older than this… composed in Israel several centuries before."

Instead of the agonizing details of the legend of Rabbi Amnon's death, Rabbi Sacks substitutes a moving and helpful introduction to the contents of the prayer. (Artscroll does not have an overview of the contents of the prayer.)

Rabbi Sacks begins by providing a literary overview of the prayer: "The language is simple, the imagery strong, the rhythm insistent and the drama intense." Then he shows us how the prayer consists of four movements. The first sets the scene in the heavenly court. The second "defines what is at stake: Who will live and who will die." The third section "provides the great outburst that defines Judaism as a religion of hope. No fate is final. Repentance, prayer and charity can avert the evil decree. Life is not a script written by Aeschylus or Sophocles in which tragedy is inexorable. God forgives." Then the final section of the prayer provides "a moving reflection on the fragility of human life and the eternity of God. We are no more than a fragment of pottery, a blade of grass, a flower that… But God is life forever."

This tension between the idea that we humans have great powers to change ourselves and the world through repentance and good deeds, and the feeling that we are nothing more than the equivalent of a shard of pottery or a fading flower is one of the central tensions of Jewish prayer. Rabbi Sacks's commentary helps us negotiate that tension.

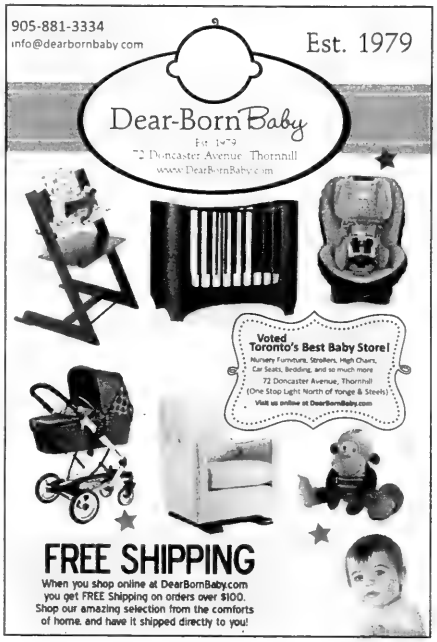
In his introduction to the machzor, Rabbi Sacks highlights this human power when he writes that Judaism is demanding, because it "is the religion of the free human being freely responding to the God of freedom. We are not in the grip of sin. We are not determined by economic forces or psychological drives or genetically encoded impulses that we are powerless to resist… We are not mere accidents of matter… We are here because a loving God brought… us into existence." And yet he points out that on Rosh Hashanah comes the sound of the shofar, "piercing our defences, a wordless cry in a religion of words, a sound produced by breath as if to teach us that that is all that life is – a mere breath – yet breath is nothing less than the spirit of God within us."

Another contrast in the prayers of the machzor is between our small stature and God's majesty and kingship. The idea of "God as king" often does not speak to us moderns, since, fortunately, we are no longer subject to the rule of kings who have life-and-death power over us.

But Rabbi Sacks makes the concept of God's kingship relevant. "The idea of Divine Kingship has been historically one of Judaism's greatest contributions to western civilization, though its implications were not fully understood until the 15th and 16th centuries when, under the influence of the Christian Hebraists, the foundations of modern democracy were laid in Europe and America. The idea of God as the supreme King entails that no human ruler or government has absolute authority. Every nation is under God, meaning that God's command establishes the moral limits of power. Lacking this idea, the first and greatest democracy of ancient times, the Athens of Solon, descended into tyranny… Without the constraint of the idea that above all human kings is the Divine King, all power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

Rabbi Sacks also points out the genius of the prayer *Avinu Malkeinu*, where we repeatedly refer to God as both our Father and our King. Then we "with utter simplicity pray that God sees us with the love of a parent before considering our lives with the detachment of a king."

This coming Rosh Hashanah, I intend to pray from the Koren machzor and hope to draw inspiration from Rabbi Sacks's intellectually stimulating and spiritually uplifting commentary. And I look forward to next fall, when the companion Yom Kippur volume is scheduled to be published.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Israeli teens connect with Canadian peers

Laura Fixman
Intern

For nearly 30 years, the Israeli Victims of War Association (IVOW) has provided trips to Canada for 12- and 13-year-old kids whose parents or siblings have been seriously injured or killed while serving in the Israel Defence Forces.

Moishe Borek of Montreal organizes and finances the operation with the help of many volunteers. He said the trips are once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for the kids, and he considers them bar and bat mitzvah gifts for the youngsters.

The group spends three weeks at a variety of overnight camps, as well as touring Toronto and Montreal.

Borek said he hears stories from kids who are still friends with the people they met on the program 20 years ago.

"All of them suffered a trauma in their lives, and they retain the friends they make for the rest of their life," he said. "This program gives them a chance to see the world and see that there are people who do care."

On Aug. 25, the kids had their final breakfast at United Bakers Dairy Restaurant, where IVOW has been taking kids for 20 years. United Bakers also provides them with packed lunches, and Borek said United Bakers workers are among the many volunteers who help make the trip memorable.

"We all share in the same good deed to shine a light in someone's life," he said.

Borek added that IVOW has brought more than 2,500 kids to Canada over the years. It gets the names of eligible kids from the IDF, and volunteers interview them throughout the year in Israel. The kids come from all over Israel, and the only cost to their families is the plane ticket.

Israeli youth on the Israeli Victims of War Association trip to Toronto enjoyed a final breakfast in Toronto before their return home last week. [*Laura Fixman photo*]

The organization is funded by people who want to do what they can for children who have suffered a trauma, Borek said. He said many participants eventually return as counsellors.

One of the current counsellors, Shahaf (who didn't want to disclose her last name), liked the trip so much when she went 10 years ago that she always knew she wanted to return as a counsellor after she was finished her army service.

"I had a really good time as a kid… so I wanted to come back," she said. "I have more responsibility now, but it's still fun, and everything about the camps is still my favourite part."

Borek said IVOW wanted to send the children to summer camps as part of the trip so they could experience an environment different from the one in Israel.

"They have a few camps in Israel, but all the camps here have a lake, so they have nothing like this," he said. "These kids didn't know each other before, and after this experience, they're friends and they have something in common."

He said that as soon as each session ends, the program gets many requests from the various branches of the IDF to consider children for the program.

Borek said programs like IVOW change perceptions of the IDF and its soldiers. "No one considers that these people have a heart and have a family," he said.

One of his favourite stories that illustrates the success of the program is about a man who was injured in the first Lebanon war and eventually lost his eyesight. What he found most difficult was that he could no longer participate in many activities with his son. He told Borek that his son was able to experience things in Canada that he couldn't do with his father in Israel.

Borek emphasized that he can't take all the credit for the program and that he's only doing what anyone else would do if they could. "It's just a way to help people who need it," he said. "We're not heroes."

Notice to Visitors to Pardes Shalom/ Pardes Chaim Cemeteries

Arrangements have been made by Pardes Shalom/Pardes Chaim cemeteries to provide complimentary transportation to the cemeteries before the High Holidays, for those who require it.

Bus service will be provided on **Thurs. Sept. 15** and **Wed. Sept. 21**.

A bus identified by a sign **"PARDES SHALOM"** will depart from the **parking lot** of the Lipa Green Centre, 4600 Bathurst St., at 10 a.m.

The bus will make a stop at the parking lot of the Betel Centre, located on Steeles Ave. W., at 10:15 a.m., to pick up passengers before proceeding to the cemeteries.

Entry to the cemeteries will not be permitted 15 minutes prior to the closing times noted below.

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Israel shoemaker thanks merchant

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — An Israeli shoe manufacturer visited St. Denis Street recently to personally thank the store that has continued to carry his products despite almost a year of picketing by boycotters.

Ami Bar Nahor, founder and president of BeautiFeel, dropped by Boutique Le Marcheur Aug. 16 to see for himself that his shoes are still prominently on display under the company slogan – in Hebrew – "Every woman deserves at least one pair."

The burly, shaggy-haired Bar Nahor, wearing a T-shirt proclaiming "Oui à la Boutique Le Marcheur," met with assistant manager Kevin Brodeur, a relative of owner Yves Archambault, who was out of town on vacation.

Bar Nahor also went across the street to greet staff at Chaussures Naot, which mainly sells Israeli footwear and has become the focus of the Saturday demonstrations by the group Palestinian and Jewish Unity (PAJU) in recent months.

Its owners are based in Toronto.

Bar Nahor thanked as well some of the pro-Israel activists who regularly come to St. Denis to counter the boycotters. Among them are members of Amitiés Québec-Israel, a group of largely non-Jewish francophones.

He was accompanied to the stores by Jack Kincler, one of the leading counter-boycott activists and a past representative of the Israel-Canada Chamber of Commerce.

Kincler, who has known Bar Nahor since 2008, has been keeping him informed about the targeting of Le Marcheur that started last October because it stocks BeautiFeel shoes, a small part of its inventory.

Ben Nahor said that to the best of his his knowledge, Le Marcheur is the only outlet in the world selling his shoes that has been focus of the international boycott campaign against Israel.

BeautiFeel, founded in 1989, now sells its products in more than a 1,000 outlets in 17 countries, including throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia and Russia. In some cities, such as Los Angeles, it has its own stores.

Bar Nahor has been doing business in Canada for almost 15 years, and BeautiFeel shoes can be found in several Montreal-area stores and around the province.

"I really admire that he has stood up to them," Bar Nahor said of Archambault. "It's as if somebody hijacks you and asks for a ransom. In my opinion, it is a form of terror. They have the right to demonstrate, but not to use that right against democracy itself.

Hillel raises tents on NA campuses

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Hillel of Greater Toronto is considering joining a group of other Hillel centres across North America in setting up tents to serve as spaces for respectful dialogue about Israel and Middle East issues.

About 20 North American campuses will erect "Talk Israel" tents as a proactive measure to respond to the anticipated "increased agitation and confusion" on campuses that may follow the expected United Nations vote on Palestinian statehood this month.

The initiative, introduced last month at Hillel's annual conference, held this year at Washington University in St. Louis, is meant to present Hillel, according to its literature, as the "central address for students seeking a discussion of Israel and the shifting Mideast landscape that is both supportive and welcoming."

Hillel of Greater Toronto's director of Israel programming Shirin Ezekiel said Hillel Toronto and Hillel Montreal were approached by Hillel International to be part of the initiative.

But Ezekiel was unable to confirm whether Toronto universities will take part in the program.

"It really fully depends on our student leadership feeling comfortable and wanting to lead this initiative. They are not back to campus yet. They just had their first leadership meeting."

The idea is that the Talk Israel Tents will go up for a full day later this month, to present students with a "hub of conversation and context."

Hillel staff will organize dialogue groups and promote speakers who support Israel and a viable two-state solution. They may also set up a video link to allow for speakers who aren't able to make it to campus to present their views.

Ultimately, each campus will decide what will take place in the tents, as long rules of civil discourse are upheld.

Ezekiel said she hopes the initiative will help ease any tensions that may arise between pro-Palestinian and pro-Israel students.

"Any initiative that helps to create an atmosphere of civil discourse furthers understanding of Israel as a Jewish state, promotes the importance of face-to-face negotiations and sets a foundation for discussion of mutual Israeli-Palestinian needs would be a help to the campus climate."

Not only was Hillel Toronto chosen as one of the 20 campuses to participate in this initiative, it was also named by Hillel International as one of four Israel centres of excellence along with the University of Miami, UC Irvine, and Emory University in the United States.

"Toronto was chosen, I think, because we have different types of campuses with different initiatives, and we offer a variety of campaigns and cultural opportunities," Ezekiel said.

"Last year all of our Israel-related events such as Layla Lavan [an event modeled after Nuit Blanch] were sold out and exceeded expectations."

Ezekiel added that Hillel International recognized the passion and drive of the student leaders in Toronto and decided that other Hillel centres could benefit form their example.

"Together we can redefine how advocacy and engagement is done on campuses in North America."

Student guilty of anti-Israel racism

A university student in Scotland was found guilty of racism after insulting a fellow student's Israeli flag, and he was expelled from St. Andrews University. The student reportedly told an exchange student from Yeshiva University that Israel is a terrorist state and the flag is a terrorist symbol. He then put his hands down his pants and then rubbed them on the small flag hanging on the wall, the *BBC* reported.

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The Canadian Jewish news

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Mazel tov to Mike & Sandi Florence on their 50th wedding anniversary. With love from all your children and 14 grandchildren.

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Saturday, Sept. 3

TORAH LECTURE

Morley Goldberg speaks about Parshat Shoftim at Beth Tikvah's Torah class during morning services.

Sunday, Sept. 4

SHAAR SHALOM SINGLES

Shaar Shalom Singles (ages 45 plus) presents **Jordan Klapman** performing tunes from Jewish composers of Broadway at 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd.,Thornhill. Call **David** 416-224-9494.

Tuesday, Sept. 6

MEET SAADIA GAON

Alan Simons will play the part of **Saadia Gaon**, the famous 10th-century philosopher, scientist and poet, in an interview with **Ralph Wintrob** at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue at 7: 45 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 7

TALMUD CLASSES

Weekly Talmud-Gemarah classes resume at 9:15 a.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Newcomers welcome. **Aaron Nussbaum** leads the class. Call 416-633-8097.

Thursday, Sept. 8

BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR

Temple Har Zion presents the second of three seminars on bereavement. **Rabbi Cory Weiss** discusses Jewish perspectives on death and dying at 7:30 p.m. Call 905-889-2252.

JERUSALEM IN BIBLE TIMES

Zvi Greenhut of the Israel Antiquities Authority speaks about "Jerusalem and its Vicinity in Biblical Times: New Discoveries from the Holy Land" at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., at 7:30 p.m.

Other News

JUNCTION SHUL PARTY

Congregation Knesseth Israel (The Junction Shul), 56 Maria St., celebrates its 100th anniversary at a street party Sept. 18. E-mail info@junctionshul.org.

HARBORD C.I. REUNION

The 1951 graduating class of Harbord Collegiate Institute is holding a reunion brunch Sept. 18 at the Donalda Club. Call **Debby Cowitz** at 416-633-0115 or **Kaylee Miller** 416-486-1574.

MELTON MINI-SCHOOL

Registration is open for fall courses "Dramas of Jewish Living (history)" and "Ethics of Jewish Living." Both taught at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, Wednesday mornings, 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Knowledge of Hebrew not necessary. Courses start Oct. 5.

A 10-week graduate class starts Oct. 11 on the Arab-Israeli conflict, taught by **Michael Rubin** at Beth David Synagogue.

Call 416-789-7400 to register.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for 2 hours on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings to work with young adults with special needs starting in September at DANI'S Place, Sheppard Avenue and Bathurst Street. Contact ssokol@dani-toronto.com.

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Friday Evening, September 9, 2011
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Dinner following services: $30.00 per adult. $15.00 per child.
RSVP no later than 5:00 Tuesday Sept 6.
Please call the Synagogue Office at 416-221-3433
Presentation: After dinner Dr. Lavie will discuss the fascinating journey of her academic research, and will share and discuss some of the prayers in this book.

Shabbat, September 10, 2011

Shabbat Morning – from the bima Thoughts and insights about the high holy days and prayer.

Following Kiddush.... Women's Customs. An up close look into Dr. Lavie's newest work and as yet unpublished book. She will speak specifically about high holiday rituals and customs.

Shabbat Afternoon – no fee, but registration is requested. (416-221-3433)
Dr. Lavie will lead an in-depth study of Fanny Neuda's Prayers for the High Holidays. In 1819 Fanny Neuda was born into a rabbinical family and grew up steeped in religious study and prayer. In contrast to other books of prayer written for women, which were mainly composed by men, Fanny Neuda's book was the first known prayer book for Jewish women written by a woman.

This weekend is sponsored by the Beth Tikvah's Sisterhood, Synagogue Adult Education Committee and the Chaskel Davidson Memorial Fund.

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VENDORS WANTED

Vendors wanted for Reena's bazaar Sept. 11 at Reena's Toby and Henry Battle Developmental Centre, 927 Clark Ave. W. Contact **Aviva** at 905-889-2690, ext. 2216, or awindman@reena.org.

START SCHOOL RIGHT

Bialik Hebrew Day School PTA presents **Jennifer Kolari** speaking about "Start the New School Year Off Right: Lower Your Child's Anxiety, Promote Better Impulse Control, Stop the Endless Battles and Learn How to Keep Your Cool." Sept. 12, 7 p.m. Tickets are $20 in advance, $25 at the door. E-mail yaelcohen@rogers.com.

A WOMAN'S PRAYER BOOK

Aliza Lavie, editor of *A Jewish Woman's Prayer Book*, will be the scholar-in-residence Sept. 9-10 at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. During the weekend she will speak about High Holiday prayers, women's customs and her research. Call 416-221-3433.

CLUB FOR VISION IMPAIRED

The Jewish Club for the Vision Impaired (formerly the Hebrew Club for the Blind) meets Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m at the Prosserman JCC. Entertainment by **Mickey Lewin** and refreshments. Transportation can be provided by volunteer drivers. Call **Bess** at 905-508-2892.

FRIENDS OF YIDDISH

Entertainer **Alf Kwinter** speaks at the annual Friends of Yiddish membership breakfast, Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m. RSVP before Sept. 7 Call **Sandy** at 416-736-8073 or 416-458-1440 or e-mail yiddish18@yahoo.ca

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Are you looking to rent your basement apartment or an extra room in your house? List it free through the Accommodation Registry at UJA's Jewish Information Service of Greater Toronto. If you are looking for a place to live, we will be happy to assist you as well. JIST is located in the Harold & Miriam Green Lobby in the Lipa Green Centre, 416-635-5600, jinfo@ujafed.org.

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Baycrest Holocaust Resource Program is offering support groups for child survivors of the Holocaust and adult children of Holocaust survivors. Group meetings begin in September. Call **Shoshana Yaakobi** 416-785-2500, ext. 2271, or e-mail syaakobi@baycrest.org.

DIVINE INSPIRATION

Rabbi Yosef Mizrachi speaks Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m. at Aish on Clark, 949 Clark Ave. W. E-mail www.divineinspiration.com.

MITZVAH KNITTERS

The Mitzvah Knitters meet every other Monday starting Sept. 12 at 7:15 p.m. at Shaar Shalom Synagogue. They knit and crochet shawls and blankets for women's shelters and hospitals. Call 905-889-4975.

MULTIPLE MYELOMA WALK

A 5-km. walk in support of the Molly and David Bloom Chair for Multiple Myeloma Research at the Princess Margaret Hospital will be held Oct. 16. For more information, call 416-946-6584 or visit www.mm5kwalk.ca.

HERITAGE MUSEUM

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FOR SENIORS

New Horizons is a Jewish Hungarian seniors club that offers kosher food, casino trips and low membership fees. Call 416-256-1892.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. (55+). **Valerie**, 416-395-7881. Casino Rama, Sept. 14. Dance with live music, Sept. 18. Ongoing activities: Mondays, line dancing, 10 a.m.; Tuesdays, fitness class with qualified instructor, 10-11 a.m.; Wednesdays, art class, 10 a.m.; Thursdays, social bridge, 12:30 p.m.

Seniors Woodworking Club Fully equipped shop in Earl Bales Park. Call 416-630-6487.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m., Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell. 416-630-9444.

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Bernard Betel Centre 416-225-2112. Sept. 1, **Judy Weiss** speaks about "Conflict Management," 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sept. 6, **David Lipovitch** speaks about "Written in the Sand: What Archeology Can Tell Us About Ancient Israel," 10-11:30 a.m. Sept. 8, **Sarah Oulahen** speaks about "Nature's Superfoods," 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Beth Sholom Synagogue 416-783-6103, ext. 228. **Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich** and **Cantor Eric Moses** speak about "Stories of Inspiring Women for an Inspiring Year," Sept. 7, lunch at noon. RSVP.

Active Seniors, Miles Nadal JCC, 416-924-6211, ext.155. Sept. 8, 1:30 p.m., **Iain Scott** speaks about "Pavarotti: Last of the Great Tenors?"

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.

Registration is now open for fall programs.

The Center for Dynamic Learning offers courses on The New Retirement; Ethics and Experiential Travel taught by **Dr. Sharon Salsberg Ezrin, Eleanor Clitheroe** and **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein** among others. Call ext. 4235 to register.

Chai Dancers performing group has an opening for dancers. Some dance experience required. Advanced Israeli dance classes start Sept. 6, 8-11 p.m., at Tanenbaum CHAT, Wallenberg campus, 200 Wilmington Ave. Beginners folk dance starts Sept. 12, 7:30-8:30 p.m., and intermediate dance follows, 8:30-10 p.m., at Prosserman JCC. International folk dance starts Sept. 14, 7:30-10 p.m. at the Prosserman JCC. $8 per class. International and Israeli folk dancing, Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m, drop in, pay at the door. Contact **Teme**, ext. 4364.

Current events discussion resumes Sept. 8, 12:45-2:15 p.m. with **Peter Diamant.**

Learn to read Hebrew, speak Hebrew and understand Judaism in 3 crash courses offered at the Prosserman JCC and the Miles Nadal JCC. First course is reading Hebrew, Sept. 18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. $75 includes kosher lunch and materials.

Kolel cooks with **Bonnie Stern** Sept. 13, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Cooking demo, tastings and Jewish learning for the fall holidays led by **Bonnie Stern** and **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein.**

Limited space available for Tic Tac Two and daycare preschool. Call **Kailah** at ext. 4351 to book a tour.

MILES NADAL JCC

750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211.

Pick up the Miles Nadal JCC program guide to learn about fall programs or visit www.mnjcc.org.

Miles Nadal open house Sept. 7, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Find out more about this year's programs.

Meet the artist at a closing reception for the exhibit *Memorable Moments: Photography by Harry Joy* Sept. 7, 3-7 p.m.

Learn to read Hebrew in just one day. Register now for the course Sept. 18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. taught by **Nurit Gruber**.

The Michael Bernstein Chapel holds services every Thursday at 7:15 a.m. and Sunday at 8 a.m., followed by a breakfast. Everyone is welcome for regular services and yahrzeit observance. Call **Coleman Bernstein**, 416-968-0200.

What's New is now online. You can find it at cjnews.com

STROKE RECOVERY: The Stroke Recovery Group at Prosserman Jewish Community Centre has been meeting three days a week, year-round, for more than 20 years. Stroke survivors socialize and take part in such activities as Music, Move and Mingle, facilitated by Liz Pearl, a therapist specializing in psychogeriatrics and expressive art therapies. Other events include a Chanukah party and barbecue. For more information or to volunteer, contact Karen Goldstein at Karen@prossermanjcc.com.

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JNF Winnipeg gets new exec dir

Myron Love
Prairies Correspondent

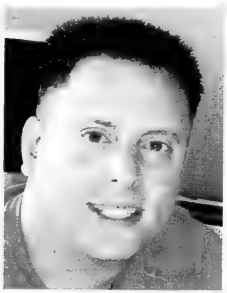
WINNIPEG — The Jewish National Fund has announced that Rob Berkowits, a lifelong Winnipegger with a strong background in organizational management, will be its new executive director for this community

The JNF has decided to take a different approach to running its offices on the Prairies. Rather than replacing Erez Rotem, whose contract wasn't renewed, with a new shaliach for the three Prairie provinces, the organization plans to hire executive directors for its Winnipeg office (covering Manitoba and Saskatchewan) and for Alberta. (Future shaliachs will only be involved in fundraising.)

"I am grateful to the JNF for this opportunity," Berkowits said. "Karen and Mel Lazareck [immediate JNF past president for this region], Sharon Glass [who was on the search committee] and Joe Rabinovitch [JNF Canada's executive vice-president] have been very welcoming. I have always had an interest in Israel. I believe I have the skill sets that this position requires."

Berkowits said he has received a number of phone calls and e-mails from community members congratulating him on his new role.

Originally from the North End, Berkowits attended public schools growing up. He received his Jewish education at the Rosh Pina Synagogue evening school program.



Rob Berkowits
[Myron Love photo]

For a number of years he volunteered at the Israel Pavillion at Folklorama and played baseball in the local B'nai Brith adult league. Berkowits began building his resume in community organization management early on. In 1989, at age 18, he managed the 2,300-seat Rainbow Stage, a popular summer-only theatre that puts on musicals in north Winnipeg's Kildonan Park. He began volunteering there several years earlier. He remained active at Rainbow Stage – as a volunteer and, for some years, a member of the board of directors – for 25 years.

The next stage in his professional development came when he became affiliated with community leader and businessman Earl Barish, a longtime basketball fan who brought pro basketball to Winnipeg for a few years in the 1990s. Berkowits managed Barish's team, the Winnipeg Cyclones, which played in the now-defunct International Basketball Association.

Berkowits also worked with Barish organizing teams of local Jewish athletes competing in the Maccabiah Games in Israel.

"I learned a lot of about business from Earl," Berkowits said. "He was an excellent mentor."

In 2000, Berkowits was hired as executive director of Football Manitoba, an umbrella organization that deals with all aspects of organized football in the province, from recruiting and retaining coaches and officials to delivering programs and events.

His last day at Football Manitoba is Sept. 9. That weekend, he will be attending his first JNF national conference in Montreal.

As JNF executive director, Berkowits said, his first priority will be getting to know his staff, board and the corporate philosophy. "I want to retain our mainstay programs [the Tu b'Shvat telethon and the Negev Gala] and add new and innovative programs," he said. "Our regular supporters are aging. We need to attract younger people."

Layton lauded as '21st century Tommy Douglas'

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — One of Jeff Itcush's enduring memories of Jack Layton is of him running up the winding staircases of Mile End whistling the show tune *Seventy-six Trombones.*

Itcush campaigned door-to-door with the New Democratic Party leader during the 2007 byelection on behalf of Thomas Mulcair, now co-deputy leader of the party.

Jack Layton

Itcush, however, was not a Layton supporter from the outset. In fact, he worked for the campaign of Bill Blaikie of Manitoba, Layton's chief rival for the party leadership in 2003.

The Torontonian Layton was somewhat further left in his views than Itcush, who was born and raised in Regina, Sask., and was drawn to the more moderate politics of a fellow Prairie native.

"After the leadership convention, Jack worked very hard to unify the party," said Itcush, a Bialik High School teacher who ran for the NDP in Mount Royal in the May 2 election and has been active in the party since he was in high school. He has served on both its federal and provincial executives.

In 2003, the party was more divided than the public might have perceived, and Layton succeeded in getting the various factions to "bury the hatchet," Itcush said.

"He gradually gained my trust... I was skeptical on some issues, related to the environment and the economy, but through his gentle powers of persuasion, he was able to make me see things differently."

The new leader will need Layton's ability to contain fractiousness without being domineering, he thinks.

Speaking after the leader's death, Itcush paid the ultimate NDPer's compliment to Layton: that he had become the "21st-century Tommy Douglas," in terms of vision and ideals.

During the 2007 Outremont byelection, which resulted in the NDP electing only its second ever member from Quebec, Itcush said came to know Layton better on a personal level.

Like many people, he was captivated by his "boundless energy, boundless cheerfulness."

"He had an affinity with cyclists and when [bare-headed] well-wishers greeted him, Jack would gently remind them of the importance of wearing a helmet. He would say, 'It's lot easier to fix your elbow than your head.'"

Layton's decency was genuine, Itcush said. "I never heard him say anything negative about anybody. He believed there was good in every person, if you gave them the opportunity to let that goodness emerge. And he never bore a grudge. He was always moving on, looking to the future."

Layton attended Itcush's nomination meeting in August 2010, probably the first time an NDP leader made an official appearance in Mount Royal, which has been a Liberal stronghold since before World War II and whose NDP standard-bearers have traditionally been little more than names on a ballot.

Layton offered a portrait of Itcush that went beyond what could be found on his c.v., describing how Itcush inspired his students to get involved in political and international issues.

"I learned that he had taken the trouble to ask some of my former students about me," Itcush said.

As a strong supporter of Israel, Itcush said he was heartened by Layton's approach to the Middle East.

"He was very prudent. He knew any statements he made had to be well-researched, and he had a network of people from whom he received counsel. He was very determined to make sure the party had a balanced perspective on the Middle East. I know that can be defined differently, but the era before him was trying, to say the least," for someone pro-Israel like himself, Itcush added.

Layton was warmly received in May 2010 when he attended the second annual party of the Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee held in Montreal, an opportunity for young adults to mingle with elected officials.

Itcush concedes it will be hard to find someone to succeed Layton. "But I really sense optimism because of the many young people who gathered after his death and the discussions we've had."

Whether the NDP will be able to maintain its newfound popularity in Quebec is a question Itcush hesitates to answer.

"We never anticipated the breakthrough in Quebec. At the beginning of the campaign, we thought we might get two or three more seats, and increase support by about 10 per cent in several ridings," he said.

Mount Royal Liberal MP Irwin Cotler said he formed a personal bond with Layton, overcoming partisanship, after learning both of their fathers had suffered from prostate cancer.

"Canada has lost a great parliamentarian, public servant and advocate for social justice," Cotler said in a statement. "He was a person of uncommon courage and determination...

"Jack was a consummate parliamentarian. People may not realize how often he would define the narrative of the day in the House of Commons and then take it to the public square.

"He had a unique talent to articulate the anxieties and hopes of ordinary Canadians, who came to know and love him as 'Jack.' It was a privilege to serve in the House with him and to witness his indomitable spirit. We shall not see the likes of him again."

Just hours after Layton's death, the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) announced that it's setting up a scholarship fund in his honour.

CIJA chair David Koschitzky said in a statement that his organization would soon establish the Jack Layton Scholarship for Social Justice "to be awarded annually to a Canadian student who demonstrates a meaningful commitment to enhancing Canada's quality of life."

Koschitzky called Layton a "lifelong fighter for many causes dear to Canada's Jewish community."

A CIJA spokesperson told *The CJN* the scholarship would be funded through donations and that a "small committee" will be put in place to set the award criteria and choose the recipient. "We expect the first award to be made in the spring of 2012."

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Anticipation is growing for fall 2012 opening of the

By Barbra Green

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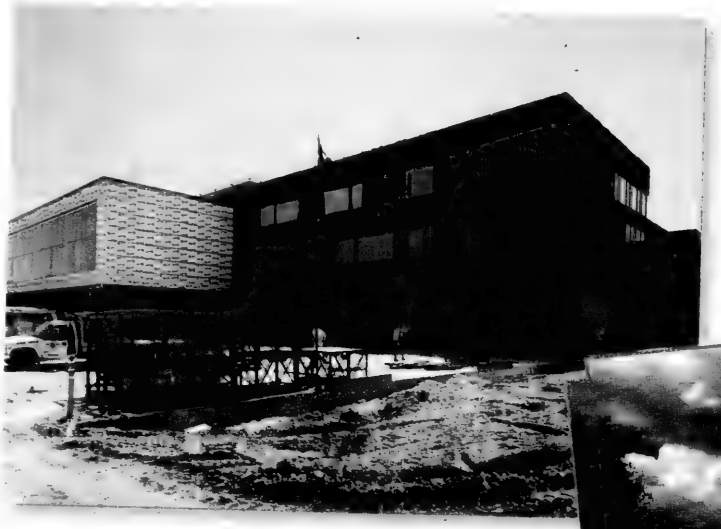
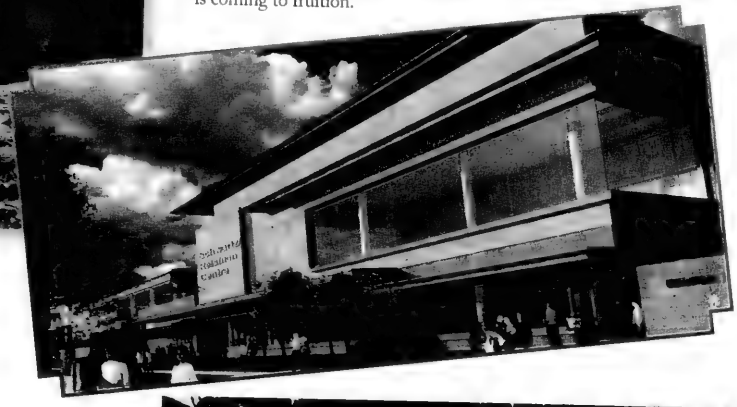


Schwartz/Reisman Centre, exterior, northwest corner



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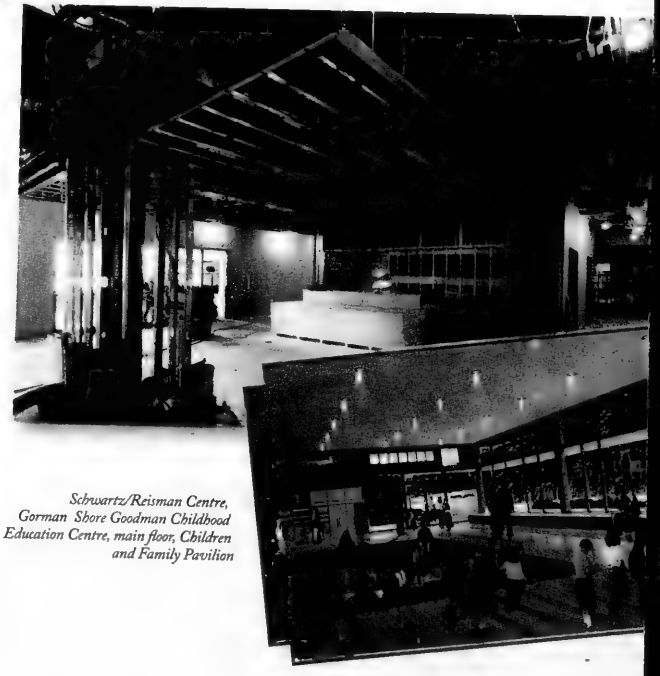

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For construction updates and more information on this incredible community initiative, please visit **LebovicCampus.com**

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Schwartz/Reisman Centre, Indoor Aquatic Centre, main floor, Phil Granovsky Sports and Recreation Pavilion

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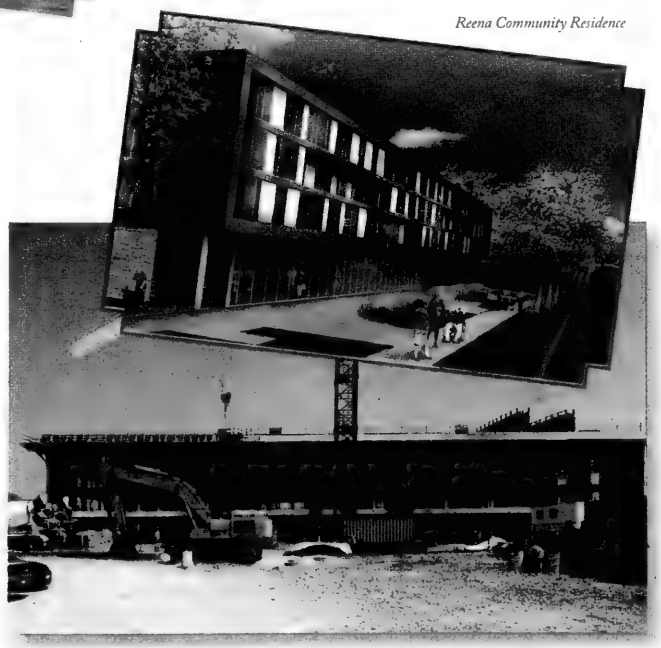

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Balanced coverage, but where's the outrage?

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

Just before the news broke early last week that Libyan rebel forces had advanced through Moammar Gadhafi's crumbling lines and had made their way to Tripoli, all but putting a sudden end to the dictator's rule, the Canadian media gave substantial attention to the Gaza-based rocket fire striking southern Israel. That coverage, however, was quickly eclipsed by the dramatic and unexpected developments in the Libyan capital.

Still, it should not be overlooked that, with few exceptions, the media reported in a clear and straightforward manner about the aggression coming from Gaza. Typical was the ctv.ca report on Aug. 21, which began: "Militants in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip bombarded southern Israel with rockets and mortars Sunday, striking an empty school and sending thousands of Israelis into bomb shelters, as Israel responded with air strikes and diplomats scrambled to keep a new convulsion of Israeli-Palestinian violence from escalating."

"The latest round of hostilities was triggered [Aug. 18] by militants who launched an attack from Egyptian territory, ambushing Israeli cars and buses along the border and killing eight people. Israel says an armed Palestinian faction from Gaza was responsible."

Some Postmedia papers such as the *Vancouver Sun* carried an AFP story that day that provided statistics about the extent of the attacks: "Violence in and around Gaza entered its fourth day, with 22 rockets hitting southern Israel a day after a Grad rocket killed an Israeli man and injured 18 in the southern desert city of Be'er Sheva, which is home to 194,000 people."

According to Israeli authorities, it was the Popular Resistance Committees (PRC) that crossed from Egypt's southern Sinai into Israel across the porous border near Eilat. The attacks by PRC terror operatives carried out on Aug. 18 killed eight Israelis and wounded scores more. Israel's targeted air strike on southern Gaza in response resulted in the death of the PRC leader and two of his deputies.

The rocket fire into Israel has continued – more than 100 missiles in the past week – despite Egypt's efforts to get Hamas and other factions to agree to a ceasefire, which they have rejected. There is no dearth in the supply of these missiles, mostly from Iran. But there are also other sources. In the Aug. 23 *Winnipeg Free Press*, Samuel Segev described how groups such as Al Qaeda, working with Bedouin tribes in the lawless Sinai, have smuggled scores of rockets from Libya into Gaza, although some have reportedly also been stored in the Sinai itself.

In the meantime, many Israelis are asking, "Where are the international condemnations of these terrorist attacks?" Where is the outrage over the ongoing rocket fire from Gaza aimed at Israeli civilians – a war crime that has continued for years and that, for many foreign observers, has seemingly acquired the status of relatively innocuous normalcy? No other country could be expected to put up with one missile fired onto its territory, let alone thousands.

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Speaking of a gaping silence, in his Aug. 20 *National Post* column, Robert Fulford raised incisive, stinging questions about the left's silence over Syrian President Bashar Assad's slaughter of citizens who dare to challenge his brutal police-state rule.

Palestinian students during a protest in Gaza City this past February. Gaza's Hamas rulers heaped condemnation on "the massacres" of anti-government protestors in Libya committed by regime of embattled veteran leader Moammar Gadhafi. *[Israel Sun photo]*

While a small group of Syrians protested, reportedly alone, at the Syrian embassy in Ottawa earlier this month, where, Fulford asked, "where were all the Canadian-born experts on the Middle East, those vociferous and self-righteous moralists, who come out of the woodwork every time Israel appears to be in violation of some UN resolution or strikes back against an outrage like the killing of the bus passengers on Thursday near Eilat?"

"Where, during the Syrian protest, were the massed student armies from York University and Concordia and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education? Where were the legions of academics and trade unionists who are always ready to declare what policy should be followed by the wise and the virtuous?"

Paul Michaels is director of research and media relations for the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs.

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Number of clients nearly double since 2004

Federation provides financial support to the Jewish poor

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The federation does hand out financial support to the Jewish poor directly through JIAS [Jewish Immigrant Aid Services] and JF&CS [Jewish Family and Child] programs, and through its annual Global Seder to Fight Hunger, he said.

When the food bank has to buy its food, it uses cash donated from Mazon Canada, some Toronto synagogues, and Jewish service clubs including B'nai Brith's Don Mills and Forestdale Heights lodges.

Winer is one of a team of 14 volunteers who pack the food into bags for distribution.

"We used to have so much food, but now it's dwindled down," said kosher food bank founder Katy Brass.

Yet the number of clients is nearly double what it was in 2004. At that time, the food bank was serving 65 to 85 people per week. On the day this reporter visited, the volunteers had nearly 400 bags ready to hand out.

"It's just sad. They gave out [food] to 130 [people] last week," Winer said. "Oh my gosh!"

A report by Jewish Family and Child says that of the 180,000 Jewish people who live in the Toronto area, 20,000 live in poverty. That's nine per cent, using the latest statistics from the 2006 Canadian Census. Referrals come from JIAS, the Bernard Betel Centre and other social services agencies.

"We'd like to get that percentage down," Shulman said, adding there hasn't been a significant change in the numbers in the five years since the report was done.

The food bank's location in the library of the synagogue is another attraction for some of the clients, including a tanned woman in a white blouse and black skirt, who didn't want her name used.

"I like to come to the synagogue. I like to pray," she said. "[And] they give tons."

On the lawn outside the food bank, she sorted through the grocery bags, removed two cans of beans, and gave them to another client.

"Where would I put them?" she said, explaining that she had some left over from her last visit and had no space.

She told me she lives with a man who receives assistance for the rent and for his disability. It's her job to carry the food bags home each week. Like her, most of the people who use the Pride of Israel food bank live in the apartments nearby and walk there, pulling their grocery buggies.

"I help three old women in the building with this food," said Voinov, who comes from his apartment on Sheppard Avenue.

Picking up food for other people is probably against the rules, but volunteers like Dorothy Tress do what they can. For example, a frail Russian-speaking man turned up with his daughter's papers again. His own documents have out-of-date information, which should have made him ineligible for food donations for the past two months.

"I told him, 'It's the last time,'" Tress said. Then she started looking for extra lollipops to hand out to the children in line.

On this day, clients received three Sobeys bags of food: one contained cans of kidney beans, elbow macaroni, pasta sauce and a tin of sardines. The second held Shredded Wheat cereal and mayonnaise, cookies and rice. The third bag had bread rolls from Grodzinski Bakery and, in nearly half the bags, some frozen turkey donated by Chai Kosher.

"The deep freezer only holds 60 to 65 pieces, so we don't have enough [meat] to feed everybody," Brass said, pointing to the appliance stored in the pantry behind the synagogue's main office.

Space is a constant problem, but so are supplies. Right now, Brass said they are running low on new plastic grocery bags.

They have to be new because of kashrut rules, she explained. With recycled bags, "you don't know what's been in them."

Jewish food banks in Toronto

Staffed entirely by volunteers, Toronto's Intersynagogue Kosher Food Bank opened in 1999 through the efforts of seven Toronto synagogues – Adath Israel, Beth Tikvah, Beth Torah, Beth Tzedec, Beth Sholom, Pride of Israel and Temple Sinai, according to the UJA of Greater Toronto's website.

It aims to provide wholesome food to the needy in our community in a dignified manner.

There are two locations: The food bank at Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., 416-783-6103, is open Wednesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. It's closed during the summer

The northern food bank at Pride of Israel Synagogue, 59 Lissom Cres., 416-226-0111, is open Wednesday mornings throughout the year.

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Question: Exactly what happens and what can proceedings cost in a custody dispute? Can I do this without a lawyer?

Answer: I don't know. Can you perform surgery on yourself? A parent should not go to trial without a lawyer. To succeed, you need intimate familiarity with family law rules, the rules of evidence, including the Evidence Act, child support guidelines, the Family Law Act and the Divorce Act, You also need to understand certain traditions of legal interpretation that courts understand and apply at a trial.

One also requires knowledge of the rules of advocacy. In children's disputes, usually an expert is retained to support one's position on where a child should live primarily. At trial, a parent not versed in the law won't have any idea how to support or attack an expert's views on parenting. The cost can be high, so mediate it or settle. But, if you have to go to trial, don't try this on your own.

I presume that, whatever your occupation or profession, you take pride in your work and can do a far better job at it than someone who lacks your experience and expertise. Yet acting on your own behalf instead of hiring a competent family law lawyer is like your employer replacing you with someone off the street. It could save you money...or be the most expensive decision you ever make. I repeat, not for my sake but for yours...***if you have to go to trial, don't try this on your own.***

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Question: I have two children, but I moved to Alberta for medical and other reasons some time ago. My husband knew about the move for several months. However, he obtained a court order for interim custody to have the children returned to Ontario, but did not take them. Rather, he withheld enforcement of the order on the condition that he did not have to pay child support. In addition, I had to pay his legal fee of $3,800.

At first he voluntarily started making some payments. But now he says he wants to reinstate the old custody order to take the children away from me. He obviously lied when he said he would "rescind" the Ontario court Order if I did not "bug" him about child support. The problem is that legal aid says I earn too much for a Legal Aid certificate but I don't earn enough money to retain a lawyer. He's going back to court with the old court order and, not knowing enough about the law, I'm worried he will succeed and I will lose my kids. What am I to do?

Answer: You have a very common problem. For many who have modest incomes, Legal Aid is unavailable. However, even a reasonably priced competent lawyer just costs too much, especially for single parents who have no one to run to for help. You could try to represent yourself, but I honestly cannot advise you to do so for the reasons cited in the foregoing Q&A. The courts are being deluged with self-represented parents and spouses who haven't the slightest idea of the procedure or the law. Judges are now often put into the unenviable position of having to explain both law and procedure to litigants.

I would advise you to seek out a competent family law lawyer for an introductory consultation, in which he can at least lay out your options and give you an idea of the costs involved. Knowing your options with, at the very least, allay some of your concerns and anxiety.

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Cardiologist joins surgical team in Tanzania

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Israel-based humanitarian organization Save a Child's Heart (SACH) made history earlier this month when a team of volunteer surgeons performed the first pediatric open-heart surgery in Mwanza, Tanzania.

Gil Gross, a cardiologist at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, spent a week in Mwanza as part of a SACH mission to screen African children with heart defects.

Gross saw about 300 children – 11 of whom received heart surgery at the Bugando hospital in Mwanza, which were performed by SACH lead surgeon Lior Sasson and assisted by Godwin Godfrey, a local surgeon who has been training at the Wolfson Medical Centre in Israel for the past three years.

Children who urgently need heart surgery but did not receive it during the Mwanza mission will be flown to Israel in the near future for the free, life-saving surgery.

SACH has an agreement with Wolfson that allows volunteer surgeons to use the hospital's facilities, provided SACH covers the $10,000 it costs to perform the surgery.

Laurencia Simon, a four-year-old girl who was diagnosed with congenital heart disease when she was two, was the first to receive pediatric heart surgery in Mwanza.

A lack of infrastructure, finances and training prevented Tanzanian doctors from performing open-heart surgery on young children. But the SACH medical team worked to create an operating room that would meet the conditions necessary for such surgeries.

Cardiologist Dr. Gil Gross screened hundreds of children during his volunteer mission to Mwanza with Save a Child's Heart.

Since the operation on Aug. 3, Laurencia is now recovering well.

Gross, who was in Tanzania from July 31 to Aug. 7, was part of the team that included Akiva Tamir, SACH's chief cardiologist and head of Wolfson's pediatric cardiology unit, Sasson and Godfrey.

He said they spent the week screening scores of children to determine who should get the surgery on site at the Bugando hospital and who should be transferred to Israel for an operation.

Gross, who learned about SACH through his connections with many Israeli pediatric cardiologists, including Tamir, said he was thrilled to be a part of this recent mission, which he felt was more ambitious than previous SACH missions.

"Most of their other missions in Africa and in eastern Europe and so on don't involve the surgical part at all. They involve the screening part, where they just send the cardiologists to screen the kids and then they bring the kids to Israel for surgery," Gross said.

"This mission was on a much bigger scale."

Having never worked in Tanzania, Gross said he wasn't sure what to expect in terms of the conditions and resources.

"I saw conditions that I haven't encountered before that were interesting and unusual for someone who is used to practicing in North America," he said.

"Some of it was worse than expected, some of it was better than expected."

He said that despite living in impoverished villages, almost everyone owned a cellphone.

"I was surprised by how accessible the patients were."

Gross said it was hard for him to come to terms with the fact that so many children in the region were dying from heart defects that would be treated routinely in North America.

"When you're there and you see the kinds of preventable and treatable things that kids die from, that's hard. Even if you sort of know about it in advance, and you expect it, it's a very hard thing to see."

Even with the funds provided by SACH, the resources are so limited, Gross added, "that you find yourself making Solomonic judgments about who lives and who dies, who is going to get a chance and who is not going to get a chance. That is very hard."

The decision is based on who is most likely to benefit and recover from the procedure.

"There were kids we saw who were clearly beyond help and yet their parents brought them from far, far away just so we could look at them... They would bring them 500 kilometres even though they know that it's a desperate condition."

While some of the encounters with his patients were discouraging, others were uplifting and motivational.

"There was one child I saw who had surgery in Israel about two years before and this was a followup visit. The child had a fairly serious condition and had a great operation and was doing amazingly well," he said.

"You could really see the impact of the work that is being done. The family was very happy, the child was doing great and that was really an inspiring, motivating encounter."

Gross, who described SACH's goal as "very noble," said that although there are countless other causes to champion, SACH is important because it sees "each of these kids as a human being and they do deserve a chance."

Following the surgical mission, Godfrey, as well as three Torontonians, were among a team of SACH doctors, volunteers and supporters who climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak.

The climb was organized in an effort to raise $1 million to fund 100 heart surgeries for African children.

PITCH FOR ISRAEL: Scotiabank Pitch for Israel organizer Daniel Warner, right, shakes hands with Thornhill MP and Environment Minister Peter Kent. This year's event, held Aug. 21, raised more than $90,000, and since its inception in 2008, the softball tournament has raised a total of $515,000 to support vulnerable families and Israeli victims of terror. ***[Grant Valentine photos]***

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U.S. will veto UN bid, official says

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The United States will stop all financial aid to the Palestinian Authority if they proceed with plans to ask the United Nations for recognition of an independent state in September, a U.S. official warned last Friday.

The U.S. Consul General in Jerusalem, Daniel Rubinstein, told chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat that the United States would veto a UN Security Council resolution calling for recognition of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip within the June 4, 1967 borders and for UN membership.

"If the Palestinian Authority insists on going to the Security Council, the U.S. will use the veto," he told Erekat during a meeting in the West Bank city of Jericho, according to a statement issued by Erekat's office.

"And in case the Palestinian Authority seeks to upgrade its position at the UN through the General Assembly, the U.S. Congress will take punitive measures against it, including a cut in U.S. aid," he said.

Rubinstein said his country sees the Palestinians' UN bid as "useless," and that it would be better to conclude a peace agreement with Israel through direct negotiations, according to Erekat.

Saeb Erekat, chief Palestinian negotiator, at a recent news conference in Ramallah. *[Flash90 photo]*

Erekat said U.S. support for the Palestinian UN bid would actually enhance the two-state solution and peace in the Middle East.

He called on the U.S. to reconsider its position on the issue because "the right decision is to support Palestine's membership of the UN."

Erekat, who had also met with the European Union's representative to the Palestinian Authority, Christian Burger, also urged Europe to support Palestinian efforts to get full membership of the UN.

The European Union, he said, "should take the correct position, not the easy position."

The EU has not yet decided which way it will go when the issue comes up for discussion at the Security Council in September. Some member states, such as Spain, have said they would support the Palestinian step.

If the United States vetoes the Security Council resolution, the Palestinians plan to ask the UN General Assembly to vote on the resolution, which needs a two-thirds majority to pass.

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Is peace with Egypt threatened?

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Analysis

Last week's multifront Palestinian terrorist attack along the Egyptian-Israeli border highlighted two major new challenges to Israel's national security.

The first is the breakdown of Egyptian central authority in the Sinai Peninsula, which has created fertile ground for terrorism against Israel. Complicating matters further is a heightened sensitivity in post-Mubarak Egypt to Israeli retaliation, especially if it entails action in territory nominally controlled by Egypt.

If not carefully managed, the twin challenges could bring the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, a cornerstone of regional stability for over three decades, into question, Israeli analysts say.

In separate interviews on Israel Radio, former generals Giora Eiland and Yisrael Ziv both argued that the top priority for Israel now is to take care to prevent any erosion in the peace with Egypt. Nahum Barnea, senior political analyst for Israel's daily *Yediot Achronot*, expanded on the theme.

"What is at stake," Barnea wrote Monday, "is: how can Israel help the new Egyptian regime fend off the street pressure to cancel the peace treaty with Israel?"

Ever since former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak's ouster last February, the Sinai has been in a state of virtual anarchy. Any semblance of order that existed under Mubarak has been eroded. Scores of terrorists from Gaza and farther afield have been able to move in the area with impunity. Arms smuggling through the Sinai to Gaza – always a problem – has reached unprecedented levels. The pipeline carrying Egyptian natural gas to Israel has been sabotaged five times since February.

In order to enable the Egyptians to reassert their control, Israeli officials indicate that they may be willing to consider an amendment to the Egyptian-Israeli peace accords to allow a stronger Egyptian military presence in Sinai, close to the border with Israel and in the key area along the border with Gaza. A week before the terrorist attack, Israel agreed to the deployment of an additional 1,000 Egyptian troops in the sensitive area, despite treaty limitations that allow for only a few hundred lightly armed policemen to ensure that the Sinai never again becomes a staging ground for an Egyptian assault against Israel.

Israeli military analysts say that much will depend on the degree to which the Egyptian forces are willing to take on the smugglers and the terrorists.

Until now, soldiers in the Sinai or lightly armed policemen closer to the border have been taking kickbacks to look the other way. Without a change in attitude, simply beefing up Egyptian forces will not solve the problem, Israeli analysts say. Indeed, some of the Gaza terrorists who fired on Israeli vehicles last week operated unhindered close to an Egyptian military position, they noted. (After this analysis was written, it was reported that Israel will allow more Egyptian troops to be deployed in the Sinai to keep order there.)

Even more worrying for Israel than the danger of having terrorists roaming freely around the Sinai is the potential threat the new situation poses to the peace with Egypt. In the Aug. 18 exchanges of fire with the terrorists, three Egyptian border policemen were killed. Although it is not yet clear how they died, the Egyptians were quick to blame Israel and demand an apology. The incident sparked angry demonstrations outside the Israeli Embassy in Cairo, where one protester scaled the building to tear down the Israeli flag and replace it with an Egyptian one.

What makes this particularly troubling for Israel is that in the new Egypt, a product of the Arab Spring that has given greater weight to the voice of the people, the country's new leaders will have to take the widespread popular animosity toward Israel into account. This, the analysts say, could bring the peace treaty with Israel under review.

Still, for all the public debate on the issue in Egypt, most experts do not anticipate a new Egyptian government abrogating the peace treaty with Israel in the near future.

They point out that the two countries still share common interests – for example, a quiet Sinai, where forces like Al Qaeda, which also threaten Egypt, are neutralized. More importantly, the Egyptians know that if they cancel the peace treaty with Israel, they will forfeit the huge economic and military aid package they have been receiving from the United States since the treaty was signed under American auspices in 1979.

At one point during the current crisis, when the Egyptians appeared to threaten to recall their ambassador from Tel Aviv, the United States reportedly warned that if they went ahead, some of the aid would be withheld. The Egyptians quickly dialed down the rhetoric. On Monday, the Egyptian foreign minister, Mohammed Kamel Amr, denied that a recall of the ambassador was ever on the table.

Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak, centre, is briefed by the military's chief of staff, Benny Gantz, on Barak's left, in southern Israel after terrorists armed with heavy weapons, guns and explosives launched four co-ordinated attacks in quick succession, killing eight people last month near the border with Egypt's Sinai Peninsula. The attackers targeted a passenger bus, a military patrol and a private car. ***[Israel Sun photo]***

A key element that has already changed, however, is Egypt's attitude toward Hamas, which controls Gaza. Mubarak's Egypt strongly opposed Hamas, seeing it as extremist and within the Iranian orbit.

Egypt's new leaders are far less hostile toward both Iran and Hamas. They've used their closer ties with Hamas to create a potentially important role for themselves as mediator – both in matters concerning captive Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit and in negotiating a ceasefire to end the current round of hostilities.

In the wake of last week's terrorist attack, which left eight Israelis dead, Israel moved quickly to assassinate the leaders of the Popular Resistance Committees, the group behind the attack. That led to several days of missile, rocket and mortar fire on southern Israeli towns and cities, and sporadic Israeli air raids on Hamas and other militia targets in Gaza. On Monday, however, things quieted down – though the rocket attacks did not stop completely – after Egypt helped to broker a halt to the hostilities.

Yoram Meital, a leading Israeli expert on Egypt at Ben-Gurion University, says the changes in Egypt have significantly altered the military equation between Israel and the Gaza militants.

For one thing, Palestinian action from Sinai puts Israel in a very tricky position, because if Israel hits back hard on Egyptian territory, it risks escalation with Egypt. Secondly, should Israel undertake a major military operation in Gaza, it is likely to encounter much firmer Egyptian censure than it did in Mubarak's day, given the predominant anti-Israel sentiment in today's Egypt.

Leaders of the Israel Defence Forces are thinking deeply about this. Over time, military planners say, Israel cannot afford to allow Gaza militants to use the Sinai as a launching pad for operations against Israel – precisely because that could lead to conflict with Egypt. At some point, they say, Israel will have to deal with the Palestinian terrorist infrastructure in Gaza itself and not in Sinai, to minimize the risk of a confrontation with Egypt.

Israeli officials are working behind the scenes with the Egyptians, primarily to ensure that whatever happens with Gaza or the Sinai won't compromise the peace treaty, perhaps the most important element of Israel's national security doctrine.

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Anti-Israel rallies held in Iran

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JERUSALEM — Iran staged anti-Israel rallies nationwide last Friday, state media reported.

According to state television, millions of people were expected to attend the state-run rallies throughout the country and voice their support for Palestinians and the "liberation of their lands from the Zionist regime's – Israel's – occupation." But merely a few hundred turned out for the rally in Tehran.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said that Iran was determined to eradicate Israel, ISNA news agency reported last Thursday.

"Iran believes that whoever is for humanity should also be for eradicating the Zionist regime [Israel] as [a] symbol of suppression and discrimination," Ahmadinejad said in an interview with a Lebanese television network, carried by ISNA.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

"Iran follows this issue [the eradication of Israel] with determination and decisiveness and will never ever withdraw from this standpoint and policy," the Iranian president added in the interview with the Al-Manar network.

The remarks by Ahmadinejad came one day before the annual anti-Israeli rallies named Quds [Jerusalem] Day, which are held nationwide in Iran on the last Friday of the fasting month of Ramadan.

On the Monday prior, he said that Iranians and Muslim nations worldwide should hold Quds rallies and show their willingness to dispose of this "infectious tumour and this regime full of rascality."

The late supreme leader of the 1979 Islamic Revolution, Grand Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, declared the last Friday of the fasting month of Ramadan to be Jerusalem Day and called for annual mass rallies against Israel and in support of the Palestinians.

The Iranian president provoked international condemnation in 2005 when he said that Israel should be eliminated from the map of the Middle East and transferred to Europe or North America.

Ahmadinejad said Friday that the Holocaust was a "big lie" used to justify establishment of the state of Israel.

"The Zionist regime's establishment was based on numerous deceptions and lies and one of the biggest lies was the Holocaust," Ahmadinejad said in a speech after an anti-Israel rally in Tehran and other Iranian cities.

"On the one hand we have the Zionist regime as the global axis of thieves and murderers and on the other hand we have the Quds Day, which is the axis of those seeking freedom, justice and end of suppression," the president reiterated Friday at Tehran University.

The international isolation of the Islamic republic escalated after Ahmadinejad held a Holocaust conference in 2006 in which he questioned whether the killing of six million Jews in Europe during World War II actually happened.

Libyan reaches out to Israel

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Arbib said he knew Shebani's father, a former minister in the government of King Idris that preceded the 42-year regime of Moammar Gadhafi. He met Shebani in Dubai a few years ago "and we've kept in touch ever since. He felt Jews were an integral part of the country."

"He's a democrat," Arbib said.

Shebani was widely quoted last week playing an unlikely diplomatic card, reaching out to Israel for assistance.

"We are asking Israel to use its influence in the international community to end the tyrannical regime of Gadhafi and his family," he told *Ha'aretz*. "Libya needs any help it can get from the international community, including from Israel," said Shebani.

His message toward Israel was certainly conciliatory: "The Democratic Party of Libya wishes to establish a functioning democracy similar to Israel's. We feel the only democratic state in the region is Israel," he told *The CJN*.

Shebani, who calls himself "a cyber rebel," asserted that only a democratic Libya could normalize relations with Israel.

To aid in the transition to democracy and to assist in "nation-building," Shebani called for UN intervention. The blueprint for such a role is the Adrian Pelt UN Commission, which was established by the General Assembly in 1949 to help prepare Libya for independence.

UN involvement would lead to a democratic Libya, return of civil society – which Gadhafi destroyed – and a healthy economy. It would be followed by a "truth and reconciliation commission" modelled on South Africa, with the goal of heading off a civil war. Shebani called on the Canadian government to use its influence at the UN to pursue those goals.

"The central problem [in Libya] is the separation between state and church," he said. Shebani said Libya's Interim National Council shouldn't be relied upon to usher in a democratic environment. Although supported by NATO, which flew some 2,000 sorties against Gadhafi forces, the council is rife with Islamic fundamentalists, he asserted.

John Thompson, executive director of the Mackenzie Institute, a think-tank that focuses on terrorism and security issues, agreed that the Libyan opposition is saturated with Islamic radicals. Among them are veterans of the Afghanistan war of the 1980s, who were influenced by Wahhabi extremism and who have returned to Libya to fight Gadhafi.

In addition, the opposition is splintered along tribal lines, while a "frustrated middle class" remains powerless. As in other revolutions, "it is the committed, ideological cadres with the agenda for power" who usually come out on top, Thompson said.

As for Shebani, Thompson pointed out he has lived outside Libya for many years. "He's in contact with very few addresses in the Libyan street," although he might have access to information outsiders would not necessarily share, Thompson said.

Israel Briefs

'Not one grain of sand'

Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah called on the Palestinians not to give up on a "grain of sand or drop of water" in their fight for a state, as Jerusalem Day anti-Israel protests were held throughout the Muslim world last Friday to show support for the Palestinian cause. The late supreme leader of the 1979 Islamic Revolution, Grand Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, declared the last Friday of the fasting month of Ramadan to be Quds, or "Jerusalem Day," and called for annual mass rallies against Israel and in support of the Palestinians. "Jerusalem is becoming more and more Jewish every day, but as far as we are concerned, Palestine is from the [Mediterranean] ocean to the [Jordan] river, and no one has any right to give up one grain of its land or one drop of its water," Nasrallah said in Lebanon.

Terror in Tel Aviv

Eight people were wounded in south Tel Aviv early Monday when a Palestinian from Nablus ran over policemen with a stolen taxi, exited the vehicle and stabbed additional people. The perpetrator was also lightly wounded as police struggled to arrest him. Tel Aviv District Commander Aharon Eksol said the attack was "definitely an act of terror."

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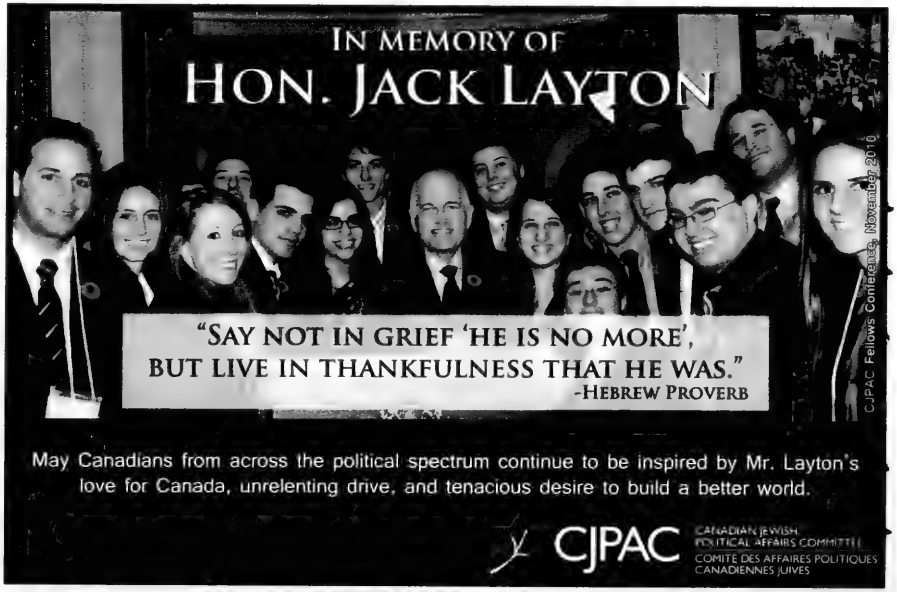
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Azrieli investment in Granite Hacarmel in the red

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TEL AVIV — A sharp eye for real estate earned Montrealer David Azrieli the title of shopping mall king, and exploiting opportunities in the financial arena just before markets recovered in 2009, including the purchase of a 4.8 per cent stake in Bank Leumi and about 18 per cent in Leumi Card, also added to his aura of success.

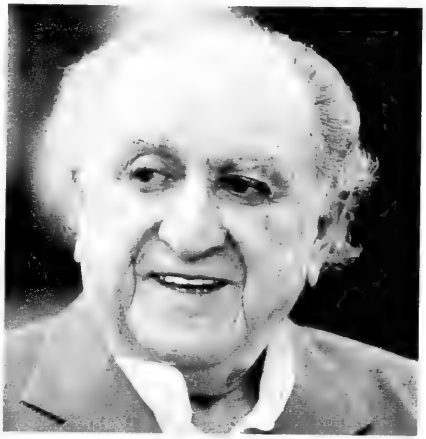
But Azrieli's strategic Granite Hacarmel Investments venture continues to disappoint.

Granite Hacarmel is a holding company operating mainly in the fields of energy, water and construction finishing, through companies such as Sonol, Tambour, Super Gas and GES. In November 2006, the Azrieli group acquired the controlling shares of the conglomerate from the Borovich family, topping competing bids from Meir Shamir, Shlomo Shmeltzer and other investors. Shortly afterward, it raised its stake in the company, buying another block of shares from Yeshayahu Landau.

Azrieli spent 740 million shekels ($203 million) acquiring 61 per cent of Granite Hacarmel's shares, but the company is currently trading at a total market valuation of just 770 million shekels ($211 million). Azrieli's share of this comes to 490 million shekels ($134 million), including 25 million shekels ($6.8 million) in dividends distributed by Granite – a negative 33 per cent return on his investment.

Over the same period of time the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange's TA-100 index, which includes Granite, has gained six per cent. Until the beginning of this year Azrieli's investment maintained its value, but has since shed over 30 per cent due to market events and a challenging business environment.

When Yossi Singer, a partner and former CEO at financial and economics consulting firm Giza Singer Even, replaced Ami Segis as CEO of Granite Hacarmel three years ago, he was eager to turn the company into one of the market's most interesting and successful holding concerns.



David Azrieli

At the start of his term, Granite divested from several non-core and disappointing businesses, such as truck imports and marketing, electric scooters, natural gas infrastructure in Serbia and some real estate, absorbing losses in the process. It was then that Granite decided to focus on energy, construction and water.

In an interview in September 2009, Singer denied claims that the Azrieli group's investment in the company hadn't borne fruit, saying, "Anyone claiming it hasn't been a success is mistaken. It's true that a lot more needs to be done, but I am completely convinced that within several years, Granite will become of the market's most interesting investment companies.

"Even this corner of the huge mesh of businesses comprising the Azrieli group will become an asset to take pride in, and in terms of providing value to the owners. In my opinion the global crisis provides Granite with a chance to substantially improve and upgrade its market position. From report to report, you can see how we are upgrading the company."

Granite hasn't leveraged itself and is weathering the crisis relatively well, with first-half reports revealing that all its companies registered improved earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. All this, however, has boiled down to a miserly 3 million shekels ($822,000) profit in the second quarter and 35 million shekels ($9.6 million) for the first half of the year – figures that don't do justice to a company with a 5 billion-shekel ($1.37-billion) balance sheet and controlling interest with a track record like Azrieli's.

Even taking into account the current market crisis, the fact that Sonol, a gas station operator, is in a market beset by heavy regulation and eroding sales margins, the unfulfilled potential of water business deals, where the Azrieli group hung so much of its hopes – with the exception of the Palmahim desalination plant – results remain disappointing.

Azrieli is considered a solid concern that is in the race for the long stretch, but Singer must also realize that the point is approaching when he'll be asked to provide the goods. For Azrieli, this investment could prove a lesson that it's best to focus strategically on areas where specialized experience is proven, and that diversifying in new directions doesn't always pan out.

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Lack of competition in Israel deplored

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TEL AVIV — The proportion of Israelis living below the poverty line is triple the average in the rest of the western world, Yaron Zelekha told an audience of 500 people at the Ono Academic College last week in a speech interrupted repeatedly by enthusiastic applause.

"The division of wealth in Israel is so discriminatory that other than the United States, there is no country that distributes income in such unequal fashion," the former Finance Ministry accountant general and professor of economics said.

"Being middle class in Israel means supporting a family on 5,000 shekels [a month $1,370], and that's absurd," he said, adding that only 53 per cent of the potential workforce is actually employed, compared to more than 60 per cent in other western countries.

"Governments bandy about numbers that are not correct. They are lying in our faces when they simply don't count most of the unemployed," Zelekha told the audience.

The people involved in the current wave of social protest should not engage in a discussion about the state budget, which would ensnarl them in intentional deception on the government's part, he warned. "The government's budget is limited because the economy is limited. The budget is allocated and cannot vary by more than 10 billion shekels ($2.7 billion). The budget is the result of the problem, not its origin," Zelekha implored.

Yaron Zelekha

"The heart of the problem is the lack of competitiveness in sectors of the economy in which [Israeli] households spend 500 billion shekels ($137 billion) every year," Zelekha said. "There are dozens of countries in Africa and Asia where they buy services more cheaply than we do. Each percentage [of control] of monopolies and oligopolies has cost us 5 billion shekels ($1.37 billion) a year, every year. We have to demand it back."

"From the moment we break up the monopolies, prices will drop, purchasing power will increase, the government will have more revenue from taxes and then we can lower indirect taxes. And most importantly, we shouldn't do stupid things with macroeconomics. We have given a policy preference to capital over work," he said.

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It's time to say goodbye to scorching temperatures and beautiful summer days. Kids are preparing for back to school, holidays are over, and it's now time to change our makeup, hair and clothing trends for the prettiest time of year, fall.

After such a wonderful summer, it's difficult to put away our shorts, T-shirts, bathing suits and suntan lotion, but don't frown. This fall's fashion and makeup are definitely something to look forward to. Before you begin anything, make room for the new and put away the old for just a little while.

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BEAUTY SHOP

By Stacey Michaels and Francine Birken

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FRANCINE'S TIPS

Fashion and Makeup:

This fall, it's all about sexy, classy and classic. Belts are hot, hot, hot. Grey and purple are the hottest colours on the runway this season, as well as sapphire blue, red, maroon and deep gold. Baubles and bangles are big, bold and beautiful.

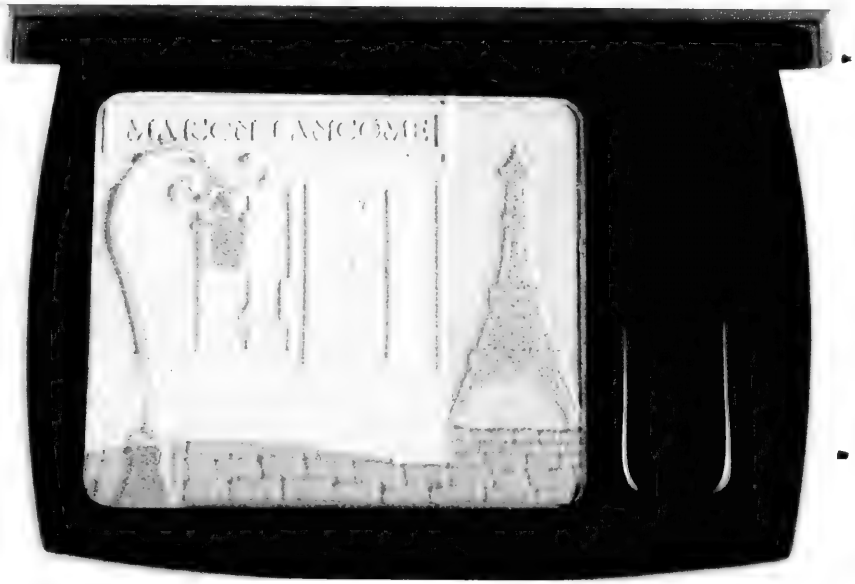
The new **Secret Collection** legwear is right on trend, featuring red-hot colours, powerful prints and plenty of texture. **Secret** gets a little wild this season capturing one of the fall's hottest trends, the Animal Instinct Collection. Don't be afraid to get a little wild with its three styles – the Sheer Zebra pantyhose, the Leopard Mesh tight or the Leopard legging!

Makeup can have either the nude basic look or the WOW statement look this season. Bolder, thick brows, lots of mascara, metallic shadows in gold, silver, gunmetal, blue, chocolate and green are just a few amazing colours this year.

Liquid eyeliner that recalls the '60s look is back. Lips are vampy and come in shades of red to burgundy to dark purple. Rosy cheeks are hot! Dark nails are nothing new for the colder months ahead, but what's different this year is that those dark colours are very dark, almost black. Deep plum, dark graphite and rich navy are making a statement.

This September, **Clarins** introduces a new-generation formula, the Everlasting Compact Foundation SPF15. This foundation has a smooth, silky texture that provides you with instant pleasure, leaving your complexion homogenous and your skin comfortable. The result is instantly even makeup coverage with no mask effect and no pulling.

Creator Aaron De May is proud to introduce the **Lancôme** 29 St-Honoré Fall 2011 Collection. The star product of this collection is a blush called Maison Lancôme in pink and gold shades, with a picture of the Eiffel Tower and the **Lancôme** logo on the container.



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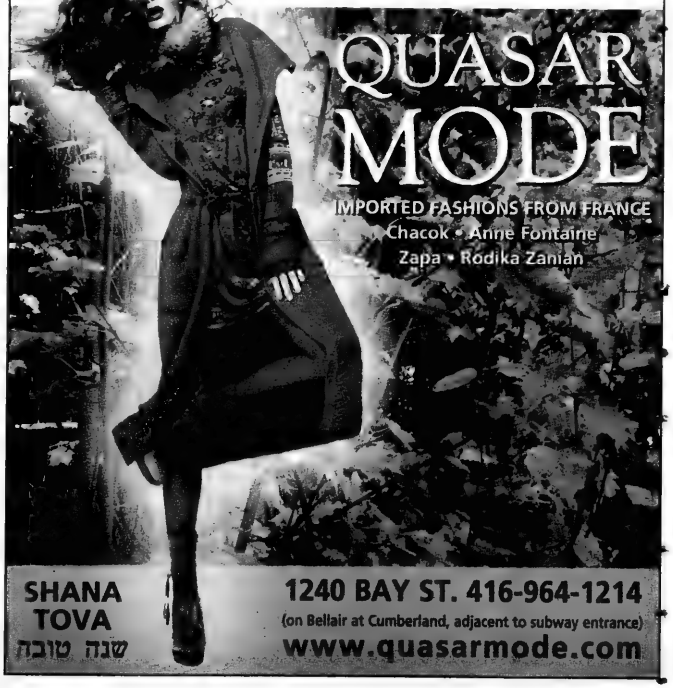

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Beautiful shades of red lipstick, eye shadows, red and black nail polishes and a black Artliner are all part of this gorgeous, classy collection.

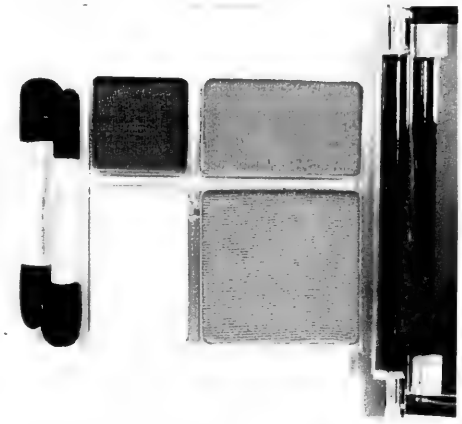
Is your mascara never black or intense enough? Do you have difficulty properly coating the shorter lashes at the corners of your eyes? Well don't look any further. **Clarins** has launched the Instant Definition Mascara. This new-generation mascara gives ultra-volume, intense colour and more defined, smooth lashes from root to tip. Your new panoramic lashes will be more glamorous than ever!

This season also offers another beautiful collection, the new **Lise Watier** makeup collection. Équinoxe draws inspiration from the colours of the September earth and sky. And this season's eye shadow palette Quatuor Wet & Dry eyeshadow offers shades of chocolate, taupe and grey with an added touch of teal. With just one drop of Métamorfix Liquid Transformer the dry eye shadow can be transformed into a rich, creamy liquid. The colour intensifies and becomes long wearing.

With this beautiful collection comes the Duo Bronze and Glow Face and Cheek Powder and the Duo Mineral eye shadows, which have a palette of misty green and bleu glacier. These eye shadows are composed of micronized minerals that act to soften.

To complete this line, two new shades of Plumpissimo Le Gloss have been added, as well as Rouge Plumpissimo. And 24 Hrs Glam Eyeliner in matte brown is sure to become a makeup bag must-have for this fall season and all year round. The result – a perfect line, one that lasts day in and day out!

To nail the look of the season right down to your fingertips, two new shades of lacquer, Fuchsia Frost and Espresso, complete this fall's collection. This limited collection will be found in stores in October 2011.



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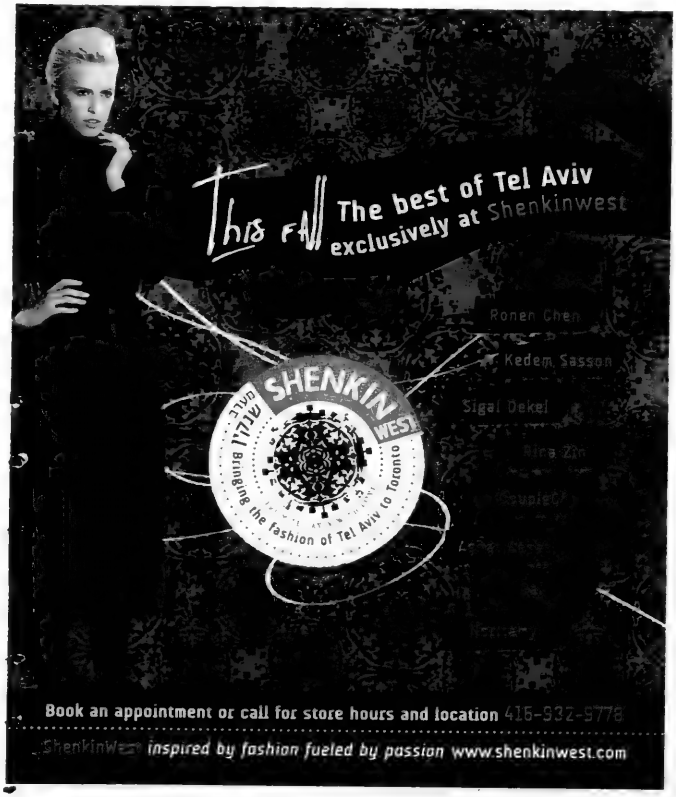
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Acceptance into TIFF is a lifelong dream

Jennifer Libman
Special to The CJN

Yonah Lewis has been working toward his dream of being in the Toronto International Film Festival since he was 12 years old.

Two weeks ago, it was announced that his film *Amy George* had been accepted into the festival, in a category celebrating first-time Canadian filmmakers.

Lewis, 25, made his first attempt at becoming a famous director when he was 12 and decided to film a production of *Macbeth*. He gathered as many children as he could in his Hamilton neighbourhood, and when the lead actor proved to be unreliable, Lewis replaced him with his own father, Robert.

"I was not exactly your average kid," Lewis said.

Even though this first attempt at filmmaking was ultimately a failure, Lewis was not discouraged.

"From the very start, my family was incredibly supportive. They saw that this was something I wanted to do, and they stood by me. How many fathers out there would agree to put on a kilt and play *Macbeth* in the middle of a neighourhood?"

Lewis was home-schooled as a child, and much of his education was dedicated to the arts. He was always interested in filmmaking, but it was during his first summer at Centauri Summer Arts Camp in the Niagara region of Ontario, that he caught the bug, he said. "Centauri created an environment that really fostered my creativity. I loved how I was able to combine writing, producing, acting and directing into one piece."

He spent a lot of time in his teen years creating short films, and returned to Centauri for several summers as a camper, and then as a staff member.

Lewis and his family eventually relocated to Toronto, and he enrolled in the media arts program at Sheridan College.

Yonah Lewis, right, with *Amy George* actor Gabriel del Castillo Mullally

"I had no doubt that I wanted to pursue filmmaking professionally, but the idea of going to school was so I could meet like-minded individuals."

During his time at Sheridan, Lewis met his filmmaking partner Calvin Thomas. They both graduated in 2008 and began working on feature-length films. "It was a real learning process, and each script we wrote was progressively better than the last.

"We approached breaking into the world of film in a different way than many other film students. Lots of people think the best way to learn about the industry is by working on a film set or by assisting another director. The problem is, one day they wake up and they're 40 years old and still someone's assistant. The one advantage of being young is that you get to take risks – you can try to go out on your own, and at my age, it's a lot easier to bounce back after an unsuccessful attempt," Lewis said.

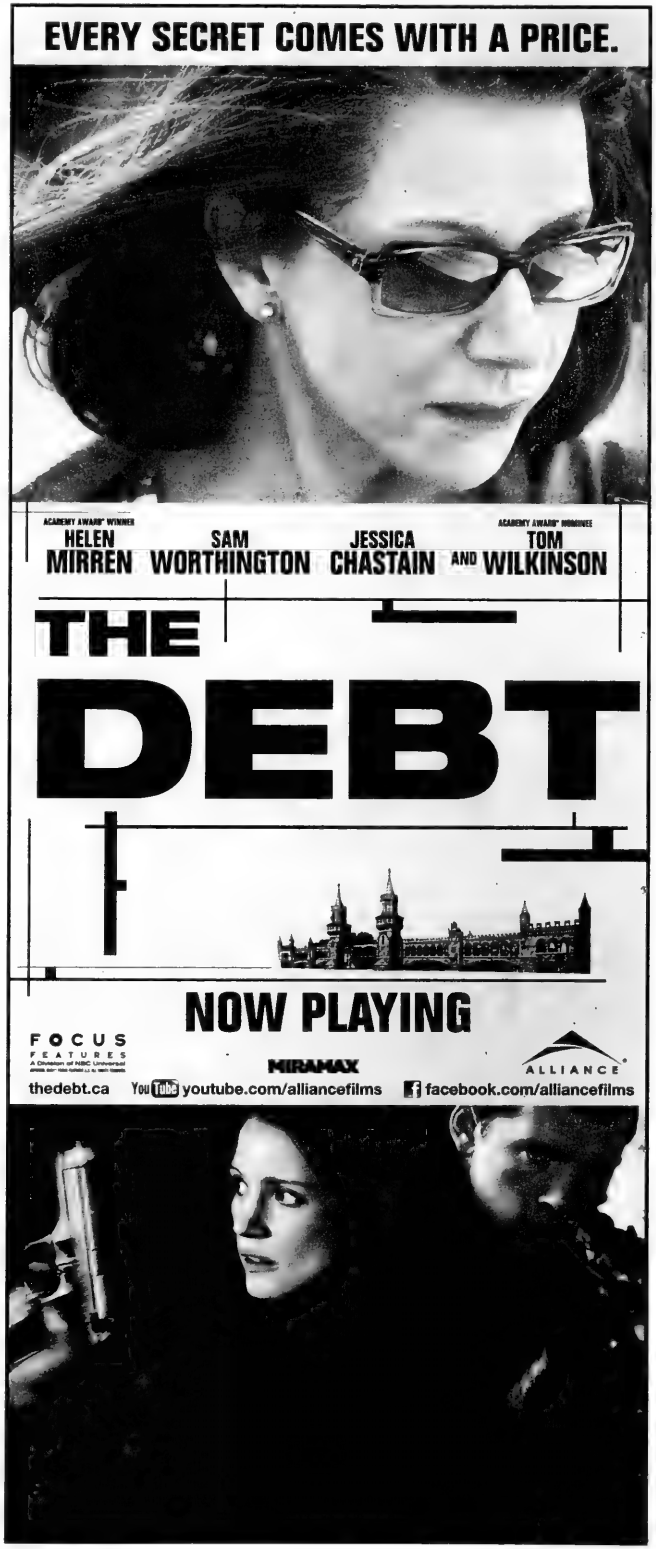
After six abandoned screenplays, Lewis and Thomas came up with *Amy George*. In February 2010, they began writing the script, and the filming began just three months later. The story takes place in the Riverdale area of Toronto, the neighbourhood where Lewis currently lives, and is about a 12-year-old boy who is worried that his middle-class upbringing has left him unprepared for his dreams of becoming an artist.

"We created *Amy George* in a way that everything was accessible to us. It takes place in the neighbourhood I live in, and every scene, whether it was in a car or in a store, were things we knew we could access. I even had my 19-year-old brother, Lev, create the music for the movie. We wanted to write something that we could feasibly film, without a large budget."

Lewis and Thomas raised money from their family and friends to support the project. Their biggest investor was a 15-year-old boy whom Lewis has taught about filmmaking at Centauri. "It was just amazing how everyone believed in our film," Lewis said. "The amount of support was overwhelming.

"I was completely dumbfounded when I found out [that the film was accepted]," Lewis said. "Even after hanging up the phone, I was convinced that it was a mistake. I'm still coming to terms with what it means. This has truly been a lifelong dream.

"To be part of prestigious film festival is always an honour, but the fact that it takes place in Toronto makes it even more special. Now we get to share our success with all of our friends and family and everyone who was involved in the film. We can't wait to see where it goes from here."



A visceral, realistic film about the Holocaust

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Agnieszka Holland's *In Darkness* is a raw, visceral, unsettling descent into the dark maw of the Holocaust.

Adapted for the screen by David Shamoon from Robert Marshall's book *In the Sewers of Lvov*, this jolting drama cum-thriller will be presented at the Toronto International Film Festival on Sept. 11, at 6 p.m. at the Elgin and Sept. 12, at 3:30 p.m. at the Scotiabank 3.

Based on a true story, *In Darkness* takes place over a 14-month period in Nazi-occupied Lvov, a multiethnic city in Poland inhabited by Poles, Ukrainians and Jews.

Holland dedicates it to Marek Edelman, one of the commanders of the 1943 Warsaw Ghetto Uprising who survived the ordeal, and the 6,000 or so Polish Christians whom Yad Vashem has designated as Righteous Among by Nations.

From almost the first moment, she creates a mood of sheer, unbridled terror.

Naked Jewish women, terrorized by pursuers with guns, race for their lives through an autumn forest. German soldiers humiliate an Orthodox Jew by forcing him to do a little dance. A soldier brutally cuts off the black beard of a frightened Jewish man.

As the Nazis impose their reign of terror, Leopold (Poldek) Socha, a Polish sewer worker, stumbles upon a small group of Jews who've descended into the subterranean depths to save themselves in advance of the liquidation of the Lvov ghetto.

Socha (Robert Wieckiewicz, in a strong, nuanced performance) is a petty thief who cynically regards their presence in the dank, labyrinthine sewer system as a golden opportunity to enrich himself.

In exchange for ample payments, Socha agrees to find them a safe hiding place and supply them with food and water. He knows he and his family will face execution if the Germans and their Ukrainian collaborators uncover his scheme, but he's ready to take that risk.

Since antisemitism runs rife in Lvov, no one will be surprised that Socha is a bigot. "Give a Jew a finger and he'll take your arm," he blurts out at one point. Bortnik, a Ukrainian policeman and a Nazi collaborator, is even more antisemitic, claiming that Germany's occupation is good for Ukrainians and Poles alike.

Robert Wieckiewicz plays a sewer worker in Nazi-occupied Lvov in the Polish film *In Darkness*.

As the film unfolds, in a mix of Polish, German, Yiddish and Ukrainian with English subtitles, the Germans proceed with emptying the ghetto. Holland inserts powerful scenes of Jewish men, women and children being rounded up in a blur of sickening movement. The soundtrack is full of screaming, shouting and shooting as fear and panic grip the hapless Jewish deportees.

With the Jews having been taken away, heartless scavengers search for "ghetto souvenirs," household goods left behind by Jews on the sidewalks.

In Darkness, however, is not permeated exclusively by vile antisemites. In an attempt to achieve a measure of balance, Holland introduces a sympathetic character whose personality seems defined by empathy and humanity. Wanda, Socha's wife, describes the Jewish deportees as "these poor people" and observes they are "the same as us."

Socha resists her cri de coeur. Saying his priest told him that Jews crucified Jesus, he leaves the distinct impression that they deserve their terrible fate. In a signal of his possible intentions, he points out that people are making "easy money" turning in Jews to the Germans.

Much of *In Darkness* – Poland's entry for best foreign film at the 2012 Academy Awards – is shot in the dim, claustrophobic confines of the sloshy, smelly, rat-infested sewers.

Here, life goes on, in a manner of speaking. Personal disputes break out, class differences rise to the surface, romances emerge and sexual passions are unleashed.

And while Holland takes pains to reenact these human impulses, she is particularly interested in charting the course of Socha's gradual transformation from opportunist to hero, the theme at the very heart of the film.

Playing fast and loose with his life, he kills a German soldier to help a Jew, goes out of his way to find Jewish children lost in the sewer and redirects "his" Jews to a safer hideout in the sewer.

More amazingly, he performs a series of good deeds that may startle a viewer. Holland does not bother explaining Socha's metamorphosis, but it is clearly touching.

As movies about the Holocaust go, *In Darkness* is one of the better ones. Vividly realistic and reasonably well directed, it is ultimately soul crushing.

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Footnote is a first-rate Israeli film

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Joseph Cedar's drama, *Footnote*, sizzles with laser-sharp intensity.

This Israeli film about father-son rivalry, academia jealousy and the importance of family solidarity will be screened twice at the forthcoming Toronto International Film Festival.

The dates are Monday, Sept. 12, at 5:15 p.m. at the Bell Lightbox 2 and Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 2 p.m. at the AMC 10.

Footnote, which is set in Jerusalem, comes to Toronto with honours in hand, having won the Cannes Film Festival's best screenplay award.

The prize is richly deserved. One of the finest Israeli movies in recent years, it is propelled by an exceptionally fine script. Cedar, a master screenwriter, has directed sharply focused films such as *Beaufort* (an Oscar nominee), *Time of Favour* and *Campfire*.

Taking place mostly on the campus of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, *Footnote* turns on Eliezer Shkolnik (Shlomo Bar Aba), a distinguished scholar of Talmud, and his son, Uriel (Lior Ashkenazi), who has followed in his footsteps.

Eliezer, played stoically by Bar Aba, a popular comedian in real life, is a loner, a man apart of few words whose claim to scholarly fame is a mere footnote in someone else's book.

Like a hermit, he spends his days in a dim library, poring over venerable Hebrew texts. As his son says in a revealing speech laced with self-deprecating humour, Eliezer is a quintessential teacher, utterly devoted to his research.

Although he is generally recognized as a first-rate scholar, the all-important Israel Prize has eluded him for the past 20 consecutive years.

For all his achievements in academia, Eliezer has problems relating to people. Indeed, his relationship with Uriel seems oddly competitive. At one point, after an exasperated Uriel describes his father as "weird," he says, "I have no idea who this man is."

Eliezer's long-suffering wife, Yehudit (Alisa Rosen), would probably agree. Their relations are cool and distant and they no longer share a bedroom.

Uriel, strongly portrayed by Ashkenazi, is the polar opposite of Eliezer in terms of personality. He is personable, talkative and accessible. A rising star in his field, he takes a much broader approach to Talmud than Eliezer, who appears caught up in minutiae.

Cedar, in bold brushstrokes, composes a plausible and compelling portrait of two radically different men related by blood but not by temperament.

The film, in a clever plot twist, grows taut and suspenseful when Uriel learns that he, rather than his father, is to be awarded the next Israel Prize.

The good news is tempered by incredibly bad news. At a tense meeting convened by the Israel Prize committee, Uriel is forced into a morally unpalatable quandary. At stake here is not only his career, but his father's well-being.

Simply put, no man should be placed in this kind of an agonizing and untenable position.

Cedar handles the dynamics of this potentially explosive situation with ease and aplomb.

Apart from the two lead players, the rest of the cast is superb. Micah Lewensohn is excellent as a spiteful professor who harbours a grudge against Eliezer, while Ala Zack is fine as Uriel's sensitive wife, Dikla. Yuval Scharf is appealing as a young reporter interviewing Eliezer for a profile.

Footnote is everything a movie of superior quality should be. It is immensely interesting and seamless. It is empathetic. The dialogue sparkles. The actors perform with energy, grace and precision.

Israeli cinema can be proud of this film.

KOFFLER COMBINES JEWISH BOOK FAIR AND CANADIAN JEWISH BOOK AWARDS

Toronto bibliophiles may have long wondered why the two major book events in the Jewish community's annual calendar – the Jewish Book Fair and the Helen and Stan Vine Canadian Jewish Book Awards – were kept as separate as meat and milk in a kosher kitchen, the one scheduled for the fall, the other for the spring.

The Koffler Centre of the Arts, which administers both events, has just announced a major reshuffling of its cultural calendar that will see the two events married into one and, as befitting a newly married couple, given a brand-new home.

The Koffler last week announced that the first annual Toronto Jewish Book Festival (the former Book Fair) will run June 4 to 7, 2012, in the swank Bram and Bluma Appel Salon on the second floor of the Toronto Reference Library.

The festival will feature the same great author talks and programs and books for sale as in previous years, and will culminate in the Helen and Stan Vine Canadian Jewish Book Awards on June 7.

While there will be no Jewish Book Fair this fall, something grand has been concocted to take its place. The Koffler @ IFOA will feature a full day of author talks at the International Festival of Authors at Harbourfront Centre on Oct. 23. Authors **Gary Shteyngart**, **David Bezmozgis**, **Irwin Cotler**, **Gal Beckerman** and **Michal Govrin** will focus on the theme of Russian-Jewish stories. www.kofflerarts.org

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Arts in Brief

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• The Civic Light Opera Company presents the Rodgers-Hammerstein musical *Carousel*. Fairview Library Theatre, Sept. 7 to 24. $28 (includes HST). www.CivicLightOperaCompany.com, 416-755-1717.

• Opera educator **Iain Scott** presents "Pavarotti – Last of the Great Tenors?" a program that assesses the legacy of **Luciano Pavarotti**, who at his death in 2007 was the most famous tenor outside of the opera world since **Enrico Caruso**. While he became famous through special telecasts, appearances on *The Johnny Carson Show* and arena extravaganzas such as The Three Tenors, did he really deserve his reputation? Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, Active Seniors, Thursday, Sept. 8, 1:30 p.m. 416-924-6211, ext. 155.

• *Chasing Madoff*, a documentary about how long it took to pin the goods on world-class fraud artist **Bernie Madoff**, opened last week at the Varsity Cinema and the Empress Walk Cinema. "Unfortunately, based on a true story," reads a promo line.

• *The Visas That Saved Lives*, a subtitled Japanese documentary about the extraordinary Japanese diplomat, **Chiune Sugihara**, who issued visas that saved some 6,000 Jews during the Holocaust is available at www.martygrossfilms.com.

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At the Galleries: Musicians, composers and cityscapes are the subjects of an exhibition of paintings by **Paul Peregal** that he says were inspired by classical and jazz artists such as **Ralph Vaughan Williams**, **Gustav Mahler**, **Leonard Bernstein** and **Charlie Parker**. Some of the works featured in *Of Music and Painting* may be construed as "visual jazz," painted with thick black strokes that enliven and melt the vibrant colour. Peregal's colour theory instructor was Group of Seven artist **Arthur Lismer**. Opens Sept. 9, 6 to 8 p.m., at The Gallery in the Miles Nadal JCC; remains on view until Oct. 3. 416-924-6211.

•Works by **David Gerstein**, Israeli painter, sculptor, draftsman and craftsman, are on view at Frame of Mind Gallery, 2074-1/2 Avenue Rd. On Oct. 14 and 15, the gallery presents its Annual Trunk Show in aid of One Family Fund Canada to help victims of terror in Israel. www.frameofmind.ca

Songwriting legend co-wrote rock standards

JTA

Songwriter Jerry Leiber, who with composer Mike Stoller wrote such rock 'n' roll hits as *Hound Dog*, *Stand By Me*, and *Jailhouse Rock*, has died.

Leiber died Aug.21 at a hospital in Los Angeles of cardiopulmonary failure. He was 78.

Leiber and Stoller, who met as teenagers in the 1950s, wrote 200 hits that were performed by artists including Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, James Brown, B.B. King, the Drifters and Peggy Lee.

Leiber's first language was Yiddish, and he was frequently taunted as a child on the streets of Baltimore by a gang that called him "Jewboy."

"He was my friend, my buddy, my writing partner for 61 years," Stoller said in a statement. "He had a way with words. There was nobody better. I'm going to miss him."

Leiber and Stoller have been honoured by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Songwriters Hall of Fame and many other music organizations.

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Veteran singer's roots in Yiddish music run deep

Bill Gladstone
Special to The CJN

By his own telling, Jerry Gray had one of the most thrilling experiences of his life in late June. In front of a sold-out house at Toronto's Roy Thomson Hall, he stood at the conductor's podium, raised a baton, and led the 385-voice Mormon Tabernacle Choir and a full orchestra in a rousing rendition of *This Land Is Your Land*.

It has been 57 years since Gray, a founding member of the Canadian folk group The Travellers, co-wrote the Canadian lyrics of the Woody Guthrie folk classic, then repeatedly performed it with the band on a national television show called *Pick the Stars*, advancing through all the preliminary rounds of a national talent contest to finish in second place.

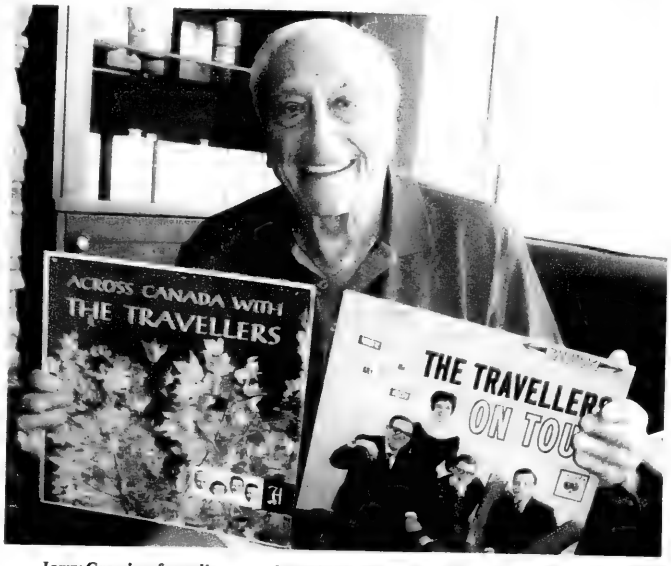
"It was no great writing feat, but the song fulfilled a huge purpose at the time," he recalls. "Canada was emerging from the post war and Canadians embraced the song. Every time we did that program we did a medley of Canadian songs, always ending with *This Land Is Your Land*. People heard it about 10 times that season. We beat out [comedian] Rich Little in the semifinals so it was quite a feather in our cap."

The band recorded the song in 1957 "and it got a huge response. It became a second national anthem in an emerging Canada that was trying to find its way artistically."

Gray's roots in Yiddish music run deep. His mother and sister sang with the Jewish Folk Choir, and he remembers watching the choir perform at Massey Hall in the 1940s with renowned guest artists like Paul Robeson and Jan Peerce. "I've always had this love of Yiddish music. When The Travellers started, we sang at Hillel House [at the University of Toronto]. We always were involved in Jewish causes and Yiddish. I've always done Yiddish music."

The Travellers first came together at Camp Naivelt, the Jewish secular leftist summer camp in Brantford where cottagers enjoyed singing Yiddish songs together and where Gray first learned to play the five-string banjo from visiting folk legend Pete Seeger. In the 1950s the band rode a rocket to national fame and stayed there for years, recording numerous albums and performing across Canada and internationally.

Over the years, The Travellers have played on many stages and shared billing with renowned artists ranging from Harry Belafonte to Judy Collins – and of course their friend and idol, Pete Seeger, for whom they played a 90th-birthday tribute at the Leah Posluns Theatre two years ago. They have played in the Soviet Union, Japan, Britain, Cyprus, Nunavut and many other places. This summer, as in previous years, Gray participated in KlezKanada, the annual festival of Jewish and Yiddish culture and the arts in Quebec's Laurentian Mountain region.



Jerry Gray is a founding member of The Travellers. *[Bill Gladstone photo]*

In 2010, Gray was awarded the annual Joe Hill Award for a lifetime of using folk songs to heighten social awareness. Seeger wrote a letter to the committee to recommend Gray for the award because of "his record of a half-century singing... By himself or with The Travellers, he's sung for many hundreds of thousands of working folks all across Canada."

Today Gray, at 77, looks back on a dual career as a folk artist and as a dentist, but while he has put away his dental implements, he is still strumming the banjo. Several years ago, he revitalized the band, calling it Jerry Gray and the Travellers because he is the only member of the original group still active in it. (One of his four sons, James, who played keyboard with Blue Rodeo for years, also occasionally plays with the band.) Gray also gives courses and guest lectures in folk and protest music at several universities near where he winters in Florida.

On Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m., Jerry Gray and the Travellers perform *This Land Is Your Land*, a concert to celebrate the life and songs of Woody Guthrie to mark the 100th anniversary of the iconic songwriter's birth. Guest performers are to include members of the Guthrie family. The concert is at the Markham Theatre for the Performing Arts, and tickets are $50 and $70, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Guthrie Family Foundation. For tickets and information, e-mail grayg@rogers.com or phone 905-305-7469.

Discography

Although Jerry Gray is the only original member of The Travellers, the group has been around, in various incarnations since 1952 and has released many albums including:

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German soldier never lost his sense of decency

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff reporter

When World War II broke out on Sept. 1, 1939, Konrad Jarausch, a German high school teacher of religion and history, was drafted into the army.

He would spend the rest of his life as a soldier on the Polish and Russian fronts.

A witness to the Holocaust who died of typhoid fever on Jan. 27, 1942, Jarausch wrote 350 nuanced letters from the field from September 1939 to January 1942, mainly to his beloved wife, Elisabeth (Lotte).

In these letters, he described his experiences as a foot soldier and outlined his critique of Nazi policies.

Jarausch's son, Konrad, a historian who specializes in the Third Reich, has compiled a book about his father. It consists of a personal essay of his reflections and a selection of his father's letters.

The volume, *Reluctant Accomplice: A Wehrmacht Soldier's Letters From the Eastern Front* (Princeton University Press), is a revealing glimpse into the mind of a patriotic German who was skeptical of the Nazi leadership and soured on the fascist regime.

For Jarausch, letter writing was therapeutic, "a release from the frustrations of long hours of waiting, followed by frenetic activity," Richard Kohn, his son's colleague, writes in a foreword.

In the essay, his son – a professor at the University of North Carolina – admits that his father hovered over him like a phantom during his childhood.

As he puts it, "Since he was ordered back to the front three days before my birth in Magdeburg on Aug. 14, 1941, and passed away in a field hospital five months later, I was never able to see him in person, though he remained a constant presence in my life."

He explains that his father was ambivalent about the war during its opening phase, swinging between elation over Germany's early victories and despair about the final outcome.

"But he was also concerned that the surprising ease of the victory in Poland would reinforce a set of nationalist attitudes and racial prejudices that might eventually undermine German domination…"

In essence, Jarausch feared that SS atrocities would be counterproductive to the war effort.

"While still rejoicing in the initial German victory, he began to worry about the political consequences of the reprisals, shootings and ethnic cleansing during the Polish campaign," his son writes. Brutal Nazi policies, he notes, violated his "sense of humanism."

Jarausch was a man who inspired respect, his son says. "His colleagues were impressed by his critical intelligence, national and religious idealism and his meticulousness as a scholar."

Born in 1900, he was called for military service in the waning months of World War I, but was saved from going to the front by the armistice in November 1918.

He was glad to be drafted in 1939 because, as his son observes, "he wished to participate in a historic event that he had missed the first time around."

He was not a typical soldier, differing in age, education, interests and temperament from his comrades.

In a pen portrait, he describes his father as "an earnest, mature, responsible man caught up in a grand historical event" that he understood but increasingly lamented.

A social and political conservative, Jaruasch was skeptical of Nazi leaders, refusing to join the Nazi party. Although he supported the war and believed that Germany had a "civilizing mission" in eastern Europe, he disagreed with the Nazi's harsh methods, claiming nothing good could come from them. Eventually, Jarausch distanced himself from what his son calls the "Nazi project of racial hegemony.

Usually cool and detached in his letters, Jarausch often writes in an impartial style.

Konrad Jarausch in military uniform in 1939

But sometimes, his observations betray ingrained racism. For example, from Poland, he comments on the "miserable seediness" and "wretched humanity" of Jews.

In general, however, one detects a glint of empathy. Writing from the city of Lodz, he says, "The Jews held themselves back, casting sideways glances at our uniforms… Among them one finds single, small faces with burning expressions of intelligence. Every now and then one sees some elegance. But overall, there's just poverty and misery."

Having witnessed the hanging of three Jews in Lodz's main square, he wonders why they were condemned to death. In the next paragraph, he moves on effortlessly. "I'm doing fine personally," he reports. "We're outside a lot with the lovely, mild weather."

After commenting on the destruction of Jewish ritual baths and a synagogue by ethnic Germans in Lodz, he wonders "how most people can just ignore such things."

After noting that Jewish girls and women clean his barracks, he says, "The comrades behaved themselves. The Nuremberg race laws can perhaps serve to protect Jewish women. Things are pretty bad here with the Polish women."

A keen observer, he notices that while not every Jew in the Kalisch district must wear a yellow armband, the streets of Lodz are "crowded with them."

In a subsequent letter, he writes that the yellow armband has been replaced by a gold star.

Apparently not a person to turn a blind eye away from reality, Jarausch says that Polish Jews expelled from western Poland "live in horrible squalor and misery."

On a more general note, he lambasts the nature of Germany's occupation of the Soviet Union: "We are living at the expense of these people and are sucking them dry. What should we expect, other than bitterness and an abiding desire to overthrow this foreign rule? I don't understand how we can expect anything good to come of such circumstances." Judging by his letters, Jarausch appears to have been a decent German who refused to close his eyes to the crimes against humanity committed by the Nazis in Germany's name.

His son can be thankful that Konrad Jarausch never lost his innate sense of decency.

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Toronto teams earn medals at youth games

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Two shots at medals, two medals won.

Not bad at all, especially when you consider that every one of the 20 athletes dispatched to the JCC Maccabi Games in Philadelphia came home with some sort of hardware.

The boys under-16 roller hockey team captured the bronze medal while the girls under-16 soccer team came away with the gold.

The two teams were the only Canadians to participate in the 2011 games in Philadelphia, which saw 1,700 athletes aged 13 to 16 in attendance. Other youth games were staged in Israel and Springfield, Mass.

Delegation head Alex Voihanski is satisfied with the performance of the Toronto athletes, but he acknowledged that Toronto's participation was modest by previous standards.

With all the changes the Toronto JCCs have experienced in recent years, the city's participation in the youth games has dropped precipitously in only a few years. Toronto used to send 60 or even 80 athletes to the competition, and Voihanksi is confident that next time around, Toronto will get back to those numbers, perhaps as early as next year.

As head of JCC Chai Sports, Voihanski and partner Jeremy Blustein have been charged with operating the JCC's sports programs. In recent years, Chai has developed youth-oriented sports programs in baseball, soccer, basketball and hockey and it is only recently getting around to making the JCC Maccabi event "a larger part of what we do... We're on the rebound."

Relying on his extensive contacts in the hockey community, Voihanski recruited a talented team of players for the roller hockey competition. Roller hockey is not that popular in Toronto, so skaters were asked to adapt to the different game played on cement. Consisting of AAA and AA ice hockey players from Toronto and Montreal, and coached by Shane Urowitz and Blustein, the team learned the off-ice version of the game on the go.

Toronto girls soccer team won a gold medal at the JCC Macabi Games

"It's a very offensive, puck-possession game," with defencemen acting almost like point guards in basketball, Voihanski said. Ice hockey, on the other hand, relies on aggressive fore-checking, which can backfire in roller hockey when teams counterattack.

Toronto registered a 4-3 record overall, including playoffs. They started with two losses to tournament powerhouses Philadelphia (5-4) and Suffolk (6-4).

As they got used to the game, they rebounded with an 8-0 drubbing of Philadelphia's B team and a 5-4 win over Greater Washington.

In the quarter-final, they defeated Baltimore 6-1. They suffered their second loss to Suffolk in the semifinal, 3-2, in a game that was hotly contested and went down to the wire, Voihanski said.

Relegated to the bronze medal game, they defeated Westchester, N.Y., 4-0.

For their part, the girls under-16 soccer team enjoyed immediate success, racking up a 5-1 record and finishing the round robin as top seed in the 12-team tournament.

They were, however, pressed in the semifinal by Philadelphia – who handed them their only defeat in the round robin – winning a 0-0 game in a shoot-out. Jessie Faber, who Voihanski called the unofficial star of the tournament, scored for Toronto while goalie Hanna Boshari registered the shutout.

Playing Los Angeles in the final, Faber again scored for Toronto, while Boshari shut out the Americans. The local heroes cruised to a 2-0 gold medal victory. Last year's team won a bronze.

The girls' success points to the high calibre of young player in the Toronto area, Voihanski said. Forty girls tried out for the team and coach Menashe Levi had the girls practising together for close to three months, as well as playing other quality teams in exhibitions. Looking ahead to 2012, Voihanski said if everything goes according to plan, the Toronto contingent will include boys' baseball, basketball and soccer teams.

Ultimately, he added, the goal is for Toronto to host a JCC Maccabi Games, something the community hasn't done since 1986.

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'Tax issues' prevent Casspi signing with Maccabi Tel Aviv

JTA

TEL AVIV — Omri Casspi won't sign with his former Israeli basketball team during the NBA lockout after all.

A message on Casspi's Twitter page read: "The two sides met today & came to the understanding that the tax issues are too big."

Maccabi Tel Aviv coach David Federman said earlier that Casspi was close to inking a deal with his team. Casspi played with Maccabi Tel Aviv for three seasons before being drafted in 2009 to play for the Sacramento Kings, making him the first Israeli to play in the NBA. Casspi was traded to the Cleveland Cavaliers the day before the start of the July 1 lockout.

ESPN reported that Casspi is considering signing with the French team ASVEL, which is owned by San Antonio Spurs player Tony Parker. Parker has indicated he may play for the team during the lockout. Casspi and Parker also have the same agent.

Casspi, who is currently in Israel, was scheduled to be part of the Israeli national team for the EuroBasket tournament but injured his knee during practice.

He announced on his Twitter page that he would not travel with the Israeli team to Lithuania for its next tournament game. A victory in the European championships could help the Israeli team secure a spot in the 2012 Olympics.

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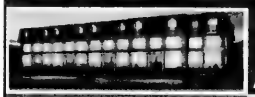

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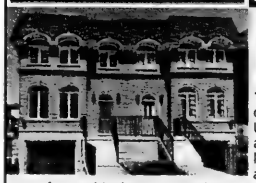

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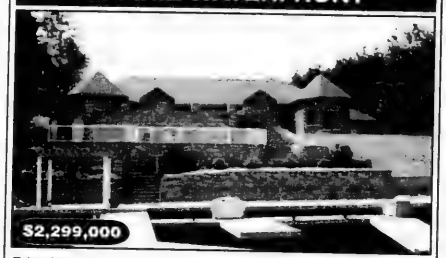

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Israeli golfer qualifies for CN Canadian Women's Open

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

"To fly with the best, sometimes you have to leave the nest."

So wrote rock 'n roll legend Randy Bachman in *Prairie Town*, explaining why he left home for the bright lights of a distant metropolis.

Although she's likely never heard of Bachman, it appears Laetitia Beck subscribes to that same philosophy. She was barely 14 years old when she left her home in Caesarea, Israel, for the golfing Promised Land of west Florida, where she felt she could better pursue her dream of becoming a professional golfer.

"In Israel, it's kind of hard to get better," Beck said on the telephone from Mirabel, Que., where she qualified for the 2011 CN Canadian Women's Open. "If I wanted to improve my game, my family felt I had to go there."

For four years Beck pursued her dream at the IMG Academies' David Leadbetter Golf Academy in Sarasota, Fla., which bills itself as training "the next generation of collegiate and professional stars."

Under the supervision of coach Kevin Collins, Beck improved all aspects of her game. She entered a number of junior tournaments and began to win her share. She finished as runner-up on a number of occasions as well. When she graduated from the academy, she was ranked in the top 5 in the United States in her age group, and her prowess on the links earned her a golf scholarship last year to Duke University in North Carolina.

She'll be resuming her studies this week, but in the meantime, she travelled to Montreal in a bid to qualify for the Women's Open.

Competing along with 42 other hopefuls, Beck shot a one-under 71, good enough for a spot in the LPGA event. She joined a field that included such notables as Lorie Kane, Juli Inkster, Paula Creamer, Michelle Wie and Morgan Pressel.

"It's my first time at a professional tournament," said Beck, 19, although it wasn't her first attempt to qualify for one. Earlier, she had attempted to qualify for the U.S. and British Opens, but was unsuccessful.

"I felt if I keep trying at qualifiers, it will eventually happen," she said.

Beck started well, shooting 71 and 70, good for three under par after two rounds. Things started to unravel over the weekend, however, as she shot rounds of 76 and 77, finishing six over par and well behind tournament winner Brittany Lincicome, who was 13 under.

Still, Beck's performance – she tied for 70th – was the second-best among all amateurs, behind only Canada's Jisoo Keel, who was four over par.

Pressel, meanwhile, who won the Kraft Nabisco Championship in 2007, a major, took home $26,024 with a six under 282, tied at 18th overall.

Speaking in advance of her first round, Beck said her experience in Canada had been gratifying.

Canadians had been very supportive, particularly Jewish fans. "People are happy for me. Everywhere people are surprised that I'm a golfer from Israel."

Considering there is only one 18-hole course in Israel, a recently renovated Pete Dye layout in Caesarea, and another nine-hole course in Kibbutz Gaash, it only stands to reason top-ranked Israeli golfers would be few and far between.

Zohar Sharon, perhaps the best blind golfer in the world, plays the Caesarea course, while 16-year-old Hadas Libman is an up-and-coming talent.

And there's Oren Geri, a 37-year-old from Herzliya who competed in the Golf Channel's *Big Break Indian Wells*. He was billed as "both the top-ranked amateur and professional golfer from Israel... who has represented his native country in numerous international events, including several World Cup matches."

Laetitia Beck

Beck, of course, is just starting her career, and she believes she still has a lot of work to do before she can become a regular on the tour. She's committed to becoming a professional.

"I like to be the best and work hard," she said. "I'm a perfectionist, so I like to work hard to make my game perfect."

Her own harshest critic, Beck thinks there's room to improve her driving – although at only five-eight-and-a-half and 135 pounds, she can drive the ball 255 yards – but "I don't think I'm hitting it as straight as I should."

So what are her strengths on the course?

"I hit greens in regulation," she said, "and when I miss, it's only a few yards."

Beck was born in Belgium and immigrated to Israel with her family at age six. Her parents are golfers, and they introduced her to the sport when she was nine. By age 12, the Caesarea club pro suggested she compete in the Israeli Open against adults. In her first go, she won the tournament in a playoff against a Swiss player.

Golf suits her temperament, Beck said.

"I like to be by myself a lot. In golf, it's kind of a lonely sport, especially in Israel, because I'm the only girl."

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Career at Stratford started with a 'mysterious' phone call

E.B. Smith, right, as Marquess of Dorset in Richard III
[David Hou photo]

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Stratford Festival actor E.B. Smith would love the opportunity to play a Jewish character, but he suspects his looks might hold him back.

"It's been difficult for me because I am of African American decent," he said, adding that while his mother is Jewish, his father was raised Southern Baptist.

"When the opportunity comes up to audition for traditionally Jewish roles, I'm usually not considered because I don't look Jewish," 29-year-old Smith said.

"Some directors are very apt to cast the right person regardless of appearance, but it's a stigma I think you get more from audiences that come in expecting a certain thing, and if they don't get [it], there is something that doesn't ring true for them."

Ironically, Smith, the third actor in a series of three Heebonics features on Jewish performers working at Stratford, said the Jewish tradition of storytelling is what helped flame his passion for theatre acting.

"I take from my Jewish heritage a very strong sense of storytelling and a communal essence of culture and identity... I enjoy the tradition of oral storytelling.

"I feel a very strong tie between that and Shakespeare. Shakespeare's is a very Christian perspective, but I think, at the core of it, the tradition of it is very similar. I think, in that regard, [my Jewish upbringing] has helped me a lot."

Smith, born in Cleveland, Ohio, where he was an active member of Cleveland's Jewish community – he had a bar mitzvah and attended shul every Friday night – said his acting began as a hobby.

"In high school, I was dead set on going into the Naval Academy. One day, I got cast in *The Crucible*, in another high school around Cleveland. It was an all-girls school, so they needed boys," he recalled.

"That was when I realized that it really kind of fit me."

Following high school, Smith studied acting at Ohio University before moving to Chicago to work for the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre.

Smith said it was a "mysterious" phone call that brought him to Stratford to work as an actor in the world-renowned Shakespeare festival last year.

"The festival actually found me. I was working at the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, and I got a phone call one day that sounded very mysterious. And the voice said, 'The Stratford Festival would like to see you audition.'

"I hadn't applied, and I hadn't asked for an audition, and it was all very strange. I asked, 'How did you get this number?'

"And she said, 'We have people,'" he recalled, laughing.

A year had passed before Smith got a callback from his audition, and then he was invited last year to become a member of the Birmingham Conservatory for Classical Theatre, a training program at Stratford that prepares young actors for classical theatre work.

About eight actors are chosen for the program, which runs from September to February, and the participants are paid and offered a contract for the festival's following season.

E.B. Smith

In his Stratford debut, having completed his training with the conservatory earlier this year, Smith is currently playing Marquess of Dorset in *Richard III*, as well as Alarbus in Titus Andronicus. Both plays are running until the end of September.

"I don't think there is any other place in the world like Stratford... The way this place creates theatre is really unique," Smith said.

"The fact that it has four different performance spaces and that it has 12 plays running concurrently – it's rather astonishing. From a logistical point of view and an actor's point of view, the theatre is unsurpassed – it's just immense in that way."

Smith added that the talent of the actors involved with the theatre company is just as impressive.

"The cast in *Richard III*, I believe, is 20-something people, and they are all pros. And you don't tend to find that depth of talent anywhere else," he said.

"People with walk-on roles have the capability of playing any role in the show. And they are happy to do it because of whom they get to work with and they get to do it here. That makes this place very special."

Smith credited his parents for giving him the freedom to pursue a career in the arts.

"My mother was a musician and a music teacher. And so from a creative aspect, she really understands what I do and why I like to do it.

"My father grew up a jock, and actually had the opportunity to play pro-ball for the Chicago Cubs. He understands it on a different level. He understands the idea of chasing your dreams and working your way up through the ranks."

Smith said both his parents emphasized the idea that people should do what they love – as long as they're good at it and can find a way to make a living doing it.

In addition to doing what he loves, Smith believes the performing arts are important for the overall health of society.

"I think it's really important that we as a society, in the Jewish community and beyond, don't lose the ability to entertain each other. We don't need to turn on a TV to be entertained. I think we have stories within ourselves that we can impart."

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אני: איך את יודעת שהוא יהודי?

טלי: נו, איפה אנחנו יושבות? חוץ מזה, תראי איזה אבא מסור הוא. משלנו.

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טלי: את יודעת מה, אולי זה בכלל לא הוא?

אני: זה לא הוא. זה סתם איש שיושב לאכול עם הבן שלו.

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אני: טלי, גם את מתגעגעת קצת לקניון רמת אביב?

המשך יבוא

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1-2 tblsp oil, for frying

Season cutlets well on both sides with salt and pepper. On one plate, scatter flour. On another plate, blend quinoa flakes, Italian seasoning, Cajun seasoning. Beat egg in wide, shallow bowl.

Dredge each cutlet on both sides in flour. Shake off any excess; coat both sides with egg. Fully coat both sides with quinoa mixture, taking care to cover empty spots by pressing quinoa flakes into place. Gently shake off any loose coating. Heat 1 tblsp. oil in heavy skillet. Fry cutlets until lightly browned and crusty on first side, 1½-2 mins. Flip and brown second side, 1-2 min. Add more oil if needed. If cutlets are not cooked through and the coating threatens to burn, turn off heat, cover, let sit in residual heat until done.

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Richard Prasquier, president of the ICRF (the umbrella group for Jewish organizations in France), who talks about France's possible response to a Palestinian request for statehood recognition by the United Nations.

Israeli journalist Freddy Eytan who recently published a biography on Benjamin Netanyahu.

Also on the web

The Cummings Jewish Centre for Seniors in Montreal has joined an international effort to restore Holocaust-era properties to survivors or their descendants.

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Once a year thousands of people come together at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem for a celebration and extensive tasting of Israeli wines. This event provides wine aficionados with an opportunity to meet the people behind the wines and sample some of the new vinos on the market.

Friends of Yiddish group celebrates 30 years

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Thirty years ago, Gloria Morris and a small group of friends met for a "Yiddish" lunch.

They got such pleasure out of conversing together in Yiddish, she said, that they thought plenty of others would also be interested.

They held a meeting, elected an executive – Hindy Abelson was the first president – and officially started Friends of Yiddish, an organization whose purpose is to help ensure the continuity and growth of Yiddish language, literature and culture.

With about 160 members, FOY runs monthly meetings and holds programs for members and the public.

As well, they organize Yiddish conversation groups, publish a newsletter, and occasionally offer trips to places of major Yiddish interest.

Morris, a first-generation Canadian, said that growing up, her grandmother spoke no English, "so we spoke in Yiddish. I have a very warm feeling [for the language]."

Eda Zimler, left, and Helen Smolkin

Helen Smolkin, a French teacher, is on the board of the International Association of Yiddish Clubs and has been president of FOY since last year. She was co-president of FOY for five years with Eda Zimler, who was also president for a number of years.

Smolkin has had a passion for Yiddish since growing up speaking Yiddish to her parents.

"Now my husband understands how I feel and loves Yiddish as well. There is no other language like it," said Smolkin, who runs a Yiddish kiddush at Beit Rayim Synagogue.

"Yiddish is not dying. Young people are still studying it, and we are trying to promote it from generation to generation."

She said her son, Mitch, the recipient of a FOY scholarship to study in the Uriel Weinreich Program in Yiddish Language, Literature and Culture at Columbia University, is a Yiddish entertainer "and is helping to continue the legacy. This program is now offered at other centres, and FOY takes applicants for scholarships."

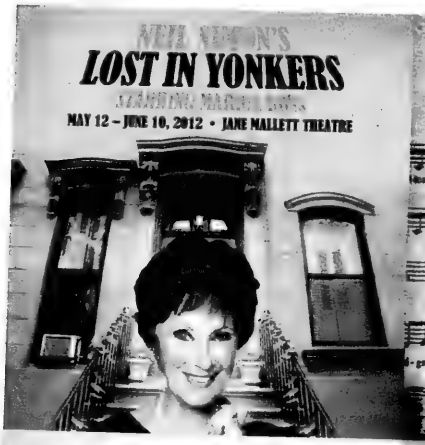
Smolkin said FOY, which is funded by dues, has no website, and it depends on word of mouth.

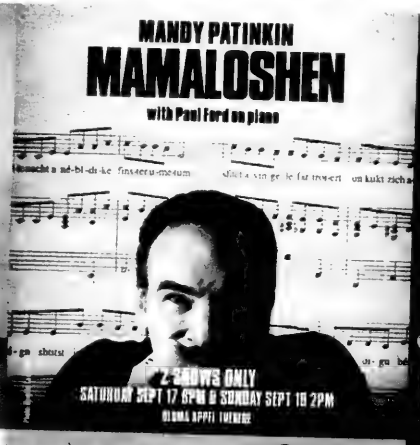
"We sent an outreach letter to a woman whose membership had lapsed, and we asked her to rejoin. She was so touched by the letter that she took out a membership in memory of her husband. It's giving her a lot of pleasure now.

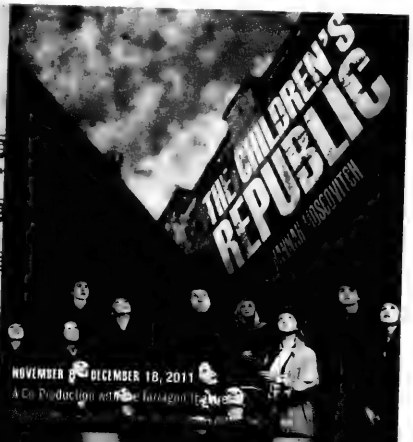
"That is how we work. We are the ambassadors."

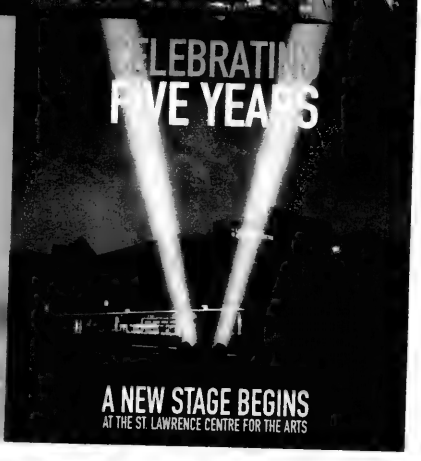
Friends of Yiddish is launching its new season with a breakfast featuring comic Alf Kwinter, who will perform in English with some Yiddish, Sept. 11 at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. For information, e-mail yiddish18@yahoo.ca.

A SEASON OF STARS









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Back to school

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu joined a class of first graders on their first day of school last week in northern Israel. As children return this week to school in Canada, *The CJN* examines tuition rates for the academic year at some Toronto Jewish day schools.
Please see the story on page 3.
[Israel Sun photo]

Campus radio group passes BDS motion

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

The National Campus and Community Radio Association (NCRA) quietly adopted a motion in June at its annual general meeting to endorse the boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign against Israel and its media institutions.

The motion, which accuses Israel of "waves of ethnic cleansing" and of enforcing a system that "resembles the defunct apartheid system in South Africa," passed when a majority of about 100 delegates representing 23 member stations voted in favour of the boycott.

Many NCRA stations are on university and college campuses and are supported in part by student fees.

Aaron Lakoff, a volunteer news and music programmer at McGill University's CKUT and a Jewish, anti-Zionist activist in Montreal, was one of the members who put the motion forward.

Lakoff said the motion, modelled on a similar one passed by the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters in Argentina in November, called on NCRA members to "comprehensively and consistently boycott all Israeli media institutions and products... refrain from participation in any form of co-operation, collaboration or joint projects with Israeli media institutions... [and] advocate a comprehensive boycott of Israeli media institutions at the national and international levels."

Lakoff, who said his station has often presented pro-Palestinian programming and backed events "relating to the Israeli occupation and the Palestinian freedom struggles," said the motion was carefully worded to affirm support for the creation of community radio stations in Israel and to challenge "institutional censorship" policies enforced by the Israeli government.

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CANADA

Kenney To Speak

OTTAWA — Federal Immigration Minister Jason Kenney will speak at the "anti-Durban" conference being held Sept. 22 in New York City. Kenney will join such prominent speakers as Nobel Prize-winner Elie Wiesel, Harvard Law professor Alan Dershowitz and actor Jon Voigt at the event, which will run at the same time as a UN anti-racism conference in the city that Canada, Israel, the United States and others are boycotting because they say it will become an Israel-bashing forum like its predecessors in 2001 and 2009. The Sept. 22 event will mark 10 years since the first conference, held in Durban, South Africa, in 2001. Canada was the first nation to say it would not take part in this year's UN conference.

WORLD

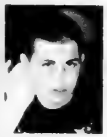
Concert Interrupted

LONDON — Anti-Israel protesters disrupted a live BBC broadcast of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra playing in London. Hecklers in the audience shouted during its Sept. 1 appearance at London's Royal Albert Hall. BBC's Radio 3 interrupted its broadcast and later resumed it, only to suspend it after more shouting. The orchestra was taking part in the BBC Proms summer classical music festival. The hecklers were removed by security and jeered by the audience. The Palestine Solidarity Campaign had called for a boycott of the concert. The BBC refused calls to cancel the performance, saying the orchestra's invitation to perform was "purely musical."

Monument Defaced

WARSAW — Vandals defaced a monument in the eastern Polish town of Jedwabne that recalls hundreds of Jews burned alive in a barn there by their Polish neighbours in July 1941. A decade ago, a book about the massacre, *Neighbours*, prompted a national debate on Poland's role in the Shoah. In last week's attack, antisemitic slogans and swastikas were scrawled in big green letters on the monument and the wall around it. One read, "No need to apologize for Jedwabne." The monument isn't lit and stands on its own, away from town buildings. Police are linking this attack to other apparent neo-fascist attacks aimed at minorities in the past few weeks in eastern and northeast Poland, including antisemitic slogans and Nazi symbols found on the former synagogue in the town of Orla on Aug. 10.

U.S. Muslims Urge Hamas To Free Schalit



Gilad Schalit

LONDON — A group of prominent American Muslims issued a letter Aug. 26 urging Hamas to immediately release captive Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit.

The letter's 11 signatories include the two Muslim members of the U.S. Congress – Reps. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.) and Andre Carson (D-Ind.) – as well as Muslim academics and communal figures.

"We believe Hamas' harsh treatment and five-year detention of Schalit is wrong," the Muslim leaders wrote in their letter, which was addressed to Khaled Meshal, the Syrian-based chairman of Hamas' political bureau.

The letter noted that Hamas has complained about the conditions under which Israel holds thousands of Palestinian prisoners. Citing the teachings of Muhammad, the letter's signatories wrote that Muslims are "instructed to 'repel the evil deed with one that is better.'"

"The struggle for Palestinian human rights and self-determination must be based on this ethical and moral code," the letter said. "Hamas' inhumane detention of Schalit undermines the Palestinian people's legitimate aspirations for human rights and a state of their own, existing in peace and security beside Israel."

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Day school tuition fees on the rise...again

Cost of education increases more than rate of inflation

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Rising Jewish day school tuition costs are hitting the middle class hardest, and educators and community leaders are not offering much hope that the situation will change soon.

UJA Federation of Greater Toronto provides about $10 million – more than any other Jewish federation – according to Elizabeth Wolfe, chair of federation's board of directors – to subsidize costs for families who cannot afford full tuition.

Federation subsidies enable access for lower income families, but don't provide broad-based tuition help, Wolfe said. "It's not something we have been able to accomplish. If you know somebody who wants to commit a billion dollars to an education endowment, that would go a long way."

"It's not realistic to assume that UJA's fundraising capacity can fulfil [the need to lower tuition across the board]," Wolfe told *The CJN*.

The Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto likely has the highest Jewish day school rates in the city, at $21,500 for the 2011/2012 school year. The cost represents an increase of seven per cent over last year, when tuition was $20,100.

"The cost of providing education at all levels, whether public or private, consistently rises faster than the rate of inflation [reported by Statistics Canada as 3.1 per cent in June of this year]," said Paul Shaviv, TanenbaumCHAT's director of education.

At TanenbaumCHAT, total enrolment is down slightly from more than 1,400 students last year to just under 1,400 this year, reflecting "demographic trends in the community," Shaviv said. "We are past the baby boom peak... The Toronto District School Board is closing many schools."

From another perspective, the school's retention rate for the coming year – more than 94 per cent – is record-setting, according to Shaviv. "We are delighted about that."

But, he said, he can't "persuade parents to have more babies 15 years ago." He noted that the percentage of students entering Grade 9 from TanenbaumCHAT's feeder schools [local Jewish day schools] "has not materially changed over the last few years."

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Israel's realist think-tank (2)

The Begin-Sadat (BESA) Center for Strategic Studies at Bar-Ilan University in Israel is renowned around the world for its straight-talking approach to Middle East geo-political policy analysis. It is also renowned for its clear ideological orientation. It openly advances "a realist, conservative and staunchly Zionist agenda in the search for peace for Israel."

Anyone examining the long inventory of the centre's publications will be struck by the substantively comprehensive and earnest nature of the many works, as well as by the wide diversity of opinions expressed in those works.

From the editor's desk...

For example, the centre recently published a position paper by Maj.-Gen. (res.) Giora Eiland in which he questioned the conventional two-state solution that is now the accepted paradigm for resolving the Palestinian-Israel conflict. Eiland has become increasingly despairing of the possibility of arriving at a negotiated, two-state solution with the Palestinian Authority leadership. He thus called for a new international initiative to supplant the current stalemate. He suggested a novel two-pronged approach to ending the conflict: a Jordanian-Palestinian federation combined with land swaps involving portions of the Egyptian Sinai desert.

Some months later, presumably after undoubtedly intense internal discussion and debate regarding Eiland's proposal, the centre published a position paper by one of its associates, Prof. Stuart Cohen, who suggested an alternative to the Eiland alternative: a unilateral Israeli dismantlement of the civilian settlements established since 1967 in Judea and Samaria.

In light of the centre's stated "realist, conservative and staunchly Zionist agenda," it was surprising to see Cohen's suggestion also published under the centre's imprimatur.

There are many more such examples of the BESA Center publishing contrary and even quite opposing points of view in its various discussion papers. And in this approach by BESA in "the search for peace for Israel," there is a lesson for us, for all communities concerning the tolerance we should extend to others, if not necessarily for their opinions.

BESA invites and encourages wide discussion – within parameters, of course, that do not offend its core mission – on the entire range of issues that affect the peace and security of the Jewish state. In this sincere exchange of ideas, BESA scholars and strategists believe the centre's core principles ultimately emerge strengthened. Free debate is the intellectual foundry in which key beliefs are tested and refined. The publication of counter-argument enhances the reputation of the centre's integrity and thus enables it to better advance its "realist" mission through policies and ideas that can withstand counter-argument.

In this regard, it is noteworthy that Routledge: Taylor & Francis Group of London and New York recently published *Israeli Statecraft: National Security Challenges and Responses*, by Yehezkel Dror, for BESA Studies in International Security.

Dror is one of Israel's most venerated policy thinkers. He is professor of political science and public administration, emeritus, at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, with a long list of publications, academic associations and peer group distinctions.

He is an experienced observer of the world and of the many competing, often dysfunctional systems of government within it. He is also an experienced participant in helping formulate public policy that tries to mend the dysfunctions.

His signature is looking long and with great acuity into the far horizon of tomorrow. Where most of us see mostly a hazy uncertainty, Dror always sees the outlines and shapes of possibilities.

In the BESA series book, Dror brings his rich background in analysis to examine Israeli statecraft in the face of specific current national security challenges. It is a multi-layered work that cuts across disciplines and interrelates ideas with the complicated detail and intermeshing precision of a Frank Gehry-designed concert hall.

Dror provides detailed recommendations along with the comprehensive contextual background. Some of the recommendations are stunning in their originality. He offers suggestions in relation to the wide range of difficult situations facing the Jewish state, including the broad Arab-Israeli conflict, the narrower conflict with the Palestinians, the threat posed by Iran, Israel's relations with the Diaspora, Israel's relations with the United States, Israel's relations with the international community and much more.

Not all of Dror's suggestions can be said to strictly conform to the "realist, conservative" approach that is the BESA Center's hallmark. That BESA has published Dror's ideas is a lesson to us all about how to look for solutions to the pressing, multifaceted, existential problem that we call the search for peace for Israel.

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Martha Stewart visits Israel, again

American media personality and entrepreneur Martha Stewart flew to Israel last week for a whirlwind tourist's visit. Stewart visited Masada, the Galilee and Tel Aviv, as well as the Dead Sea, where she was expected to support the Dead Sea's candidacy to be included as one of the world's seven natural wonders. Stewart visited Israel for two weeks in May of last year. Writing in her blog following her visit last year, Stewart wrote of "two amazing weeks in Israel, truly one of the most beautiful and fascinating landscapes I've ever seen."

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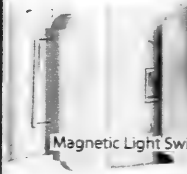
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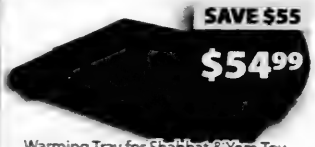
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Med student takes part in Uganda mission

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Second-year University of Toronto medical student Jordan Silverman said he feels lucky to have been involved with a humanitarian mission that provided necessary spinal surgery to people in Uganda, donated school supplies for 200 children, and presented the Abayudaya Tribe – the Ugandan Jewish community – with their first authentic Torah.

Ve'ahavta, the Toronto-based humanitarian organization, partnered with the Uganda Charitable Spine Surgery Mission (UCSSM) last month for a medical mission that helped 17 patients who suffered from spinal issues such as scoliosis, spinal deformities caused by tuberculosis, degenerative disc disease and spinal cord injuries.

In addition to the free surgeries provided by a team of 13 surgeons and health professionals, Ve'ahavta also sent more than $160,000 in medical supplies for patients in the Mulago Hospital in Kampala, as well as 200 "kinder kits" – knapsacks filled with school supplies.

"The 200 kinder kits were given out in two parts. About 50 were given to children we saw in the clinic, whether or not we were performing surgery on them… The other 150 were given to the children of Putti, where the… Jewish community lives," Silverman said.

Jordan Silverman hands out kinder kits to Ugandan children.

The kits included notebooks, pens, pencils, a sharpener, as well as a Shabbat candle and a dreidel.

"At the clinic, throughout the week, you would see the kids walking around with their knapsacks, and every time I walked by, they would smile, because they remembered, 'You're the guy that gave me this beautiful gift.'"

But Silverman, who joined the mission to represent Ve'ahavta, said the most moving part of the mission was the donation of a Torah to the Jewish community in the village of Putti.

Last year, Dr. Isador Lieberman, an orthopedic surgeon from Texas who had just completed his sixth medical mission with the UCSSM, learned about the Abayudaya community, ethnic Jews who observe Shabbat and keep kosher, but did not own a Torah.

"They had been struggling for recognition among Orthodox Jews in the world that they are Jewish," Silverman said. "They converted into Judaism… but they have been following Jewish practice for about 100 years, and it has been frustrating for them not to have the support of the Jewish communities around the world."

Inspired by their devotion to the Jewish faith, Lieberman promised the congregation – estimated at about 1,100 people – that he would bring them an authentic Torah.

A World War-II-era Torah scroll was purchased in part by Ve'ahavta, as well as donors from the Jewish community in Texas, Silverman said.

"It was very emotional. People were crying. The members that were receiving it were crying. The people who were presenting it were crying."

Adhering to the custom traditionally followed when bringing a Torah into a synagogue, Silverman said a makeshift chupah was constructed out of a bed sheet and four sticks that were found on the ground.

"We marched around with the Torah. There were about 150 people dancing around, singing, as we marched the Torah to the synagogue where it was placed in the Aron Kodesh," Silverman recalled.

"For people who had been struggling for so long to be recognized as Jewish, it made me truly appreciate the value of being Jewish. They were so happy… I think getting the Torah was really a validating process."

Of course, the main purpose of the mission was to provide life-changing spinal surgery for a population that suffers from a disproportionate number of deformities.

Silverman said his role on the team was to work closely with Lieberman as a scribe.

"He and I would see patients in the clinic, and I was to write up their cases, collect their information and document the clinical encounter and any follow-up that there was for the 40 or 50 patients that we saw," he said.

"There was a lot to learn both in the clinic and in the operating room. I got to scrub in on a few surgeries… They would teach me suturing and how to hold the suction [tube]."

Silverman said that although he learned a lot from a medical standpoint, the emotional impact the mission had on him was even more significant.

"This was mainly a medical trip, but giving out the kinder kits and the Torah were just as rewarding, if not more rewarding, than the medical part."

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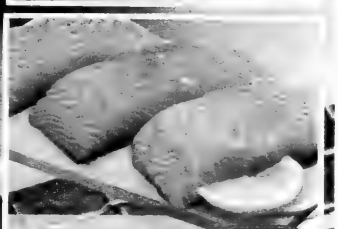

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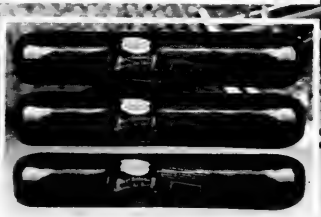

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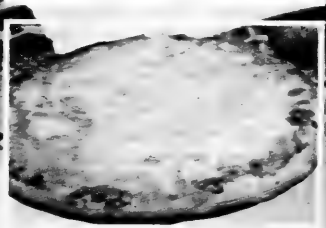

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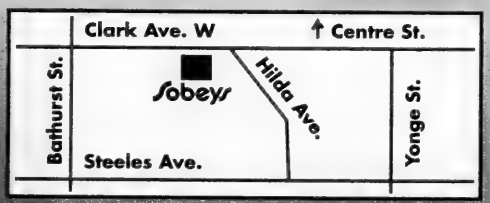

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Everything changed on that terrible Tuesday morning 10 years ago, on Sept. 11, 2001. Nearly 3,000 people were killed by 19 Al Qaeda terrorists. The lives of the families and friends of the individuals murdered were forever altered and disfigured, diminished for all time. Our society faced the newly activated, brazen hatred of a radical, despotic Islamism entirely opposed to the values of the free and liberal West.

And nothing changed on that day. For we still confront that hatred. The chief planner of the attacks 10 years ago has been dispatched. But the cause around which he rallied his fellow murderers remains, embraced by countless exploited youths and even some thuggish theocrats who rule Iran, Hezbollah and Hamas, for example.

The further proof of the perseverance of that unvanquished, unabated hatred lies in an irony too disgustingly surreal to ignore: the United Nations has chosen to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the anti-Israel, antisemitic hate fest known as the Durban I conference on the very day of the 10th anniversary of 9-11 atrocities. The Durban I conference, it should be recalled, ended three days before 9-11. It was the perverse prologue to the ghoulish Twin Tower inferno.

"What must we – each one of us – do now?" *The CJN* asked on this page after 9-11. The question is as urgent today as it was then, as is, too, the answer that was written then on this page.

"Perhaps we might find our inspiration in the actions of the firefighters and police, the men and women who risked their lives last week in order to save other lives. As people were running away from the unfolding massive terror, the firefighters and police were actually running toward it, to rescue, to comfort, to aid.

"When questioned late last week, one firefighter, having worked through the chilly, wet night, still desperately seeking any stirrings of human life in the death-drenched debris, explained his determination. 'My mind was set… that we would not give up…'

"Like the firefighters, we, each one of us, must never give up being sentinels and sentries for the values we so deeply cherish. Like the firefighters, we, too… have duties; namely, each day to be exemplars of those values.

"Whatever challenges and difficulties lie ahead, as our society confronts the people who planned and perpetrated the terror last week, we, like the firefighters, must remain individuals of courage and compassion, of goodness and decency, a testament to the excellence and indomitability of democratic ideals and the democratic way of life."

With reverence for the murdered, we look back on that horrible Tuesday 10 years ago. And with resolve, we say that it must never happen again. We choose to affirm the sanctity of life.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

A machine gun and grenade attack by two Arab terrorists on the Neve Shalom synagogue in Istanbul killed 22 Shabbat morning worshippers and wounded four more. Israeli prime minister Shimon Peres called it the bloodiest shul massacre since the Nazi era.

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Community 'unbranded'

I am saddened for the Canadian Jewish community, which has been "unbranded" by the new organization called the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA). Where is the "Canadian" in it ("Congress era over as CIJA reboot starts," Aug. 25)? How is it going to look when this new advocacy organization is quoted in the general media? Will the broader, non-Jewish Canadian community know what CIJA is and what relationship it has to the Canadian Jewish community? It could be any organization from anywhere, and the new name sounds more about dealing with Israel affairs than about domestic Jewish affairs in Canada, such as antisemitism, which affects the average Jewish Canadian directly. Or maybe that is the point. As Sally Zerker implies in "The restructuring of communal advocacy" (Aug. 25), perhaps CIJA wants to be one step removed from its grassroots. It seems to me that we had a perfect brand already – Canadian Jewish Congress – which as a grassroots organization spelled out exactly what the Jewish community stood for and what it sought to achieve through its advocacy.

Sheri Goldberg
Toronto

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University homecoming during holidays

The University of Western Ontario has a long history of championing freedom of academic thought and expression, and inclusion of people from all ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds. Regrettably, when we set the 2011 Homecoming dates some years ago for Sept. 30 and Oct. 2, we missed the overlap with Rosh Hashanah. As a result, many of our Jewish students, alumni, faculty and staff will not be able to participate in parts of Homecoming. We regret this oversight, and commit that when planning future major public events, we will take greater care to avoid this type of conflict.

Helen Connell,
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New JCC while school fees high

I, too, mourn with my friend Rabbi Erwin Schild ("On Tisha b'Av weep for the BJCC, Aug. 4). There are survival needs for the Jewish People. Many families are unable to afford the tuition required for Jewish schooling for their children, and some in fact suffer impoverishment in paying the high fees required to maintain our religious educational institutions. Israel is being threatened and we are using funds for a fancier Jewish community centre?

Sara Edell Schafler-Kelman
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San Remo resolution still binding

Bernard Katz ("The British Mandate," letters, Sept 1) is wrong when he states that "the West Bank was never recognized under the British Mandate as part of a future Jewish state." But the San Remo conference of the League of Nations in 1920 issued a resolution "in favour of the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people." The resolution makes no distinction between the different parts of "Palestine" and most certainly did not exclude the West Bank (a term that only came into use much later), either explicitly or implicitly. What's more, the San Remo resolution is still binding under international law, as the United Nations has not abrogated it or changed its terms.

Stephen Tannenbaum
Thornhill, Ont.

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Palestinian 'aspirations'

One can only empathize with letter writer Toby Brooks ("Land confiscated in West Bank," Sept. 1), who has nightmares of the "expropriation of Canada's magnificent wilderness by New York State" as she likens it to Israel's right to Kiryat Hayovel, which was originally uncultivated land in southwestern Jerusalem located on Mount Herzl. Kiryat Hayovel was built in the 1950s to house thousands of Jews who fled their homes in Arab countries. It also happened to be the residence of Teddy Kollek, a former mayor of Jerusalem. We do not know if she sleeps soundly when attackers from Gaza, an area where Israel dismantled settlements and that it vacated, commit murder and mayhem on innocent Israelis. She concludes with a wish that Israel desist from "delegitimizing" itself so that she can speak up for an Israel that respects the "aspirations" of its Palestinian neighbours. If the aspirations of these Palestinian neighbours are reflected in the Hamas charter, with its goal to drive the Jews into the sea, then Brooks must realize that Israel does not intend to respect such aspirations.

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No time to lose confronting many pressing problems

By Shimon Fogel

As we launch the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, the new advocacy body representing Canadian Jewry, our community is in a unique position.

We enjoy equal rights, full participation in Canadian society, and complete freedom to practice our faith and traditions without fear – indeed, often with the full support of our neighbours. The recent incident at Beth Tikvah Synagogue in Toronto is especially telling, but not because of the appearance of the antisemitic graffiti itself. Rather, the heartfelt response of the shul's non-Jewish neighbours, including those companies that offered to remove the graffiti free of charge, should give us all pause to reflect on the fortunate position we enjoy as Canadian Jews in 2011, an exception to most of our people's history.

In the midst of these blessings, we stand before a number of escalating and quickly evolving challenges. Antisemitism is of course unacceptable in Canada, but at the same time anti-Zionism has become increasingly fashionable. Whether on campus, within the trade union movement or inside some churches, the questioning of Israel's very right to exist – far beyond any reasonable criticism of Israeli policies – has gained momentum. Although we have many non-Jewish friends who see this trend for what it is, it has flown under the radar for far too many others.

Shimon Fogel

The blurring of the line between antisemitism and anti-Zionism resulted in overlapping mandates between previous advocacy organizations. Take the example of Israeli Apartheid Week. When Jewish students are intimidated on campus during anti-Zionist demonstrations, is this an Israel advocacy issue, or a matter of domestic security and antisemitism? The answer, of course, is both. Our community has long perceived its own security, as Canadian Jews, in response to the level of hostility projected upon Israel – and with good reason.

If we are ever unable to openly show support or affection for the Jewish national homeland and its residents, we will have found ourselves unable to give expression to our very sense of Judaism and Jewish life. In western Europe in the 19th century, our ancestors were told they could be Jews privately but not publicly. Today, our community's detractors are attempting to create a situation where we are free to be Jews both publicly and privately – but Zionists never. We cannot allow this to happen, and this is just one compelling reason for a united organization that operates through a single lens and under a central, strategic direction.

That said, worries are not all that lie ahead. The greatest challenges often come in the form of opportunities that compel us to the high standards of those who came before us. Today, our community stands at the crossroads of a number of key public policy debates. How can Canada best offer both reasonable accommodation and values-based integration for immigrants? How can we ensure, in increasingly unstable economic times, that every Canadian gets his or her opportunity to prosper and that the most vulnerable are not left behind?

Although we continue to see Jewish immigration to Canada, we are no longer a community of immigrants. Our story has a special place in the development and greater history of our country. Our parents and grandparents made an immense contribution not only to civic society as a whole, but to the laws, policies, and principles that governed Canada – to the betterment of all Canadians.

It is with reverence for our past and with a focus on the new opportunities and challenges ahead that the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs takes up the mantle of community advocacy following a restructuring process that engaged stakeholders from across the country.

Through this process, we have discerned the best practices of our predecessor organizations, including the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canada-Israel Committee, and forged a path that will enable us to uphold the legacy, achievements, and traditions of these distinguished organizations.

One of those best practices is the need to enshrine grassroots empowerment as a definitive operating principle, shaping our entire advocacy model and strategic objectives. This is why the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs has been structured to ensure local engagement and accountability to every community – big and small – on a level never before experienced.

Jewish federations will remain the focal point for Canadian Jewry to get involved and make a difference. Local leaders in both federated and non-federated locations will be on the forefront of developing and delivering the agenda, with the support, expertise, and collaboration of our national team. It is with pride that we note that, with an estimated 100,000 donors nationwide through our federation partners, we have established the most representative community body in the country.

There has been criticism levelled at the new organization from some in our community. Those that have been shared directly with our lay leaders and staff and offered for constructive purposes have been extremely useful. These points will enable us to move forward with even greater effectiveness and accountability.

However, some criticisms are not constructive, and indeed are perhaps not intended to be so. Simply put, we cannot allow ourselves to be distracted by those who wish to air internal community disputes in the media and greater public forums.

We have too much urgent work to do not just in the future, but right now - and on a full range of issues, both domestic and international.

The president of Iran denies the Shoah, threatens to wipe Israel off the map, and sends heavy weapons to Hezbollah and Hamas while developing Iran's own illegal nuclear program. Young Jews bear witness to the slandering of Israel on campus, both in and out of the classroom. Poverty among elderly Jews in Canada continues to be a serious concern, with some 16 per cent of those over the age of 75 living under the poverty line.

These are just a few of many pressing problems our community faces. Frankly, we have no time to lose. Together with our federation partners, we need to map out solutions and work with governments, at the federal, provincial, and municipal levels. We need to build coalitions with like-minded Canadians across the country. And we must develop creative policy approaches that ensure we achieve the greatest impact possible.

As a community, we have an opportunity to position Canada as a leader on all of these issues – especially the cornerstones of human rights, social justice, and the defence of Israel, all pillars of our predecessor organizations.

The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs' board of directors is an impressive and diverse roster of lay leaders from across the country. It consists of people from larger and smaller communities alike, stemming from a variety of professional backgrounds – including former parliamentarians from across the political spectrum. And as the official representative of Canada's pro-Israel community, I am proud to say that the organization's lay leadership also includes a number of prominent non-Jews who are as committed as they are knowledgeable.

Anti-Zionist demonstrations, such as the one pictured, have intimidated Jewish students on campus.
[CJN file photo]

Our organization includes a professional staff of more than 40 outstanding individuals, representing a substantial depth of experience across a range of fields. Based in offices in Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, and Vancouver, and with experience in corporate and non-profit leadership roles, as well as in Jewish community work, government, media and public opinion research, they are devoted to fulfilling our mandate with vigour and innovation.

Canada's Jews, like Jews everywhere, have always been visionaries, demanding of themselves hard work, integrity, and excellence. This is what inspires the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, as we begin a new chapter in Canadian Jewish life.

We recognize that the stakes are high. We have been tasked with ensuring that Canada remains a place where our children and grandchildren will always be free to be fully Jewish and fully Canadian – and contribute to building an even better country for all its citizens.

None of us would be here today if not for the sacrifices of those who came before us. I intend for Canadian Jewry in the next century to be able to make the same claim of our generation with authenticity. That's why the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs will succeed in its vision – and settle for nothing less.

Shimon Fogel is CEO of the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs

Teaching for the future

As I write this, sitting in a café in late Jerusalem summer, a hurricane rages up the Atlantic coast. CNN covers it non-stop. That's how it is: round-the-clock media feed a growing appetite for the fearsome, disturbing and bad. Meanwhile, the good – whether balmy weather or acts of human kindness – goes uncovered. As we approach Rosh Hashanah, I want to focus on a spot of good.

For the past 10 years, my York University colleagues Michael Brown and Mark Webber have developed and nurtured a unique program for the study of the Holocaust. The Mark and Gail Appel Program in Holocaust and Antiracism Education – Teaching from the Past, Teaching for the Future – brings together Canadian, German and Polish students to contend with the Jewish past and its implications.

Affectionately known by its partipants as "TftF," this initiative of York's Israel and Golda Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies and the Canadian Centre for German and European Studies teaches by travelling through Poland and Germany, visiting places of Jewish life and Jewish death, meeting eyewitnesses and local educators and museum curators committed to commemorating the past and drawing lessons from it.

Participants learn about Judaism by visiting synagogues and community centres. During the winter following their summer study, they convene again in Canada for a week's seminar, listening to professors and survivors, presenting their own research and pedagogical projects, and exploring the multicultural society of Canada. Most participants intend to teach at the elementary and high school levels. A few plan to become professors or work at memorial museums.

In addition to the formidable challenge of studying the Holocaust intensely for an extended period of time, participants learn to speak with one another across cultural divides, addressing preconceptions about one another and differing interpretations of the past. They learn – as Webber notes – that we can disagree respectfully and remain friends.

This summer, marking the 10-year anniversary of TftF, alumni of past programs travelled together to Israel. By now well-launched into their own careers – as teachers, professors, journalists, museum workers – they reported on the impact of TftF on their sense of purpose. Now, they have come to Israel, to study not simply the Jewish past, but its present and future.

Now, the final day of our time together here, we reflect on what, for most, is a first encounter with this country. They come to it with great curiosity and many questions, and a range of political views. Immersing in the actuality of Israel compels them to deepen and sometimes to reconsider what they think they know.

In workshops at Yad Vashem and at Kibbutz Lochamei Ha-Geta'ot, we focus on what the Holocaust means to contemporary Israel. Participants of different religious traditions enjoy the Shabbat hospitality of Jerusalem families. Working with the Melton Centre at Hebrew University, we visit orphanages and absorptions centres, synagogues and mosques, Arab

Sara R. Horowitz

in Toronto

villages and institutes for Israel-Arab understanding. We encounter the diversity that is Israel, meeting religious and secular Israelis; recent Ethiopian and Russian immigrants; urban dwellers, and kibbutz members. We run into the social protesters who have set up tents along Rothschild Boulevard in Tel Aviv. We see a theatrical performance by a blind and deaf troupe.

We travel with Israeli educators and guides who talk to us about their own lives. We discuss family life in Israel, the education system, the ethos of the Israel Defence Forces, and Israeli social structures and human rights. We even argue politics.

And as I sit over coffee in the waning afternoon light of Jerusalem, where our journey in Israel begins and ends, I reflect on our experiences together. These thoughtful, bright and idealistic young people, once our students and now our colleagues, will take with them variegated impressions of a complex and vital country, and new relationships, in a process that's only beginning.

A Muslim-Canadian teacher, for example, plans to set up Web encounters between her Toronto students and the classes of an Ethiopian-Israeli teacher she met. A Canadian student understands why the term Israeli apartheid is slanderous. Polish and German teachers share pedagogic strategies for bringing the Jewish experience to their students.

Like many other campuses, mine has its share of contentiousness, especially regarding the Middle East. Like hurricanes, this captures the attention of the media. But my campus is also home to fine projects such as TftF, a part of tikkun olam.

You can't love Jews if you hate Judaism

The theology of many evangelicals and the politics of the current government of Israel seem to converge. Perhaps that's what was behind Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's remark when he addressed the sixth annual conference of the intensely pro-Israel group Christians United for Israel (CUFI) in Washington D.C., in July: "Our enemies think that we are you, and that you are us. And you know something? They are absolutely right."

Speakers included not only Michael Oren, Israel's ambassador to the United States, but also Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice-chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, the most representative body of American Jewry. His presence may be indicative of the support of many of his constituents.

Rabbi Dow Marmur

in Toronto

The ubiquitous Rabbi Shmuely Boteach was also there. His blog described it as an unforgettable experience: "Until you sit in a room with 5,000 Christian lovers of Israel and absorb their enthusiasm for the Jewish state and the Jewish people, you would be hard-pressed to think it possible."

This rabbi doesn't seem to be troubled by the motivation of those who want to bring all Jews to their homeland to prepare them to embrace Jesus when he comes to redeem the world. Although even the most ardent Zionists have given up the hope of moving the entire Jewish Diaspora to Israel, these evangelicals have not. And Jews on the political right are mistakenly impressed by the determination to help make it happen.

The stance of CUFI also accounts for its opposition to the creation of a Palestinian state. In the understanding of many evangelicals, the Bible brings conclusive evidence that all the Land of Israel that God gave to the Jewish people must remain in Jewish hands. That's why they support settlement expansion and refuse to consider the partition of Jerusalem. They also advocate attacking Iran as a way of bringing about Armageddon.

All this is music to the ears of many cynical Jews. Even those without ideological baggage often argue naively that Israel cannot afford to alienate friends, whatever their theological agenda. The more than 700,000 members of CUFI are ardent advocates of the cause of the Jewish state. They hold sway over many members of the U.S. Congress. Behind them are millions of other evangelicals, including Republican presidential hopefuls, whose influence on American politics is enormous.

But Rabbi Boteach goes further. Whereas cynics see close relations between Jews and evangelicals as a marriage of convenience, Rabbi Boteach is looking for common *religious* ground between Christianity and Judaism. The author of the popular *Kosher Sex* is about to publish a book with the provocative title *Kosher Jesus*, in which he argues that Jesus was "a wholly observant, Pharisaic rabbi who fought Roman paganism and oppression and was killed for it."

Rabbi Boteach will assert that "Jesus never claimed divinity and not only did not abrogate the Torah, but observed every letter of the law." Serious scholars of rabbinic Judaism and early Christianity draw a much more nuanced and accurate picture, but this populist has worked it all out with simplistic certainty.

Though Rabbi Boteach tells us that many Christians may be confused by his assertions, it's reasonable to assume that his views will sit well with the members of CUFI in their effort to show that it's prudent and expedient for Jews to embrace Jesus in order to facilitate his second coming. Perhaps that's also why the organization's executive director, David Brog, is a Jew: a relative of none other than Israel's defence minister, Ehud Barak.

As a Zionist, I'm prepared to honour and praise every supporter of Israel. As a Jew, I've always been engaged in and enthusiastically promoted Christian-Jewish co-operation, not because the two religions are the same – they are not – but because, in our secular world, they face common challenges and, therefore, need each other.

But I'm appalled at the cynical and naive ways in which Jews celebrate Christians whose great hope is to see the end of Judaism as a necessary condition for the vindication of their faith in Jesus. As tolerant members of society we've no right to seek to restrict the theology of others, but we must distance ourselves from every attempt, overt or covert, to invalidate our own tradition.

As much as we welcome much-needed support for Israel, we must remember that you cannot love Jews if you hate Judaism.

Gadhafi turned Libya into a pariah state

Eight months after a frustrated Tunisian food vendor named Mohammed Bouazizi set himself on fire, touching off popular rebellions in the Arab world that unseated the authoritarian presidents of Tunisia and Egypt, swept into Bahrain and Yemen and now threatens to inundate the dictatorship of Bashar Assad of Syria, the tides of change have crashed into Libya.

Two weeks ago, in what promises to be the denouement of a six-month civil war, Libyan rebels, supported by western air strikes, seized control of Tripoli, Libya's capital, and declared victory over Moammar Gadhafi, the theatrical, iron-fisted ruler of Libya who held Libya in thrall for nearly 42 years and cultivated a Stalin-like cult of personality.

Given to flowing robes, Gadhafi, the bizarre bad boy of the Middle East since his accession to power in a bloodless coup on Sept. 1 1969, will likely fight to the bitter end, having promised to "martyr" himself rather than surrender abjectly to his enemies. But as U.S. President Barack Obama has observed, Gadhafi's days are numbered. The Gadhafi era, which plunged Libya into international isolation and turned it into a pariah state, has effectively run its course.

Sought by the International Criminal Court for ordering attacks against civilians, he remains in hiding, a hunted fugitive who seemed at the top of his game only last winter. "This is my country," he declared in a characteristically fiery speech on Feb. 17 when the revolt in Libya erupted, six days after Egypt's president, Hosni Mubarak, was forced to resign.

As protests widened, enveloping Libya in conflagration, Gadhafi claimed that the Libyan people were behind him. "They love me all," he claimed gratuitously.

Gadhafi, who repressed his people and bankrolled terrorists, was doomed from the moment the United Nations Security Council passed a resolution last March authorizing a no-fly zone in Libya to protect its civilian population. With NATO aircraft bombing Gadhafi's military forces in thousands of sorties, the ragtag rebel army advanced, albeit slowly, and gradually wore down his loyalists. By the third week of August, they had captured Gadhafi's fortified compound in Tripoli and were planning to conquer Surt, his birthplace.

He was only 27 years old when he and a small group of junior army officers deposed King Idris, abolished the monarchy and proclaimed the Libyan Arab Republic. Fiercely anti-western, he closed U.S. and British military bases and nationalized oil fields. As well, he expelled ethnic Italians – the descendants of Italian settlers who moved to Libya after Italy's conquest in 1911 – and confiscated Jewish property.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

With Libya's fabulous oil wealth at his disposal, Gadhafi brought a measure of prosperity to his hitherto impoverished nation. He built public housing, roads, schools, clinics and hospitals. Hewing to his Green Book edict of "permanent revolution" and dispensing with the rule of law, he suppressed political dissent, shuttered parliament, murdered opponents and muzzled the media and non-governmental organizations. Under his watch, democracy ceased to exist.

An admirer of Gamal Abdel Nasser, Egypt's president from 1954 to 1970, Gadhafi aspired to replace him as leader of the Arab world. An acolyte of pan-Arabism, he attempted to forge merger agreements with Egypt, Sudan and Tunisia. But his overtures were rebuffed, and Libya fought a border war with Egypt in 1979. After turning his attention to Africa, Gadhafi cultivated ties with Idi Amin of Uganda, waged war with Chad and intervened militarily in the Central African Republic.

Under Gadhafi's leadership, Libya became a state sponsor of terrorism, backing the Irish Republican Army and the Red Brigades, among others. After Libyan agents detonated a bomb in a nightclub in Berlin, killing two U.S. soldiers, the United States bombed Libya.

Libyan operatives were additionally responsible for the deadliest act of terrorism attributed to Gadhafi, the downing of a Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988, with a loss of 259 passengers. As a result, Libya was subjected to severe United Nations economic sanctions.

Largely ostracized after Lockerbie, he emerged from the cold after condemning the terrorist events of Sept. 11, 2001, renouncing terrorism and agreeing to dismantle his weapons of mass destruction. His stock rose even higher after he handed over the Libyan agents behind Lockerbie, accepted responsibility for it and paid $2.7 billion in compensation. Nonetheless, he remained a wily and unpredictable figure.

Considering himself Nasser's natural successor, he injected himself into the Arab-Israeli conflict, calling for Israel's destruction and supporting radical Palestinian groups such as the Abu Nidal organization. During the Yom Kippur War, he dispatched military aircraft to Egypt.

About 7-1/2 months before that war broke out, the Israeli Air Force shot down a Libyan Arab Airlines plane en route to Cairo. Due to a navigational error, the airplane drifted into the Sinai Peninsula, held by Israel. Two Israeli Phantom jets fired warning shots, ordering Flight 114 to land. The French captain ignored the warning, prompting the Israeli pilots to fire at the Libyan plane. Flight 114 crashed into the desert while attempting an emergency landing. One hundred and eight of its 113 passengers were killed.

The Israeli defence minister, Moshe Dayan, would describe the incident as an "error of judgment" on Israel's part. Indeed, Israel paid compensation to the victim's families. Gadhafi, though incensed, did not retaliate. Instead, he upgraded his participation in anti-Israel activities.

After denouncing Egyptian president Anwar Sadat's historic rapprochement with Israel in 1977 as a betrayal of the Arab cause, he formed the Steadfastness and Confrontation Front to counter Egypt.

When Sadat was assassinated in 1981, Gadhafi praised the assassins. He condemned King Hassan of Morocco for hosting the Israeli prime minister, Shimon Peres, at a meeting. Responding to the 1993 Oslo accords, he expelled 30,000 Palestinian residents of Libya.

In 2003, one of Gadhafi's sons, Seif al-

Moammar Gadhafi

Islam, called for a one-state solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict, proposing that a secular binational Jewish-Arab state should supplant Israel and be known as Isratine. Under the plan, Palestinian refugees would be allowed to return to their former homes.

After adopting the proposal, Gadhafi wrote an opinion piece about it for the *New York Times* on Jan. 21, 2009. Rejecting "the tired rhetoric of partition and two-state solutions," Gadhafi called for a grand "compromise." He said, "The compromise is one state for all, an Isratine that would allow the people in each party to feel that they live in all of the disputed land and they are not deprived of any one part of it."

In this skewed spirit, Gadhafi made a distinction between Jews and Zionists. "We are not against Jews, but against Zionism," he told a delegation of Israeli Arab parliamentarians in 2010.

Gadhafi, having pledged to compensate Libyan Jews who had lost their property after emigrating, met with Jewish representatives to discuss the issue. But the problem was not resolved. With the current civil war raging, he invited representatives of the Libyan Jewish Diaspora to visit Libya. His invitation, viewed as a ploy to rebuff his tarnished image, was rejected.

By this juncture, Gadhafi was finished politically, a relic of Arab autocracy.

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No child turned away from CHAT on financial grounds

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Two years ago, in a *CJN* article, Shaviv speculated that "if the economics of private school education continue to be a problem, we may find parents will choose a four-year program of [Jewish] high school preceded by [public] elementary school." However, he said more recently that he's seen no evidence his prediction is coming true.

As well, the school has not seen any "noticeable increase" in subsidy requests.

Shaviv said that no child is turned away on financial grounds – assuming families are prepared to supply the requested documentation, including income tax forms, and that "parents are prepared to allocate an appropriate place for [tuition] in their family budget."

He added that tuition at TanenbaumCHAT has always been less expensive than at other private high schools in Ontario, "even though the amount of teaching we do is 50 per cent more.

At Branksome Hall, by comparison, tuition for the 2011-2012 year is $26,265 for junior kindergarten through Grade 10, and $28,265 for Grades 11 and 12. Last year's fees at the private girls' school were $25,450 for the lower grades and $27,450 for the higher grades.

TanenbaumCHAT has "an extremely rigorous budget and financial oversight program, and we keep our costs to the minimum," Shaviv said. Also, he pointed out, Jewish schools in Ontario do not receive government funding.

Tuition at Bnei Akiva Schools –Ulpanat Orot and Yeshivat Or Chaim – has increased from $19,900 last year to $21,400 this year, a seven per cent increase according to Rabbi Scot Berman, headmaster of the religious Zionist high school.

Like other administrators, he said that teachers' salaries constitute the school's biggest expense. "We certainly are interested in providing our teachers with a good salary," he said, adding that the school recently completed salary negotiations with its teachers.

Other costs include educational materials and technology, as well as administrative expenses.

"We make it our business to ensure that no student is turned away because of financial need," Rabbi Berman said. "We're committed to that, and parents know that."

Schools across North America are facing "what's been referred to as a tuition crisis," he noted. "The burden of high tuition is enormous."

Paul Shaviv

Because Bnei Akiva serves an Orthodox population, Jewish education is "a given" for families who send their children there, Rabbi Berman said. On average, he estimated, each Bnei Akiva family has four or five children, and often there is more than one attending the school at the same time. About forty per cent of school families receive financial assistance, constituting about 26 per cent of the school's budget, he said.

Even so, he added, some parents "don't want to go through the process of asking for a scholarship."

At Bialik Hebrew Day School, this year's tuition increase of three per cent is just under the rate of inflation.

Full-day tuition at Bialik (which offers only full-day classes, from junior kindergarten through Grade 8) is now $12,870, of which $1,075 is a capital levy that has been a longstanding part of the tuition amount, said Shana Harris, head of school. Other cost increases result from increases in teachers' salaries, she added. "We like to attract good teachers."

Enrolment at Bialik is up slightly, from 829 students last year to 834 expected this fall. As well, the number of subsidy requests at Bialik has increased slightly, but is "pretty stable," Harris said.

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Tuition subsidies on rise at Paul Penna

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Mariana Catz, executive director of the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School reports that tuition is $14,750 for full-day classes (including senior kindergarten), compared to $14,250 last year. The school has 153 students, about 30 per cent of whom receive subsidies, and enrolment is growing, with a new kindergarten class opening this year.

Catz noted that the percentage of tuition being subsidized per student has increased.

Federation provides 30 cents per dollar of the subsidy, and the school has to raise the balance of the money, Catz said. Federation then reimburses the school for the subsidies.

At Associated Hebrew Schools, full-day tuition is up about five per cent to $13,025 for students up to Grade 6, and just under five per cent for Grade 7 and 8 students, to $13,525.

Preschool tuition has increased between four and 4-1/2 per cent, depending on whether a student attends full or half-day, and what year they are in.

Half-day senior kindergarten runs $6,290 compared to $6,090 last year, and full-day SK tuition is $12,290.

The increases are "pretty much" attributable to increases in teacher salaries, said Elliott Brodkin, the school's executive director and CFO. "We have agreement with our teachers [through] three different unions," he added, referring to teacher assistants, general studies teachers, and Judaic studies teachers.

He also noted that teachers' salaries "cascade" through a 10-year grid, and may even double from, say, $40,000 to $80,000 per teacher over that decade.

As well, Associated is "investing in curricular expenses like téchnology but also the integration of technology into the classroom."

Associated, which has a total of just over 1,600 students at three campuses, has the highest percentage of students receiving tuition subsidies of any school in Toronto. Last year, Brodkin said, 508 students of the 1,280 students in Grade 1 through Grade 8 received financial assistance. Preschool is not subsidized.

Enrolment hasn't been affected by tuition fees – it's "almost exactly the same, if not higher," Brodkin said.

However, he added, "there are families we know of that have left the school rather than apply [for subsidies]. There are some people who may have received it for years and don't want to ask for more."

Also, some families are asking for a higher subsidy than in the past.

Tuition subsidy funding from the federation is "very generous," said Brodkin. "But," he added, "that money's not growing."

To make up the shortfall, the school relies on contributions from major donors and annual campaign participants, and has been tightening its belt.

"We have been cutting expenses and overhead outside of the classroom. We have reduced administrative staff. We have cut back on one of our principal positions, which was planned, and we've cut back on some other administrative levels. We've cut days from some people. We're trying to make ourselves leaner. We've reduced costs for consultants and for professional development.

"The cost of education is not going down, and will not go down.

"Middle-class families have to decide for themselves what the priorities are for them." Also, he added, there are grandparents subsidizing their grandchildren's Jewish education – in general, and at Associated.

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Associated in position of financial stability

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The school has a financial advantage that some others don't. Brodkin pointed out. "We're in a position of financial stability in that we have three campuses we own outright. There is no debt at all... and many schools have rent to pay."

Eric Petersiel, head of school at Leo Baeck Day School, said that more than 80 per cent of the rising cost of tuition – just over six per cent at Leo Baeck this year to $12,900 – can be attributed to "the rising cost of having the best staff."

The school has a total of 855 students, down about 15 students from last year, at two campuses. It recently purchased its own building for the southern campus, which Petersiel said has not affected the tuition for this year. "Our job is to start an aggressive fundraising campaign to lessen the impact."

The cost of tuition is affecting parents' decisions to send their children to day school, Petersiel believes. One change that he has noticed in recent years is that parents are delaying entry to day school in favour of sending their children to junior and senior kindergarten at local public schools.

"That's difficult for us," he said. "We know that [preschool] is the foundation of Jewish education."

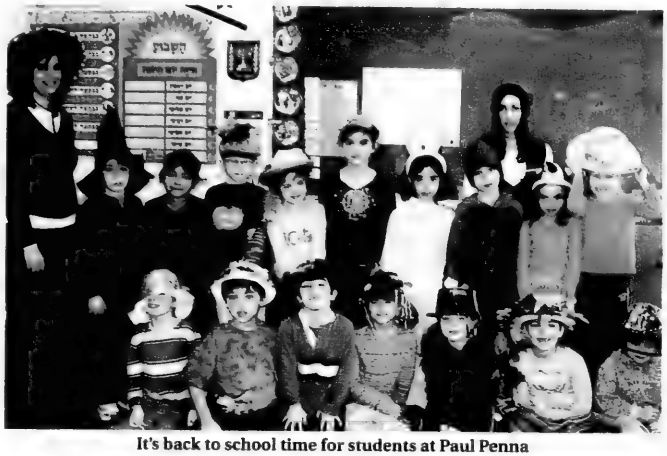
But, he said, Leo Baeck's northern campus in Thornhill is "stacked to the gills" in Grade 1. "We have more Grade 1s than ever before. We have three classes of 24 Grade 1s, and we have three tiny classes of senior kindergarten.

"People still want a Jewish education, but it's so difficult to afford. [Parents] made a choice to hold off."

About 10 per cent of Leo Baeck families receive tuition subsidies, an increase over years past. Some choose to leave the school, saying they still can't afford tuition, even with a subsidy, Petersiel said.

"I think that we are trying collectively to provide the best possible education, and that's expensive today. We hope everyone will come together to support day school education as a major issue for the community. It seems to take a back seat."

The CJN also contacted Eitz Chaim Schools, Netivot HaTorah Day School, the Toronto Heschel School and Robbins Hebrew Academy but did not hear back from them in time to report tuition fees.



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Hockey players score for kids charity

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

The sun is shining, flowers are blooming and warm breezes are blowing – so what could be a better summertime activity than to strap on the blades and go head to head with a bunch of former NHLers.

About 100 hockey-lovers aged 18 to 60 did just that recently at the Canlan Ice Arena at York University, skating with former pros Bill Derlago, Gary Leeman, Dennis Maruk, Jack Valiquette and others.

The event raised $40,000 for Chai Lifeline's Hockey 4 Life campaign.

The tournament is one of Chai Lifeline's big annual fundraising efforts and contributes to the organization's $850,000 annual budget.

Money raised "will to go to provide support for families dealing with severe illnesses," said Mordechai Rothman, director of Chai Lifeline Canada

Chai Lifeline provides a variety of services to families going through the emotionally challenging times dealing with children afflicted with serious illnesses, such as cancer, muscular dystrophy and cerebral palsy. About 160 families a year, many referred by social workers and medical professionals, benefit from the organization's resources, he said.

Volunteers recruited by Chai Lifeline provide tutoring services to youngsters forced by medical necessity to miss school, they arrange support groups and counselling for parents caring for stricken children, they arrange monthly family events such as trips to the Canadian National Exhibition, Ontario Place and Canada's Wonderland, and they arrange Big Brother-type support for siblings to provide respite to stressed-out families.

The captain of tournament-winning Fairlane, Ari Levine, centre, is pictured with his father, Jay, and brother, Adam. Ari is a cancer survivor who participated in Chai Lifeline's programs and services when he was younger and is now giving back through participating in the tournament.

One of the organization's signature events is a summer trip for sick children to Camp Simcha in upstate New York. This summer, 22 kids from the Toronto area were sent to the camp, which has a hospital on site, but provides regular camp activities and more, Rothman said.

"Our philosophy is to go over the top, anything to make these kids happy for two weeks," he said. That includes free helicopter rides, free hot-air balloon rides and even preparing whatever food the youngster wants, including hamburgers for breakfast.

The camp is a big hit among children and is something they look forward to all year, he said.

Other activities provided by Chai Lifeline include a trip to Disneyworld in Florida, scheduled for later this winter.

While the largest single fundraiser for Chai Lifeline is an annual winter concert at Roy Thomson Hall – last year Marvin Hamlisch headlined it – another big sports-oriented event is marathon running. Runners are asked to raise $3,600 and in exchange, Chai Lifeline covers marathoners' trips to races in Miami or Las Vegas.

The hockey fundraiser is a collaboration with Robert Cohen, president of Integrated mar.com. Players are recruited by Kerry Goulet, a veteran of the German league who is known in hockey circles for his charitable endeavours, said Rothman.

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Is the Holocaust unique?

Eli Rubinstein
Special to The CJN

It's been said that the Holocaust is unique among all genocides.

Is it really? If so, how? And why does it matter?

The term genocide was coined by Rafael Lemkin, a Polish Jew. Most of his family was murdered during the Holocaust. In his younger years, Lemkin was troubled by the intentional mass murder of the Armenians by the Turks in 1915 and later the slaughter of Christian Assyrians by Iraqis in 1933. Lemkin dedicated his life to furthering the acceptance of the word genocide – and the need of the world community to ban its practice – after painstakingly documenting the brutal Nazi treatment of conquered populations throughout Europe in World War II.

In addition to their war against the Jews, the Nazis committed war crimes against a number of other groups, with the genocide of the Poles and the Gypsies (Roma and Sinti) being the most often-cited examples. The 20th century has, sadly, been rife with yet other genocides – Armenia (in the Ottoman Empire), Cambodia, Rwanda and Darfur are among the clearest examples.

Yet, as many have said, there is no point in comparing suffering. Jews were murdered in gas chambers, Ukrainians were starved to death on their farms, Poles were executed in town squares, Rwandans were hacked to death with machetes in their homes, Cambodians were shot in the fields in the countryside, Africans were thrown overboard on slave-trader ships in the Atlantic during the Middle Passage from Africa to the Americas – but how can one possibly measure who suffered more, and what would be the purpose of doing so?

A participant on the March of the Living kneels at a monument near Treblinka. *[MOL photo]*

Yet surely there is merit in examining the historical, theological, ideological, political and/or ethnic roots of each genocide, as well as the motivations of those who carried out the genocide, the methods in which it was implemented, the proportion of those who perished who were intended for destruction, the trauma caused by the impact of the genocide, and the ways in which the trauma was dealt with in the aftermath of the genocide.

In these areas, there are many parallels and distinctions to be drawn between each act of genocide. For example, regarding the murder of Poles and Ukrainians in the first half of the last century, the factors that led to their persecution have largely disappeared. But the racist, ideological prejudice against Jews – the very kind Hitler espoused – can still be found on neo-Nazi websites, in extremist Islamist rhetoric and in other subtler forms of antisemitism.

There can be no doubt, as one writer observed, that "the Holocaust has become the 'master narrative' for suffering, shaping discussions about every-present conflict over genocide and human rights." But is the Holocaust different in a substantial way from other examples of genocide? Does the Holocaust warrant more recognition, study and commemoration? How does one account for the enormous visibility that the Holocaust seems to have gained over the last number of decades?

Certainly, at first glance, there are aspects that seem to make the Holocaust stand out, even though all genocides are unique in their own way. The Holocaust is "uniquely unique" as some have described it, not just because of the staggering number of victims (indeed there are larger examples of mass murder), but because of the machinery of death created by the Nazis in pursuit of their goal. The sheer efficiency and the usage of modern technology to create assembly lines of death, where the "raw materials" were Jewish men, women and children, and the "finished product" was ash (while the side products were plundered Jewish possessions and bodies – gold teeth, hair etc.), cannot help but cause one to shudder. Perhaps these factors have caused the Holocaust to symbolize the level of ultimate evil to which humanity can descend and to garner the attention it has received.

More importantly, one may argue, is that conceptually, the Holocaust was different than all other genocides.

Here it's useful to draw upon what I once heard from Prof. Yehuda Bauer about what differentiates mass murder, genocide and the Holocaust.

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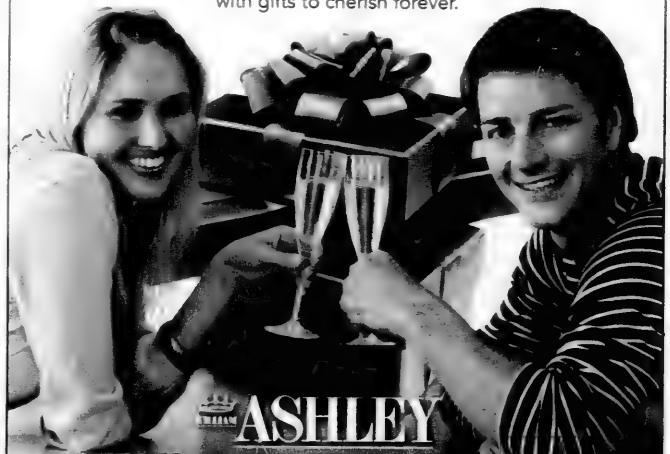

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Humanity's potential for evil beyond our worst fears

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Mass murder is when large numbers of people are killed by a government or some other force. Genocide is when mass murder takes place on an ongoing basis, with the goal of destroying the culture and/or national existence of another people. Holocaust, unprecedented in human history, is mass murder plus genocide, plus the attempt to annihilate the existence of an entire group of people and wipe it off the face of the earth. This is what the Jews faced at the hands of the Nazis, and this didn't happen to anyone else during World War II, nor had it happened to anyone else before in history.

Prof. Gordon Dueck perhaps put it best: "When I emphasize the Jewish victims of Nazism, it is not because a Jewish life is worth more than a non-Jewish life – it's because, in the context of the Nazi worldview, a Jewish life was worth *less* than a non-Jewish life. Antisemitism wasn't ancillary to Nazism. It was at the very heart of it."

'The Nazis were looking for Jews, for all Jews'

What makes the Holocaust "unique" in Bauer's words (later, Bauer preferred the term "unprecedented"), is the combination of all three of these conditions: it was driven by ideological rather than pragmatic (land, resources etc.) reasons; it was global in reach, and the intended target was the entire Jewish people (from infancy to old age).

"The Nazis were looking for Jews, for all Jews," in his words.

When one understands this, one comes face to-face with the utter irrationality of the Holocaust. Most genocides involve a dispute over land, resources, or a desire to exploit or enslave another group or people for obvious material gain or to forcefully implement a specific political system. The Nazi genocide against the Jews was a pseudo-scientific and quasi-religious belief that maintained the very redemption of the world relied upon the "extermination" (and only "extermination") of every last Jew, to finally and totally rid the world of this contemptible "virus."

No course of action of any kind by the victim – supplication, conversion, bribery, slavery or exile – could ever suffice or placate the Nazi agenda.

Nazi antisemitism and its concomitant racial theories had only one ultimate solution to the Jewish problem: "The Final Solution" – mass death for the entire Jewish People.

No other mass murder or genocide was ever conceived or implemented on the basis of such an absolutist, maniacal worldview.

In light of all this, Bauer argues that, on the continuum, the Holocaust is the most extreme form of genocide and should be the starting point of any attempt to understand genocide – not because Holocaust victims suffered more than others, but because of its unprecedented nature.

The Holocaust, perhaps more than any other genocide, teaches us – warns us – that absent of restraint, humanity's potential for extreme evil and cruelty is virtually without limit, beyond our worst fears and even beyond our wildest imagination.

Of course, the deaths of victims of mass murder, genocide and Holocaust are all unjust and must be mourned by the world community.

Children of Holocaust survivors, and the extended Jewish People, still deeply mourn the loss of six million of their ancestors, and they do so in a very personal way (as do other communities who were victims of genocide). But, as citizens of the world, we must also commemorate the tragic losses of so many other innocent victims belonging to other peoples, both during World War II and during other periods of history.

Yet, even as we contend that the Holocaust, in its conception and implementation, was different from all other genocides, our tradition teaches us that all humanity is created in the image of God. Or as retired Lieut.-Gen. Romeo Dallaire, the French Canadian senator and humanitarian, reminds us: "No human is more human than any other."

Here is the main point: the victims of the various genocides throughout history may have perished for different reasons and under different circumstances – and this indeed is worthy of examination – but their lives were equally, infinitely and immeasurably sacred.

Our study of genocide should lead to the understanding of the fundamental equality of all members of the human family, their right to justice, freedom, and dignity, and to a place of greater compassion and empathy for all humanity.

This most difficult of subjects, in the words of Canadian writer Ruth Ozeki (spoken in another context, but surely applicable here), should cause us to reflect on the impermanence and preciousness of life, the fragility of the world, the extraordinary beauty of all living things, and our interdependence and interconnectedness. Ultimately, it should lead us to opening our hearts to all people, to resolving to do our best to end suffering in the world and to live together in peace.

Eli Rubenstein is national director of March of the Living Canada, a program funded by UJA Federation and UIA Federations Canada, as well as founder of the Canadian March of Remembrance and Hope program.

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Canadian Yeshiva offers classes to community this fall

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

The Canadian Yeshiva & Rabbinical School, which is expected to open its seminary next year, is offering classes to the general community beginning Sept. 12 and running through December.

One of the six classes will be taught by Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum, the school's founder and rosh yeshiva. His course, Jewish Theology as Embedded in the Jewish Prayer Book, is a University of Toronto credit course, as is Jewish Theology, which will be taught by Rabbi David Novak, a U of T faculty member.

Rabbi Wayne Allen will teach three classes: Talmud, Jewish Foundations of Western Values: Free Speech, and a session for university titled "Thursdays with Rabbi Allen at U of T."

As well, educator Rachael Turkienicz of Rachael's Centre for Torah, Mussar & Ethics, will teach an eight-part series on Rabbinic Theology.

Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum

Although the yeshiva is housed at U of T's St. Michael's College, three of the classes will be held at Kensington Place, on Sheppard Ave. West. Rabbi Allen's Thursday class will be held at the Wolfond Centre for Jewish Campus Life.

There is no tuition fee for the four non-credit courses, Rabbi Tanenbaum said. The classes are for "all those interested in deepening their Jewish studies in a serious way and willing to read and prepare, and who really want to learn.

"We want to share what classic Judaism is all about," he added.

Further plans for the yeshiva include chevruta-style classes at the yeshiva's beit midrash, which will "hopefully" open in January, Rabbi Tanenbaum told *The CJN*.

The yeshiva will have "special nights" for parent-child chevrutas as well as for couples, he said. To the best of his knowledge, this has not been done before in Toronto.

In the meantime, the yeshiva is seeking donations of "all kinds of *sforim*," ranging from Talmudic dictionaries to biblical and halachic commentaries.

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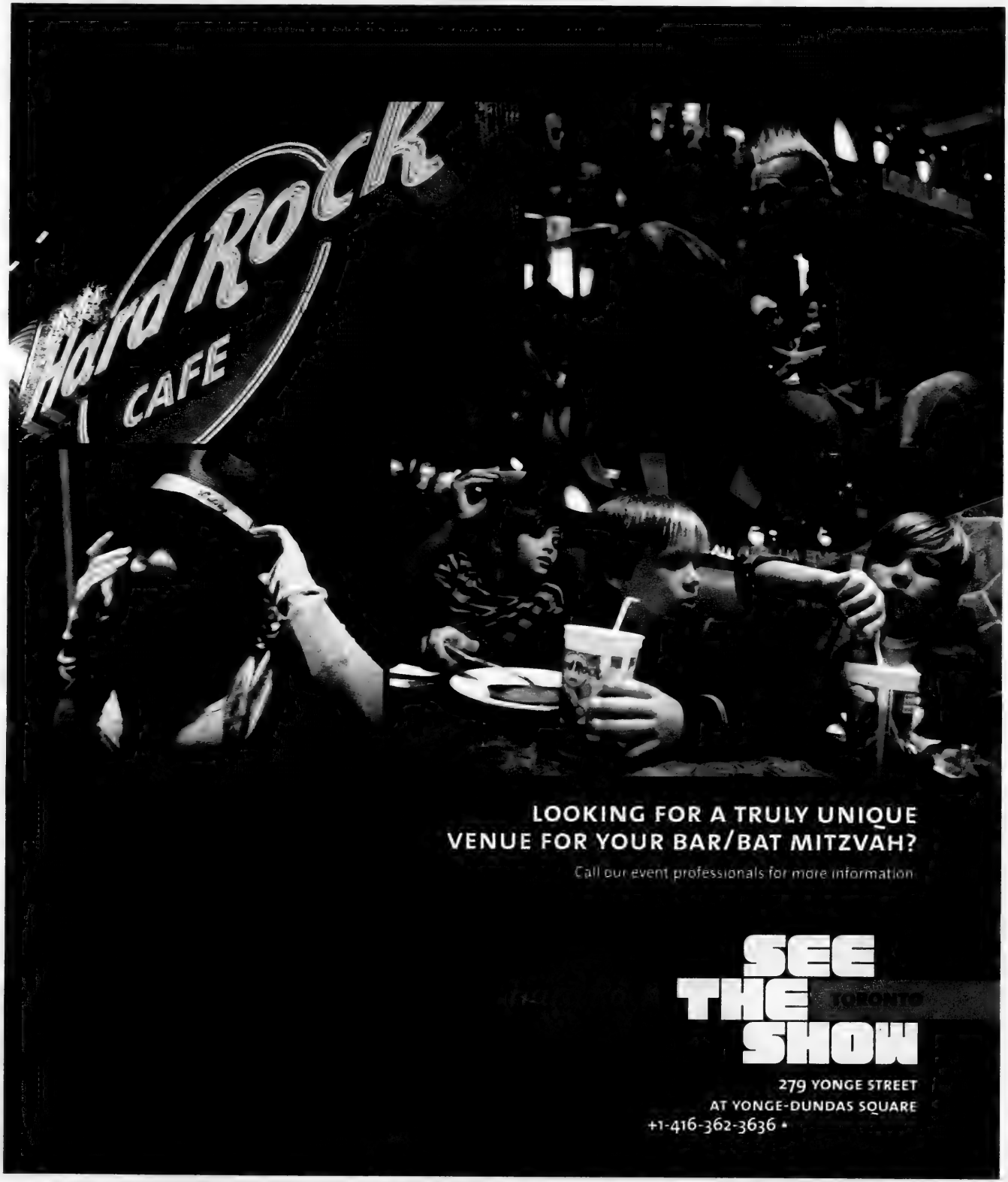
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Organ donation activist takes it one step at a time

Laura Fixman
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George Marcello wanted to thank the person who gave him a liver that saved his life so he decided he would walk across Canada.

Marcello received a donated liver in 1995, and in 2000, he decided that a 12,000-kilometre walk across Canada, which ended up taking 769 days, would be the best way to express his gratitude. He was also inspired to found the Step by Step Organ Transplant Association in 1998, an organization that makes organ donation easier.

"Writing a letter just wasn't a good enough way to express my gratitude," he said. "I didn't know how to sing or dance, but I knew how to walk."

In October, Marcello is bringing Palestinian Ismael Khatib to Canada to share the story of his son, Ahmed, who was killed at age 12 and whose organs were donated to several Israeli children. Marcello said Khatib was honoured to be asked to come to Canada, and that it would be a way to encourage people to consider organ donation.

"Inspirational stories like Mr. Khatib's are needed to do away with misconceptions about organ donation," he said. "It's a way to bring the world closer together."

He hopes to take the torch of life –which was first lit at the start of Marcello's Canada-wide walk – on a world tour to at least 20 countries in 2012.

He said he wanted to take the torch to Israel to meet Khatib, but he didn't have the funds, so instead, with the help of a sponsor, he is bringing Khatib to Canada instead.

Marcello received the torch of life anonymously one week before he began his walk. He carried the lit torch throughout his walk, and he said he started giving it to other people to carry for portions of the walk and that it became a symbol of hope for many people.

George Marcello presents the Torch of Life to Pope John Paul II in 2001.

Marcello added that Pope John Paul II eventually heard of the torch and wanted to bless it. When Marcello got a call from the Vatican, he said he thought it was a joke, but when he realized it wasn't, he was honoured. He said the Pope gave him good advice on what to do after he finished his walk.

"In his legacy, the Pope was trying to get all the faiths and cultures together," Marcello said. "The gift of organ donation is given on an unconditional basis. It doesn't matter what race, religion or culture you are."

Many times Marcello was overwhelmed and wanted to give up and shut down the torch, but he said there was always something that would happen that would keep him going.

One of these inspirations came when an Afghani-Canadian asked him for advice on walking across Canada to show his gratitude for his Canadian citizenship. Around the same time, a Pakistani woman asked Marcello for advice on getting a donated liver for her father. Marcello suggested the Afghan-Canadian man walk for the woman's father and that renewed interest in the torch of life.

Marcello added that people often question the sanity of his walking across Canada, and he admitted doing so required at least a bit of insanity. He had to face dangers, including bears, pneumonia, trucks and cougars.

"It started with one small step and I didn't know where this was going to go," he said. "I must have wanted to give up a million times, but there was always something urging me to take the next step."

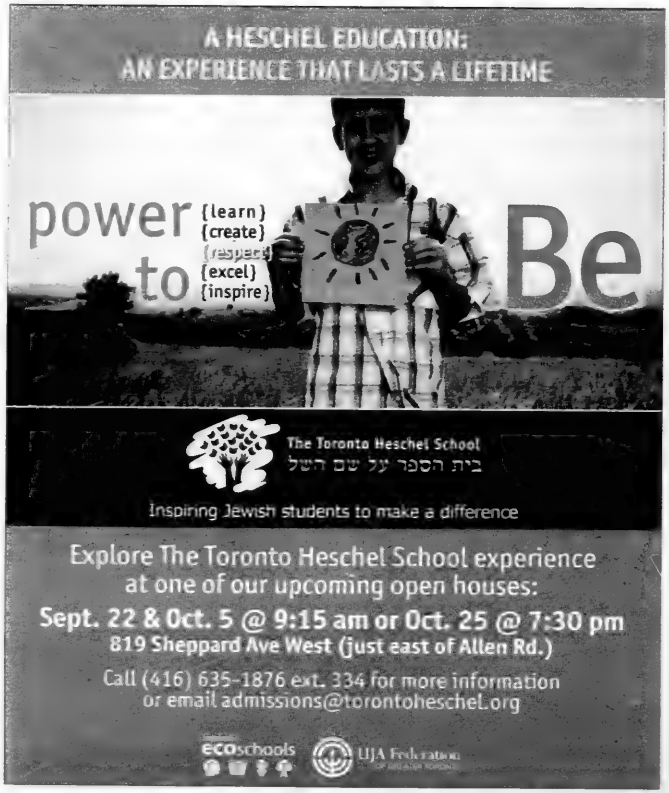
Marcello said his most avid supporters are members of the Jewish community. The Canadian tour for Khatib will be sponsored by the Canadian Peres Centre for Peace, and he said Arie Raif of the Peres Centre was very supportive in the conversation they've had. Marcello added that Montreal Liberal MP Irwin Cotler has recently pledged 100 per cent support to the torch of life.

In Febuary 2012, the torch begins a four-year journey, starting at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Centre in Washington D.C. The torch will then go through 200 countries. Marcello hopes that many young people will participate in carrying it. He added that he would like to webcast the entire journey on the Step by Step website.

In a perfect world, Marcello said that no one would die waiting for an organ transplant, and he continues Step by Step to get closer to that goal. He hopes that people will consider organ donation because of his efforts and will make their desires known to their immediate family.

"Please don't take your organs to heaven because God knows we need them here on Earth," he said.

For more information about Step by Step, visit www.stepbystep.ca.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It was the 11th of September 2001. It was also the 23rd of Elul 5761. And when Jews streamed into synagogues to observe Rosh Hashanah less than one week later, they were searching for answers to cope with the horrors they had just witnessed and lived through.

Rabbis dispensed with the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur sermons they had prepared and wrote new ones. Theirs were words of grief, anger and consolation.

A decade later, we are able to look back at those speeches thanks to the efforts of Rabbi Neil Gillman, a professor of Jewish philosophy at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and Jason Miller of the JTS rabbinical school. They reproduced more than 100 sermons on the website, Torah from Terror: The Rabbinic Response to 9-11. Although that original site is now defunct, another incredible website, archive.org, has preserved Torah from Terror so that it can still be read in its entirety. **[http://bit.ly/tft20]**

Some excerpts from Torah from Terror:

Rabbi Jerome M. Epstein, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism:

"The real martyrs last week were not the terrorists but the firemen and the policemen who gave their lives in an attempt to save others because they bore witness to God... The real martyrs are those whose lives are taken only because of their desire to walk in the image of a loving God. They are God's witnesses. The shofar's call to us to become God's witness, His partner in building a more perfect world, presents an awesome challenge. But, that is the challenge. For the Jew, one need not be a martyr to be God's witness." **[http://bit.ly/tft12]**

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Rabbi Wayne Dosick, The Elijah Minyan, San Diego, Calif.:

"And the great question always looms, 'Who shall live, and who die? Who shall live out the measure of days, and who will be cut off midway?' The answers to those questions, we know, are in God's hands. Yet, this year, as we gather for our Yom Kippur worship and meditation, we are filled with wondering. For the Divine response that was given to us this year is bewildering, and overwhelming, and filled with pain." **[http://bit.ly/tft13]**

Rabbi Ruth M. Gais, The New York Kollel at Hebrew Union College, New York:

"Thousands lived. Thousands died and are still buried in the pit of death./ I have no answer why some lived and some died./ I have no answer for why there is such hatred in the world./ *Ani Ma'aminah be'emunah shlemah*/ I do believe with perfect faith/ I do believe with perfect faith that God is good./ I do believe with perfect faith that God is the creator of good and evil./ I do believe that God has granted us free will to choose one or the other./ I do believe that God has not hidden His face from us./ I do believe that God reveals that face through every act of love and mercy and pity that we do." **[http://bit.ly/tft17]**

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Havdalah by the lake

Summer camp lore tells the story of a young boy who trudges off to overnight camp for the first time.

On Saturday night, as the stars come out, the boy gathers with all the campers and counsellors in a large circle by the lake. Swaying arm in arm, they sing a song led by a guitar player. Three campers enter the middle of the circle – one holds a multi-braided candle that flickers against the still waters of the lake, a second slowly passes sweet-smelling spices around the circle, and a third, grasping a cup of grape juice, sings the blessings of Havdalah while the campers and staff hum in the background. The little boy is so taken by the spirit of Havdalah that, in his next letter home, he describes the moving scene to his parents.

Upon the child's return home life proceeds as usual – just as it was before camp. On Saturday night, however, his mother calls him into the kitchen and proudly presents him with a braided candle, a sachet of spices and a cup of grape juice. The boy looks bewildered at his mother and says, "Mom, how can we make Havdalah without a lake?"

As summer draws to a close and thousands of young people unpack their camp duffel bags and load their school backpacks, the "siloed" nature of Jewish education is drawn into focus. Even for those who have the richest ongoing Jewish educations – camps coupled with synagogues, day schools augmented by youth movements and trips to Israel – the tapestry of experiences is belittled by the disjointed and often divisive nature of the institutions.

Class Act

Daniel Held

We struggle to co-ordinate on even the most basic levels. Youth movement programs conflict with school exams and, even during slower times in the academic calendar, schools are reticent to release students for powerful, identity-building activities. Summer camps, youth movements and synagogues, even those stemming from the same denomination, fail to collaborate in engagement and education. But if we can't co-ordinate the mundane details of sharing calendars and resources, how can we expect to spiral curriculum and build a coherent and holistic educational system?

I look forward to the day when Jewish school teachers serve as educators at camps; when the Shabbat curriculum in a supplementary school is augmented by a Shabbaton organized by the synagogue's youth movement; when the day school class on tithing is brought into reality at the Kavanah Garden; when synagogue rabbis build relationships with campers during their visit to camp that extend through the High Holidays and into regular Shabbat services.

The story of our young camper's Havdalah by the lake is a critique of camp's isolation from the reality of year-round Jewish living. At the same time, it tells the powerful story of parents who are building bridges between Jewish experiences that are often walled off by institutional boundaries.

More of us, both professional leaders and parents, need to pick up this mantle of integration. In forging a Jewish *system* of education, we need to help our campers, students, sons and daughters find the narrative thread of Jewish experiences that runs from camp to home to school and back again.

We must respond to African famine

JTA

Guest Voice

Caryl M. Stern

A tragedy is unfolding in the Horn of Africa, where hundreds of thousands of children are at immediate risk of death. The disastrous combination of the worst drought in 60 years, high food prices and regional conflict has left 12 million people, including more than two million malnourished children, in urgent need of humanitarian assistance.

A huge migration is now taking place from the areas of southern Somalia that have been engulfed in famine to the capital, Mogadishu, and to neighbouring Kenya, Ethiopia and Djibouti. Mothers carry their infants for days or weeks on end, desperate to find them nourishment, clean water and medical assistance. Some have been forced to make an unthinkable "Sophie's choice," about which child to feed and which to allow to die – a decision no parent should ever have to make.

The next rains are not due to arrive until October, meaning that no new harvests can be expected in the region before the end of the year. Unless aid to affected areas increases significantly, the famine will likely spread and intensify, putting many more young lives in jeopardy. However, despite the scale of this catastrophe, the drought and famine in the Horn of Africa have not consistently made headlines, nor have these scourges caught the attention of many Americans. The international donor community, so quick to mobilize after similar disasters, has been slow to respond to the situation in Somalia this summer. This catastrophe is not on the public agenda, but it urgently needs to be.

With this in mind, I turn to the Jewish community – my community – for support in our efforts to save the lives of children threatened by conditions beyond their control. After serving nearly two decades in Jewish communal life, I have spent the past five years as president and CEO of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, which is one of several entities trying to get aid to the afflicted area.

My worldview, personally and professionally, has been shaped by a commitment to tikkun olam. It comes from my mother, who was a child in Vienna during Kristallnacht. She survived the Holocaust by being sent to the United States in 1939, at the age of six, along with her four-year-old brother and a woman she never saw again after they arrived. They were raised for two years in an orphanage for Jewish refugee children on New York's Lower East Side.

Today, it is in the Horn of Africa where children's survival is most in peril. More than 400,000 refugees, the vast majority of whom are women and children, are crowded into three refugee camps in Kenya. Aid organizations are there, but the needs are tremendous.

In Somalia, the epicentre of the emergency, tens of thousands of people – mainly children – have died in the last few months. UNICEF and other humanitarian groups are reaching thousands of malnourished children with nutritional supplies. One highly effective weapon is a nutritional peanut paste that is saving lives. But many more are threatened and will perish if we don't act quickly.

Humanity is facing a devastating crisis in the Horn of Africa, and our help is needed.

Caryl M. Stern is president and CEO of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF.

God always welcomes our tshuvah

Sephardi Window

Rabbi Ilan Acoca

Last week was the first day of a bike camp that my younger son, Nissim, was set to attend. As he was about to leave the house, my wife saw a look of trepidation on his face, and, speaking with him, it seems he was nervous about how he'd do at camp. He'd already started to ride a bike, but this was an event outside the family with other kids his own age.

Having been reassured that everything would work out, Nissim began the fateful first day. When I picked him up at the end of the day, he was positively beaming. He was extremely proud that the counsellor felt he was the best bike rider there and was to be moved from the expected Level 1 to Level 3!

A few days later, I picked up Nissim at camp and saw a boy with a drawn, sad face climb into the car. It turns out that he had fallen from the bike, got a scratch on his arm – which one would have thought from his expression was a mortal wound – and, on top of this "tragedy," he had been stung by a wasp.

Not a good day for our hero.

I hugged him, and, after a few minutes of silence, I told him things like this happen to everyone. He listened quietly as I attempted to console and encourage him. We got home, where his mother did what mothers do, and soon Nissim returned to his old (six-year-old) self.

This event got me thinking that, of course, discouraging things happen to adults, too, and I thought of a line in my siddur (Livorno), "You give a hand to sinners because Your right [hand] is open to accept those who return [to the right path]."

We Jews are fortunate that we always have a way back, and, moreover, we don't have to go to the CAA for a road map. God has given us explicit instructions on how to return to the right path.

This way, of course, is called tshuvah.

Once we understand that we've made a mistake in our behaviour, then demonstrate true contrition by making restitution, and, finally, devising a realistic response if the identical circumstances that lead to our sin in the first place arise again, we're ready for a "return."

I say "ready" because we attain the highest level of tshuvah when we've been tested with the same situation that led to our *averah* (transgression). I hasten to say that, even if we are never tested in exactly the same way again, this does not mean our tshuvah is not valid.

We shall forever have the opportunity to do tshuvah. The Rambam says (Hilchot Tshuva, 2A), "Even if one sinned his whole life and repented [only] on his dying day... all of his sins are forgiven." Simply put, it's never too late to stand up when we fall.

Let us remember that, whatever the adversity we confront as we struggle to live as Jews, our Father in heaven continues to care for us – and welcomes our tshuvah.

As we near the High Holidays, I wish you all a sweet and happy year.

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Volunteer feels like part of the team

Laura Fixman
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Yoelit Lipinsky, 23, said she was honoured just to be nominated for UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's Top 20 Under 40 award earlier this year.

She was awarded the "Gevurah" – or strength – award at an event last April for her service to the community.

"It was an amazing honour. I'm still reeling from the lovely event," Lipinsky said. "It was a shock to be sure, and I will try to do that award justice each and every day."

In addition to volunteering at Mount Sinai Hospital, she has been a creative and marketing intern for the Canadian Friends of Haifa Foundation and was active in Hillel at the University of Toronto.

Lipinsky said that although volunteering is a way to help others, it also helps her personally.

"I feel the benefits far outweigh the time and commitment," she said. "Just to put a smile on someone's face or to have someone say 'Thank you' puts a spring in your step."

Lipinsky began volunteering at Mount Sinai as part of the Kohn Summer Intern Program in 2009. She has volunteered in several departments, including marketing, volunteer services, the Max and Beatrice Wolfe Children's Centre and Dr. Bruce Ballon's SIMone program.

Yoelit Lipinsky

For her, the best part was having different experiences that suited her skills and career goals.

"I was so humbled by the trust staff instilled in me," Lipinsky said. "I never felt as simply the volunteer. I always felt part of the team."

She also plans to continue to make tikkun olam a part of her life in the future.

Lipinsky is going to Kingston, Ont., for a year to pursue a master's of public administration at Queen's University, but she hopes to continue her work with Mount Sinai in the future. She also hopes to use her degrees in public policy, religion and bioethics to draft health policy and help create a viable and ethical healthcare system.

"In a multicultural community, medicine is more aware of religion's influence on health-care issues," she said. "I will be able to emphasize the voices of the patients. Medicine is a symbiotic relationship between physician and patient. I wish to broaden the perception of the medical community with the greatest respect for the professionals and the cultures that create our country."

During her time at Mount Sinai, she developed a motto – "healing with heart" – that stemmed from seeing the staff's devotion to patient care every time she walked through hospital.

"The basest of human needs is to be loved and appreciated," she said. "We perform tasks with a smile and offer a very human touch in what is becoming a very digitized world. Modern medicine has incredible technologies, but we are the hearts that allow it not only to operate but to heal."

Lipinsky wanted to bring something new to her role as volunteer co-ordinator, and she wanted to make use of her experience publishing posters and journals. She worked with another intern to create VolunCHEER, a newsletter for the hospital's volunteer services department. Although it was successful, it didn't go beyond one issue, because it would have been too much work to continue on a volunteer basis.

She added that she wanted to thank the volunteer services team at Mount Sinai, including Joanne Fine-Schwebel, Lesli Herman and Faith White.

"They cheered me on relentlessly, and they are a huge contributing factor to my enjoying my experience at Mount Sinai," she said.

She said the women are the glue that holds the more than 300 Mount Sinai volunteers together.

"When you are greeted with a smile or a joke or asked to sit down and talk about what's new in your life or some celebrity's, it creates a very personal connection," Lipinsky said.

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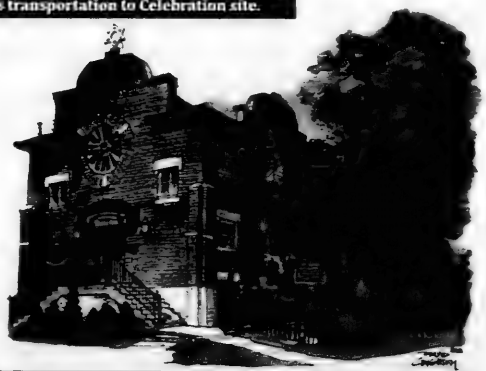

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Vancouver radio station abstains from vote

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Lakoff agued that because the "Israeli government has chosen to censor its own journalists and foreign journalists, we can no longer collaborate with such media organizations."

He then added the motion does not call for a boycott of all Israeli journalists, since "there are some journalists in Israel who are doing wonderful work getting some real news stories out."

Shelley Robinson, the NCRA's executive director, who clarified that a press release celebrating the passing of the motion was attributed to NCRA despite having been written by CKUT members, said it's important the NCRA "not editorialize" or voice an opinion about the motion.

She did, however, acknowledge there was "a lot of internal debate" and "diversity of opinion" on the subject.

"Definitely some members feel this is not the kind of work we should be doing, but on the other hand, there are some members who feel very strongly it is," she said.

Although the number of members who voted for and against the motion wasn't recorded, Robinson said it passed with a majority vote of at least 51 per cent.

She said some people during the meeting raised concerns about member stations' ability to remain objective in light of the motion.

"But this motion is non-binding, so if they wanted to do something with *Ha'aretz* or other Israeli media institutions, they would absolutely be free to do so," Robinson said.

She said despite the strong language that calls on member stations to refrain from working with Israeli media, "it is very clear to our membership that this is non-binding. There is no one who wants to do this work who feels like they can't because of this motion."

She added that the motion, doesn't "mean a ton in practice and I'm not trying to undercut it for those who think it is very meaningful, but a lot of people who feel like this kind of work is very powerful speak of it in terms of solidarity and not in terms of tangible consequences."

She said that based on the conversations taking place on the NCRA listserv, "there is a whole range of opinions on this issue."

NCRA stations must renew their memberships annually, and as of June, only 23 had done so, but according to its website, it had 82 member stations in 2010.

> *'It is very clear to our membership that this is non-binding'*

Member stations such as CKHC Radio Humber in Toronto and CHOU and CKCU in Ottawa did not respond to requests for interviews, while CFRC, Kingston's campus station, and York University's CHRY refused to comment. (CIUT, at the University of Toronto, one of the country's largest campus stations, is not a NCRA member.)

Sarah Buchanan, programming director for CJSF, Simon Fraser University's radio station, explained to *The CJN* why her station chose to abstain from the vote.

"There are a lot of people with strong opinions on both sides, so we decided that the best thing to do would be to abstain, since we didn't want to throw our vote in any one direction, when there was such a diversity of opinion."

Buchanan said much of the internal debate at her station centred on its role as a media organization.

"Some felt it was important to take a stand on these issues, and some felt it was important not to come down on any one side of a political issue, since we're connected with the media," she said.

"Another issue was that some of the wording was quite strong, especially the main resolution that calls for the boycott, sanctions and divestment against Israel. That was called into question for not being appropriate for a media organization."

Buchanan added that her station felt that being told its staff shouldn't speak to certain organizations might limit their own journalistic freedom.

Canadian Federation of Jewish Students' vice-president of external relations, Emile Scheffel, said he's encouraged the NCRA has chosen not to draw attention to the passing of the motion.

"It's kind of buried on their website. Obviously, they adopted it, but it doesn't seem to be something they're planning to run with in a big way and make a big splash with," Scheffel said.

Responding to Lakoff's claims that the Israeli government censors the media, he said while Israel does have "regulations about what the media can publish with respect to security issues," Israel is one of the few countries in the Middle East where freedom of the press is respected.

"Each and every day in Israel, there is a vigorous debate about a whole range of issues in the media that includes the conflict. Left-wing anti-occupation voices are heard, Israeli Arab voices are routinely expressed, and it is sad that they would boycott such a vibrant and vigorous media culture of debate that Israel has," Scheffel said.

Antisemitic rally held at Queen's Park

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

The video starts innocuously enough with the introduction of Karin Brothers "from the United Church of Canada," who intones a bland pronouncement of inclusiveness – "We need you."

Subsequent speakers at the Al Quds Day Rally, held Aug. 28 at Queen's Park, however, jacked up the rhetoric to levels that the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) believes was antisemitic.

Imam Zafar Bangash of the Islamic Society of York Region, said the U.S. president "would rather have Americans starve to death, but he cannot say no to the Zionist parasitical state." He referred to the United States as a "stooge government" and to Barack Obama as "this black man in the White House."

As rally participants waved flags of Hezbollah – a banned terrorist organization – Bangash went on to call Zionists "racist," "inhuman," and "barbarians."

Maulana Asad Jafri, described as a Khomeinist student from Qoms, Iran, said "whenever you see injustice happen, there is a one per cent, two per cent, 100 per cent involvement by the Zionist regime, the same Zionist regime that sucks the resources, the blood and everything that belongs to the people all across the world."

The video was shot by a CIJA staffer and posted on YouTube. It received more than 1,300 hits in its first few days on the Internet.

Steve McDonald, associate director of communications for CIJA, said the video has been offered to the media and posted online as "all Canadians need to see the sort of things said… in the guise of criticism of Israel when in fact all kinds of antisemitic things are coming out here."

McDonald pointed out the Al Quds Day Rally was created by Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in 1979, while the Toronto version was sponsored by CASMO, the Canadian Shia Muslims Organization.

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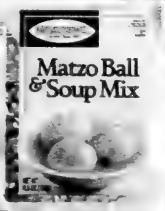

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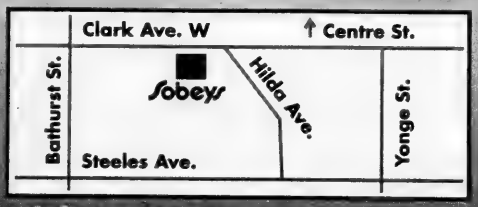

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An open letter to the community

It's up to the Jewish and pro-Israel community to make a difference in the upcoming elections in Ontario and Manitoba.

Over the coming few weeks, you have a choice to make: a choice that goes beyond who will be premier in Ontario or Manitoba, and which members will sit, respectively, in Queen's Park and in the Manitoba legislature. You can choose to sit on the sidelines of the campaign, allowing others to shape the future of our province and community, or with just a small effort, you can give voice to your values and ensure the continued vibrancy and impact of the Canadian Jewish community.

In Canada, the Jewish community comprises only 1.1 per cent of the population, and that number is expected to decrease as time goes on. In order to ensure that our community's values and concerns continue to resonate at every level of government, it is imperative that each of us embrace our democratic responsibilities, and thus ensure our voice is heard.

The Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee (CJPAC) is a national, multi-partisan organization dedicated to achieving that goal by getting the Jewish community involved in the political process (and within all parties). We are here to help you get involved with the campaign of your choice, including providing information, training, connecting volunteers and facilitating political support. With even a small contribution of time or money, you can have a significant impact on the political system.

So what can you do?

1. It's up to you to get informed.

Learn more about where the candidates and parties stand on these issues. Stay informed by reading the newspaper, watching the news and being active politically in your riding. Visit itsup2you.ca for links to party websites, information on voting and information on what you can do to make a difference.

2. It's up to you to get involved.

Volunteering for an election campaign is a great way to build relationships with MPPs, MLAs and other decision makers. These relationships are essential to ensuring our collective voice is heard. It's also a great opportunity for networking, professional development and community involvement. Those who have volunteered in the past know how important and fun it can be. Getting involved in a campaign is easier than you think: fill out our volunteer form at itsup2you.ca and CJPAC will pair you with the campaign of your choice. If you are a high school student, this counts toward your volunteer hours.

3. It's up to you to support candidates.

Many people do not know how easy it is to support candidates in a significant way. Every dollar counts, and there are generous tax credits for political donations. You can target your support and make sure you are involved in an effective way. Every dollar donated should be sent with the message, "Thank you on behalf of the Jewish community for your support of our issues." Call Jonathan Ain at 1-866-929-9552, ext. 238, for more information on how to make your political dollars count for the Jewish community.

4. Most of all, it's up to you to vote.

By exercising your right to vote, you have a say in charting your province's course on issues of importance to you and the community. Find out more about voting rules and locations at www.itsup2you.ca.

Together, we can protect and build our community's voice across the political spectrum. Remember – it's up to you!

Henry Wolfond, Chair
Mark Waldman, Executive Director
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Stephen Polevoy

Camp Northland staffer celebrates 40 years

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

In his wildest dreams, Stephen Polevoy never thought that Camp Northland would become his life's work.

After spending his 40th summer working at the Haliburton, Ont., camp, however, Polevoy, the assistant director and business manager, said the kids have kept him coming back.

A teacher by profession who has spent seven decades in camping, Polevoy, who was honoured at camp with a surprise party, says the "kids energize me. I love to see them succeed, and I love it when they conquer their fears of certain activities such as climbing ropes and water skiing.

"I've seen campers grow up to become staff and head staff, and I stay interested in how their lives unfold. Camp is our common bond," said Polevoy, whose wife and two daughters all went to Camp Northland.

The spirit at Camp Northland – which is overseen by the Jewish Camp Council of Toronto – is "unbelievable," he said. "Many campers and staff eat and sleep camp 12 months a year. The day they leave, they count the days until they can return. Campers can't wait to become counsellors, and counsellors can't think about leaving."

He admits it's not an easy job. "For eight weeks, I'm on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I'm always responsible for the campers and staff. I don't take a day off, and I hardly sleep. I wouldn't have it any other way, though."

In September, he said, after wrapping up the season – he has worked full time for the camp since 1978 – they start planning for the following year. "We run camp for 2-1/2 months, and the rest of the year is spent preparing and closing. That takes more time than the actual running."

Nicole Markowitz, executive director of the Jewish Camp Council of Toronto, and director of Camp Northland, called "Mr. P." the heart and soul of the camp.

"He does what it takes to make the summer memorable. He's the tooth fairy, he supplies the puzzle of the day, and he's the camp photographer. That is on top of his duties, which include managing supplies for the kitchen, health centre and maintenance staff. He maintains the foundation of the camp."

Hersh Glass, a member of the Jewish Camp Council of Toronto's board of directors, said he spent 17 years at Camp Northland, as a camper, counsellor and then section head. "Mr. P. was there the entire time, and he saw me grow up."

Polevoy's energy is remarkable, he said. "He brings a tremendous positive force."

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Happy 65th anniversary Harold & Laya Pelchovitz on Sept. 15. Lots of love from all your children, your grandchildren and your great-granddaughter.

Mazel tov, Issie & Shelley, on your 40th wedding anniversary on Aug. 29. Love, Michael, Amanda, Jordan, Lauren, Duffy and Snoopy.

Mike & Leslie Kinrys celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on Sept. 6.

Mazel tov to our parents Anita & Elliott Weidman who will be celebrating their 25th anniversary on Aug. 26! Love from Melissa and Shawn

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Thursday, Sept. 8

BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR

Temple Har Zion presents the second of three seminars on bereavement. **Rabbi Cory Weis**, 7:30 p.m., 905-889-2252.

JERUSALEM IN BIBLE TIMES

Zvi Greenhut of the Israel Antiquities Authority speaks about "Jerusalem and its Vicinity in Biblical Times: New Discoveries from the Holy Land" at Beth David Synagogue, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 9

A WOMAN'S PRAYER BOOK

Aliza Lavie, editor of *A Jewish Woman's Prayer Book*, will be scholar-in-residence Sept. 9-10, Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Friday evening services 6 p.m. followed by dinner, $30. Shabbat presentations (no charge) - from the bimah, talk after kiddush, afternoon study. 416-221-3433.

MINSKER SHABBATON

Rabbi Avrohom Trugman, author of *Orchard of Delight* will speak about his new book tonight and tomorrow at a Shabbaton at the Minsker Shul. 416-595-5723 or email rabbiminsk@yahoo.com.

Sunday, Sept. 11

FRIENDS OF YIDDISH

Entertainer **Alf Kwinter** speaks at the annual Friends of Yiddish membership breakfast, Beth Tikvah. 10:30 a.m. **Sandy**, 416-736-8073, 416-458-1440, or yiddish18@yahoo.ca

THE 1960S - DEFINING DECADE

Harold Troper speaks about "The 1960s, The Defining Decade-When The Jews Of Canada Came Out Of The Shadows," at Shaar Shalom Synagogue at 7:30 p.m.

THE UNWRA CHALLENGE

The Toronto Zionist Council will show the new documentary *Palestinian Refugee Policy:From Despair To Hope*. **Dr. Arnon Groiss**, senior journalist for the Israel Broadcasting Authority's Arabic Radio and **David Bedein**, director of The Center for Near East Policy Research, Jerusalem will discuss "The UNRWA Challenge," 4 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue. Call 416-633-8837.

Monday, Sept. 12

START SCHOOL RIGHT

Bialik Hebrew Day School PTA presents **Jennifer Kolari** speaking about "Start the New School Year Off Right" 7 p.m. Tickets are $20 in advance, $25 at the door. E-mail yaelcohen@rogers.com.

CLUB FOR VISION IMPAIRED

The Jewish Club for the Vision Impaired meets 7:30 p.m at the Prosserman JCC. Entertainment by **Mickey Lewin** and refreshments. Transportation can be provided by volunteer drivers. Call **Bess** at 905-508-289

HIGH HOLIDAY SEMINAR

Toronto Council of Hazzanim presents a High Holiday Seminar at Beth Radom Congregation. The all-day event will be followed by an 8 p.m. panel discussion and concert, including a tribute to singer/songwriter **Debbie Friedman**. $36 for full day, $18 for evening. To register, hhseminar@gmail.com or 416-221-8506, ext. 325.

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The March of the Living is open to high school students, young adults and adults. For more information, contact your local Jewish Federation.

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DIVINE INSPIRATION

Rabbi Yosef Mizrachi speaks on "Be the Best You Can Be," 7:30 p.m. at Aish on Clark, 949 Clark Ave. W. E-mail www.divineinspiration.com.

MITZVAH KNITTERS

The Mitzvah Knitters meet every other Monday starting tonight at 7:15 p.m. at Shaar Shalom Synagogue. They knit and crochet shawls and blankets for women's shelters and hospitals. Call 905-889-4975.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

IDENTITY THEFT

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood presents **Fran Saltzman** speaking about Identity Theft at 8 p.m.

THE CHORALAIRS

The Choralairs start their new season at 7:15 p.m. at the Earl Bales Community Centre. New members welcome, no auditions. **Sally**, 416-636-8247; **Martha**, 905-884-8370; sallyl@sympatico. ca.

Wednesday, Sept.14

ART FOR THE JEWISH SOUL

Jerusalem Foundation of Canada presents *Under the Jerusalem Sky: Contemporary Art for the Jewish Soul*, works by 17 Toronto-based artists, 7 p.m., the Nikola Rukaj Gallery, 384 Eglinton Ave. W., 7 p.m. $80. The exhibit continues until Sept. 18.

WALKING A TIGHT ROPE

Berl Nadler speaks about "Walking the Tight Rope: Constant Crisis – Who are our friends, foes and what Israel and world Jewry can do about it," 7:45 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Thursday, Sept. 15

BEING GOOD

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin speaks about "Being Good: Jewish Ethics for Daily Life," 8 p.m. at Kehillat Shaarei Torah Synagogue. Call 416-633-5770 or www.torahinmotion.org.

MUSICAL TRIP TO ISRAEL

Join **Hazzan Beny** and **Hope Maissner** on a trip to Germany and Israel June 25-July 11 as part of the Cantors Assembly mission. Information evening at Holy Blossom Temple, 7:30 p.m. Call 416-789-3291 ext. 224.

Other News

JUNCTION SHUL PARTY

Congregation Knesseth Israel (The Junction Shul), 56 Maria St., celebrates its 100th anniversary at a street party Sept. 18. info@junctionshul.org.

HARBORD C.I. REUNION

The 1951 graduating class of Harbord Collegiate is holding a reunion brunch Sept. 18 at the Donalda Club. **Debby Cowitz**, 416-633-0115 , **Kaylee Miller** 416-486-1574.

MELTON MINI-SCHOOL

Michael Rubin will teach "The Arab-Israeli Conflict," 7-8:15 p.m. starting Oct. 11 at Beth David Synagogue.

Shayna Kravetz will teach "Poetry of the Bible," 10-11:30 a.m. at Beth Emeth Synagogue, starting Oct. 26.

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Call 416-789-7400 to register.

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Celebrate fall with music, gardening and art at the Kavanah Garden, 18 Lebovic Campus Dr., Sept.18, 12-4 p.m. E-mail sabrina@shoresh.ca or www.shoresh.ca

ACTIVE RETIREES IN ISRAEL

Thinking about winter travel plans? Join the Canadian American Active Retirees in Israel for touring and volunteering. **Rebecca**, JNF 416-638-7200 ext. 30, or www.caarivolunteers.com.

HOLOCAUST RESOURCES

Baycrest Holocaust Resource Program is offers support groups for child survivors of the Holocaust and adult children of survivors. Group meetings begin in September. Call **Shoshana Yaakobi** 416-785-2500, ext. 2271, or e-mail syaakobi@baycrest.org.

CANADIAN YESHIVA CLASSES

Classes start the week of Sept. 12 at the Canadian Yeshiva and Rabbinical School. To enroll call 416-900-4796 or e-mail admin@cdnyeshiva.org.

FOR SENIORS

Association of Jewish Seniors. Stephen Adler, associate director of Ontario government relations for the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs and **Rachel Chertkoff**, director of operations, Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee will discuss the provincial election. Sept. 15, 10 a.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, **Tammy** 416-635-2900 ext. 458.

New Horizons is a Jewish Hungarian seniors club that offers kosher food, casino trips and low membership fees. Call 416-256-1892.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. (55+). **Valerie**, 416-395-7881. Casino Rama, Sept. 14. Dance with live music, Sept. 18. Ongoing activities : Mondays, line dancing, 10 a.m.; Tuesdays, fitness class with qualified instructor, 10-11 a.m.; Wednesdays, art class, 10 a.m.; Thursdays, social bridge, 12:30 p.m.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m., Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell. 416-630-9444.

Adath Israel Congregation. Wednesday afternoon socials. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub. Refreshments $2. Call **Pearl**, 416-635-6317, or **Marcia**, 416-932-1229.

Bernard Betel Centre 416-225-2112. Sept. 8, **Sarah Oulahen** speaks about "Nature's Superfoods," 1:30-2:30 p.m. ; Sept. 13, **David Lipovitch** speaks about "What did King David Eat for Breakfast?", 10-11:30 a.m.; Sept. 14, **Anne Balaban** speaks about her book *Common Sense is Uncommon*, 1-2:30 p.m.

Active Seniors, Miles Nadal JCC, 416-924-6211, ext.155. Sept. 8, 2 p.m., **Iain Scott** speaks about "Pavarotti: Last of the Great Tenors?"

Sept. 15, 2 p.m., **Corey Keeble**, ROM Curator, speaks about "The Joys of Judaica."

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JIAS CARNIVAL: Ulpanat Orot students reached out to Jewish immigrant youth by volunteering at JIAS Toronto's recent carnival which took place at the culmination of the 'Ready-For School Program for Newcomer Youth' a two week program co-ordinated by JIAS Toronto, and made possible by donations from the ORT Toronto Nussbaum-Brown Fund and the Dorothea Gould Foundation This year, 47 students participated in the program.

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WWII ace died trying to fight for Israel

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

HAMILTON — They called him The Falcon of Malta.

George "Buzz" Buerling, a kid in his twenties from Verdun, Que., was one of the top fighter pilots for the Allies in World War II. And he likely would have been the Machal's top fighter pilot during Israel's 1948 War of Independence but for his untimely demise.

On Sept. 1, the Israeli Air Force-fighter-who-might-have-been was posthumously honoured by the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum with the unveiling of a life-sized, bronze statue of his likeness at a ceremony at Hamilton International Airport.

The statue will remain on permanent display at the museum.

Between 1942 and 1944, Buerling gained renown as an ace pilot for the Royal Air Force, when he was stationed in Malta and single-handedly notched 29 kills of enemy aircraft during the Axis siege of the island nation, mostly while piloting a Spitfire VC.

Though he desperately wanted to fly for Canada, the Royal Canadian Air Force initially refused to enlist him because he lacked a high school diploma. They later accepted him after his heroic exploits in the war.

History records him as somewhat of a rebel – Buerling was known to flout air force protocols as a matter of course. But at the ceremony last week, his brother, Rick, and other guest speakers, among them Hamilton Mayor Bob Bratina, Israeli Consul General for Toronto and western Canada Amir Gissin, and the museum's chairman, William L. Koyle, clarified that Buerling simply chafed under mundane orders from his commanders and the envy of his fellow pilots, because he knew his skills far exceeded those of all other pilots and he only wanted to dogfight with the enemy as much as possible.

In 1944, Buerling received an honourable discharge from the RCAF. But unable to adjust to civilian life, by 1948, at age 26, he decided to contact the Haganah through channels in Montreal to ask about joining the nascent Israeli Air Force.

Buerling, a devout Christian, had been raised to love both the People and Land of Israel and felt compelled to serve the fledgling Jewish state, according to his brother.

"He was one of the gentiles who believed in the promise of Israel," Rick said.

Word of Buerling's interest in fighting for Israel reached Harold "Smoky" Simon, chief of air operations for the IAF, who quickly agreed to recruit Buerling to fly P-51 Mustangs in the elite 101 squadron.

But Buerling never got the chance.

En route to Israel, his Noorduyn Norseman transport plane, a specialty aircraft manufactured in Montreal that he was to deliver as his first mission for the IAF, exploded and crashed while on approach to Aeroporto dell'Urbe in Rome. Sabotage was suspected, but never proven.

Buerling's body was taken to Israel, where it was buried in Haifa's military cemetery.

Simon, currently head of World Machal, told *The CJN* that Buerling "would have been a tremendous asset to Israel. It was such a tragedy."

He added: "It said something about the men who wanted to come fight for Israel despite knowing that they would be doing so with inferior supplies and weapons."

Gissin praised Buerling's wartime heroics, describing him as a "special pilot... who chose to fight against evil, because it was the right thing to do."

George Frederick "Buzz" Buerling

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Media must stop ignoring Palestinian rejectionism

In Ramallah on Aug. 27, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas made an important statement that was reported in the Israeli media but ignored by the international media. He insisted that the Palestinian Authority will not recognize Israel as a Jewish state, and even rebuked the Mideast Quartet – the United States, United Nations, European Union and Russia – for stipulating that the Palestinians need to adopt this position. "Don't order us to recognize a Jewish state. We won't accept it," he declared.

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

This is not the first time Abbas has expressed this view, but it's quite possibly the most emphatic he's been. As Ynet reported the following day, it shows that he's adopted a belligerent tone ahead of his gambit at the United Nations later this month to gain statehood recognition.

The subject of accepting or rejecting Israel as the homeland of the Jewish people is not a trivial or technical matter involving mere definition. In 2009, according to Reuters, Abbas sarcastically said: "It is not my job to give a description of the state. Name yourself the Hebrew Socialist Republic – it is none of my business."

But what evidently is his business, in keeping with past Palestinian leadership, is to deny that Jews have any legitimate historical attachment to Israel, foremost to Jerusalem. (This is why, for instance, during the Camp David summit in 2000, then-PA president Yasser Arafat utterly dismayed Israeli negotiators by insisting the Western Wall is in Nablus!)

This refusal to acknowledge the legitimacy of Jewish sovereignty is tied to the PA insistence (which, contrary to popular misconception, has no basis in international law) that Palestinian refugees from the 1948 war and their descendants, whom PA leaders number at about five million, have a "right of return" to Israel. If the Palestinian leadership were willing to accept Israel as the Jewish state, they would in effect forfeit this claimed "right" that they have long claimed as a sacrosanct principle. It remains so even for those who, like Abbas, have occasionally said, if only for tactical reasons, that for the sake of Israel's "demographic concerns," they would be willing to limit the number of refugees who would actually return.

Mahmoud Abbas

Pollsters, both Middle Eastern and western, who ask Palestinians whether they accept a "two-state" solution, but then fail to follow this up by asking the essential question of whether they're willing to forgo the "right of return," are not providing an accurate picture of Palestinian attitudes. And journalists who frequently report on the former but pay no attention to the latter also fail to convey an accurate account.

Among prominent Palestinians, only Sari Nusseibeh, currently president of Al-Quds University and formerly a PLO representative, had the courage to say what has needed to be said all along about what constitutes a genuine two-state deal. He told the *New York Times* in 2001: "The Palestinians have to realize that if we are to reach an agreement on two states, then those two states will have to be one for the Israelis and one for the Palestinians, not one for the Palestinians and the other also for the Palestinians."

Yet what Nusseibeh warned against is precisely what the PA insists upon. In the Aug. 28 *Jerusalem Post*, Khaled Abu Toameh reported that Abbas told the Jordanian newspaper *Ad-Dustour* that even after the UN recognizes a Palestinian state (along the June 4, 1967 lines), the Palestinians will continue to demand the return of millions of refugees to Israel "on the basis of international legitimacy."

In other words, Abbas is not just pursuing (in violation of binding agreements to negotiate with Israel) international recognition of a Palestinian state. He's also advocating a program that will lead to Israel's disappearance as a state envisioned by the UN itself in 1947 – a homeland for the Jewish people.

It's time for the western media to start paying attention to this persistent Palestinian intolerance and rejectionism.

Paul Michaels is director of research and media relations for the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs.

Correction

A portion of the Beauty Shop column by Stacey Michaels and Francine Birken was inadvertently omitted in our Sept. 1 edition. The centre referred to on page 34 is Toronto Dermatology Centre. To see the entire column, please go to cjnews.com.

Montreal gets new envoy

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The new Israeli consul general in Montreal, Joel Lion, comes to town after a hectic two years in New York, where he served as spokesperson for the Israeli Consulate.

He's a French-born Orthodox rabbi who has been a career diplomat since 1993. His Wikipedia entry includes photos of him with ABC News' Christiane Amanpour and American media personality Glenn Beck.

Joel Lion (pronounced Yo-el Lee-on) replaces Yoram Elron, who has returned to Israel after four years.

Joel Lion

"It was a challenging job, to put it mildly," Lion said of his time in New York. While there, he said in an interview, he worked with the national and local media, as well as with at least six correspondents for the Israeli press.

He prepared them for two visits each by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and President Shimon Peres, and one by Defence Minister Ehud Barak and numerous other dignitaries.

As consul for media affairs and head of a departmental staff of six, he often responded to content concerning Israel, even in the *New York Times*. In June, for example, he pointed out in a letter that a news article, headlined "Americans are joining flotilla to protest Israeli blockade," failed to mention that the U.S. State Department held the position that any attempt to break Israel's maritime blockade would be considered "an act of provocation" since other means of getting humanitarian assistance to Gaza were in place.

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Government seeks fundraisers for Holocaust monument

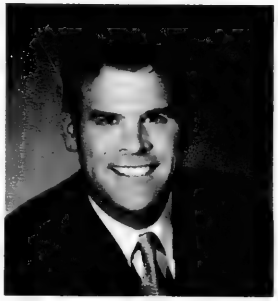
Compiled by CJN Staff

OTTAWA — The government is seeking people to sit on a council to support the National Holocaust Monument, which will be built in Ottawa, said John Baird, foreign affairs minister and minister responsible for the National Capital Commission.

The project is the result of a private member's bill and was supported by all parties in the House of Commons. It received royal assent on March 25.

Baird, who will oversee the planning, construction and maintenance of the monument, said in a press release that the monument would not only preserve the memory of victims of the Holocaust "but will also educate visitors of all faiths and traditions about the causes and risks of hate. Let us use the lessons of the past to remind us of the importance of tolerance, to inspire us to uphold human rights and to prevent future acts of genocide."

Tim Uppal, minister of state for democratic reform and member of Parliament for Edmonton-Sherwood Park, who introduced the bill, said that the "monument will serve as a symbol of Canadian value and diversity as much as it will be a memorial for the millions of victims and families destroyed.



John Baird

"The monument will recognize how Canadians and Canadian history have been affected, and that we will continue to stand against any forces that oppose our essential principles.

"We must never allow the crimes of the past to be repeated or forgotten. The monument will remind us that we must be vigilant in standing guard against hatred and tyrant rulers while promoting freedom for all peoples."

The Holocaust stands alone in the annals of human history, he said. "It was not just a crime perpetrated against a specific group of people; it was a crime that challenged the fundamental values [that] all civilized peoples hold dear: freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law," said Uppal.

The main role of the council –no more than five volunteers are being sought – is to spearhead a fundraising campaign. The government of Canada will match funds raised to cover the cost of the planning, construction and maintenance of the monument.

Candidates, who should submit a curriculum vitae and covering letter to www.NHM-MNH@international.gc.ca before Sept. 21, must be Canadian citizens, have a strong demonstrated interest in or connection to the Holocaust and possess experience in large-scale fundraising and managing a fundraising campaign.

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Dogs put nose to job of fighting cancer

Research has shown they can smell disease in humans

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Veterinary student and Toronto native Rachel Wallach said now that studies have proven that dogs can smell cancer in humans, scientists should switch their focus to putting the discovery into practice.

"All the research has gone into 'Can they?' The answer is yes. They can absolutely smell these disease markers," said Wallach, an Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto graduate and third-year University of Glasgow veterinary student.

Rachel Wallach with one of her many animal friends

A study carried out by German researchers and published in the *European Respiratory Journal* last month showed that dogs were able to detect lung tumours in 71 per cent of patients.

Wallach explained that the researchers trained dogs to detect "volatile organic compounds," which are linked to the presence of cancer, using their keen sense of smell.

"There is actually no human contact with the dogs... Patients who had lung cancer [as well as] patients from a control group who were healthy had to breathe into a tube with a cotton swab at the bottom and then it was sealed," Wallach explained.

"Dogs were trained to positively ID based on reward, the ones with cancer. After they were put through rigorous training protocol, they were given a blind sample and it was a double blind, so even the handler didn't know which were positive and which were negative."

The results from this study showed the dogs identified 71 lung cancer samples out of 100.

"Now that we know that they can, how do we move forward and use it to our advantage?" she asked.

Wallach, who spent her summer in Toronto and has been doing clinical rotations at several practices in the city, said she became "fascinated" with the work being done in this field.

"There is something magical about the fact that dogs can do that."

After learning about a summer research program offered by her school, Wallach obtained a grant to do a literature review on cancer-sniffing dogs.

"In the last decade or so, there has been research about whether dogs can smell disease. Whether it is cancer or diabetes or even parasitic infections," she said.

But Wallach added that despite the number of similar studies, there is no consistent training method for the dogs.

"There is no system that exists in the research sector. There is no protocol on how to train these dogs. I think in order for the research to continue, you have to have a base method of training and evaluation. If you evaluate one way and another lab evaluates another way, you're comparing apples to oranges," Wallach said.

"What I'm looking to do is compare the dogs that have been trained for these projects with the dogs that have been trained... [to detect] explosives and drugs. I'm comparing the ways in which these dogs have been trained and used and evaluated."

She said she is also polling opinions about the studies because many researchers say that although the results are remarkable, they don't see how these dogs can be used in practice.

But if researchers can find a way to put this theory into practice, the method could serve as a way to detect cancer earlier than some medical tests can.

"The dogs are so amazing at early diagnosis that they are able to detect it before a patient even has symptoms or before a doctor even says 'I think I'd like to test for something.'"

Wallach said that in one of the first cancer-sniffing dog studies, dogs were trained to detect prostate cancer in patients' urine.

"All but four dogs kept identifying this one urine sample from a control patient who was supposed to be a healthy patient. So the researches were concerned enough to let the person know. Further tests were done and it turned out that the person had a kidney tumour."

She said a similar story involving the recent study had dogs smelling breast samples.

"The dogs kept IDing this one sample of a control patient and it turned out the patient had been in remission from lung cancer," Wallach said.

"When something sets off the dogs' radar I think people have been concerned enough to say, 'OK, let's look into that.'"

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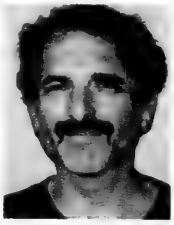
Canadian docs to visit Israel

Lauren Kramer
Pacific Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Family physician Larry Barzelai has long been fascinated with Israel, but after the 61-year-old read *Start-up Nation: The Story of Israel's Economic Miracle* and learned of some of the state's innovative high-tech achievements, he knew he needed to visit.



Dr. Larry Barzelai

When the Vancouver doctor dug further, he discovered there were Start-Up Nation tours to Israel where participants could visit the high-tech companies profiled in the book. But Barzelai wanted a tour that focused specifically on the medical research. He inquired, and the travel agency that created these specialized itineraries agreed to collaborate with him to create one.

Fast forward six months to August 2011 and Barzelai has assembled a week-long trip that gives interested physicians at least 15 hours of credits in continuing medical education, as well as visits to medical high-tech companies and the opportunity to learn about the work of doctors on the cutting edge of medicine.

The sessions will include Amir Amedi of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem speaking to the Canadians about blind people being able to "see" via sophisticated sound techniques, while Joseph Yanai, also from Hebrew U., will discuss his stem cell therapy to reduce birth defects in animals. Hossam Haick from the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology will be speaking on the diagnosis of specific cancers from breath samples, and Moshe Shoham will talk about the ViRob robot that can deliver drugs directly to tumours.

"It's been a lot of work getting the trip organized, but it's interesting stuff," Barzelai said. "For me, the highlight will be showing Canadian doctors what incredible medical technological innovations are happening in Israel. The more I read about this stuff, the more it blows me away. I'm also planning to invite Israeli physicians to come too, so there will be some opportunity for mingling."

The medical trip to Israel is scheduled for Nov. 14 to 21, and its cost of $2,198 includes hotels, most meals, educational sessions, tours and travel within Israel. There's space for up to 20 participants. Barzelai had 10 confirmed at time of publication. For more information, contact Barzelai at 604-734-1443 or by e-mail at barzelai@interchange.ubc.ca or bill@keshetisrael.co.il.

Israel's medical advances

Larry Barzelai
Special to The CJN

Reading *Start-up Nation: The Story of Israel's Economic Miracle* by Dan Senor and Saul Singer was a revelation. The book describes the story behind Israel's innovative scientific and technological achievements.

The authors start by describing an upcoming electric car battery replacement system. Better Place, a company that works on sustainable transportation options, is expected to start selling batteries for the Renault Fluence ZE this summer. This electric car will be plugged into the electrical grid for overnight charging. For longer distances, it will be necessary to go to a "charging station" that will replace the car's electric battery in less time than a conventional fill-up would take. Senor and Singer describe many other Israeli achievements and provide explanations as to their success.

For the full story describing some of the technical innovations described in the book, please go to cjnews.com.

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Holiday Food Ideas

Menus begin with tradition

As the days become shorter and September approaches, Jews everywhere begin to anticipate the High Holidays, which begin with Rosh Hashanah and culminate with Shmini Atzeret and Simchat Torah.

While it is a time for us to think back on the past year and repent for our sins, we also look forward and start the new year with joy and hope.

Rosh Hashanah is ripe with traditions, many of them revolving around food. Although different communities have different customs, most of us prepare sweet foods to symbolize our hopes for a sweet year, and avoid bitter foods such as nuts and horseradish to prevent a bitter year.

In addition to dipping apples in honey, we add fruit to our chicken – often pomegranates whose 613 seeds represent the 613 mitzvot – and raisins to our challah, which, for this holiday, is round, to symbolize our wish for a well-rounded and full year.

Planning menus for the holiday is usually done with these traditions in mind. Some families prepare what their mothers and grandmothers prepared before them, while others seek new recipes that incorporate old traditions.

In the upcoming holiday food supplements, our writers share some of their own family favourites, often with innovative twists.

Whether you are looking for ideas, or just want to know what others are preparing this year, you are sure to come away with something new.

From all of us at *The CJN*, we wish you happy cooking and, most of all, a Shanah Tovah.

–CB

Awesome apple cakes

Daphna Rabinovitch
Special to The CJN

Gastronomically speaking, it's fitting that Rosh Hashanah falls at the end of September this year. We've had time to say our sad farewells to all the summer fruits that have graced our table and our quick-to-put-together desserts.

As summer fades into the background and the days grow slightly shorter, apples come into their own – lip-smacking crisp like the air, hardy like the weather and deliciously sweet, with a sweetness that we hope, as we manipulate these beauties into slices, crumbles and luscious cakes for our Rosh Hashanah dinners, will augur well for the coming year.

For the scrumptious cake recipes that follow, use an apple that will hold its shape during baking, such as Northen Spy, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith or Red Prince.

CARAMEL APPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

If want, you can double the caramel and serve some alongside the cake as a sauce.

2 large apples, peeled, cored and sliced 1/4 in. thick
Caramel:
1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup unsalted butter
2 tbsp. whipping cream
Cake:
1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
1 cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. baking soda
pinch salt
1 cup sour cream

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For the makings of a good and sweet new year.
COMPLETE HOLIDAY DINNER INCLUDES:
Challah
Old fashioned dill pickles
Gefilte fish made with white fish & salmon
CHOOSE ONE
Cabbage borscht with tender beef flanken
OR
Homemade matzo ball soup
CHOOSE ONE
Farm fresh baby spinach salad with red onions, toasted almonds, mandarin oranges, topped with a citrus vinaigrette
OR
Traditional coleslaw
CHOOSE TWO
Brisket served with gravy au jus
OR
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OR
Baked salmon with an orange miso glaze
OR
Grilled salmon with a sweet teriyaki glaze
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Cake perfect for a dairy lunch

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Preheat oven to 350. Grease 9x3-in. cake pan; line bottom with round of parchment paper.

In saucepan, stir together sugar and 1/2 cup water over medium heat, until dissolved. Increase heat to high and boil, without stirring, until golden, 8 to 10 minutes. Brush down sides of pan with brush dipped in cold water periodically. Remove from heat. Averting face, whisk in butter and cream until butter is melted and foam has subsided. Pour over prepared pan. Arrange apple slices in concentric circles over caramel.

In large bowl, beat butter until light. Gradually beat in sugar until light and fluffy. One at a time, beat in eggs, beating well after each addition.

In another bowl, combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Stir this into butter mixture alternately with sour cream, making three additions of dry ingredients and two of wet. Scrape it over apples; spread carefully with knife.

Bake in centre of preheated oven for about 45 minutes or until golden brown and centre springs back when lightly pressed. Cool on rack for 10 minutes. Run knife around edge of cake pan. Carefully invert onto cake platter. Serve warm or at room temperature. Makes 12 servings.

APPLE CREAM CHEESE CAKE

This beautiful cake is perfect for a Rosh Hashanah luncheon. The addition of raspberries livens up its colour and the tang of the berries acts as a delicious foil for the sweetness of the apples and the layer of cream cheese. Although a bit lengthy, the cake goes together beautifully and can be made up to a day ahead with exceptional results.

Cake:
1/3 cup unsalted butter, softened
2/3 cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
2 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup yogurt or sour cream
3 apples, peeled, cored and chopped
2 tsp. lemon juice
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1 cup fresh raspberries
Crumb topping:
1 cup all purpose flour
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
2 tbsp. granulated sugar
1/3 cup butter, melted
Cream cheese filling:
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 egg
2 tsp. lemon juice

Grease a 9-in. springform pan and set aside.

To make the crumb topping, combine flour, brown and granulated sugar in a bowl. Drizzle butter over, tossing with fork until crumbly; set aside.

Beat cream cheese in electric mixer until softened. Beat in sugar. Beat in egg, scraping sides. Beat in lemon juice.

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Dessert feeds a crowd

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In small bowl, toss apples with cinnamon and lemon juice; set aside.

Using electric mixer, beat butter. Gradually beat in sugar until light and fluffy. One at a time, beat in eggs, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla.

In separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder, soda and salt. Using wooden spoon, stir flour mixture into butter mixture alternately with yogurt, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Scrape mixture into prepared pan. Scatter half of apples and half of raspberries over batter. Spread with cream cheese mixture. Top with remaining apples and raspberries. Sprinkle evenly with crumb topping.

Bake in centre of preheated oven for 70 to 75 minutes or until cake tester comes out clean and crumb topping is golden. Let cool in pan on rack for 30 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature. Makes 12 servings.

CRUMBLE-TOPPED SLAB APPLE PIE

If you're having a crowd for Rosh Hashanah, then this is the dessert for you. The pastry is simplicity itself, and you don't have to worry about rolling out a top crust of pastry or that inevitable hollow between a top crust and the pie filling itself. The cranberries offer a welcome splash of colour but the pie is also fabulous without them.

Pastry:
2 1/4 cups all purpose flour
2 tbsp. granulated sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
2/3 cup cold hard margarine or unsalted butter
1/2 cup (approx.) cold water
Apple filling:
3 1/2 lb. apples, peeled, cored and sliced (about 8 apples)
1 cup cranberries (optional)
2/3 cup granulated sugar
1/3 cup all purpose flour
1 tsp cinnamon
2 tbsp. lemon juice
Crumble topping:
1 cup quick cooking oats
1 cup packed brown sugar
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup hard margarine or butter
1/2 cup coarsely chopped pecans or walnuts

In bowl of food processor, combine flour, sugar and salt. Pulse to combine. Cut in cold butter and pulse until mixture resembles coarse crumbs with a few larger pieces of margarine. Drizzle 3/4 of the water over. Pulse until mixture starts to come together, adding just enough water to keep moistened. Do not process until it forms a ball. Dump pastry onto work surface; gently bring together into a disc. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes or for up to 24 hours.

To make topping, combine oats, brown sugar and flour in a large bowl. Cut in butter until mixture is crumbly. Stir in pecans; set aside.

To make pie, toss together apples, cranberries (if using), sugar, flour, cinnamon and lemon juice in a separate bowl.

Preheat oven to 375. On floured surface, roll out pastry to 18x12-in. rectangle. Wrap pastry around rolling pin and unroll onto 15x10x1-inch baking pan. Flute sides. Scrape apple mixture onto pan spreading evenly. Sprinkle crumb topping evenly over.

Bake in centre of preheated oven for 40 to 45 minutes or until pastry is golden, juices are bubbling and apples are tender. Makes 24 servings.

A holiday handbook: write it down and delegate

Randy Fingrut
Special to The CJN

Wish me a Mazel Tov! My eldest son is getting married.

We are so looking forward to all the festivities, except for one little thing. My son's wedding is right before Rosh Hashanah, and I always host a big crowd on the first night. When I am entertaining, I want everything to be perfect, but I don't want to have to work so hard that I will be stressed and exhausted by the time my guests arrive.

There is so much to consider when preparing for a holiday: menu planning, scheduling, shopping, food preparation, cooking and setting the table. Therefore, it was essential for me to develop a holiday handbook. There are two simple steps to follow: one, write it all down, and two, delegate! Make a to-do list and follow it, and make a guest list so you have a count. Then decide what you are going to serve. Enlist your family to contribute a side dish or a dessert.

Next, make your shopping list. Remember to consider the number of people coming for dinner before deciding on the amount of food to buy. Clean out an area in your refrigerator to keep your holiday food. Whatever can be made in advance should be prepared and frozen.

So, on the morning of, take your soup and your apple cake out of the freezer, and that leaves only a few courses to prepare, a salad, a poultry dish and a side dish. Now you are ready for the big day.

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Quick but traditional holiday meal

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BARBECUED CHICKEN SOUP

This soup is easy to prepare, and extremely tasty. Make it ahead and freeze.

1 whole deli-style barbecued chicken
4 large carrots, peeled
4 large celery ribs
1 large cooking onion
2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
large Dutch oven or stock pot that holds 8 quarts of water

Cover the barbecued chicken, carrots, celery and onion with water reaching 2 inches from the top of the pot. Bring pot to a boil and skim any fat that may appear. Add more water, if necessary, to keep level 2 inches from the top of the pot. Reduce heat to a simmer, cover pot and cook for 1 1/2 hours. Remove the vegetables and discard. Remove the chicken, which can be deboned when cooled. It makes wonderful chicken salad or goes great in pasta sauce. Freeze the soup and the deboned chicken in separate containers for future use.

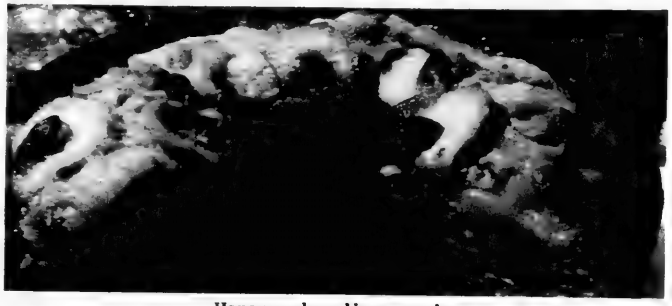
SESAME CHICKEN

Crispy, moist and mouth-watering, this chicken dish will be a big hit.

6 boneless chicken breasts, fat and skin removed
1/2 cup all purpose flour
5 oz. sesame seeds
1 tbsp. paprika
1 1/2 tsp. salt
1 egg
1 cup chicken stock
3-4 tbsp. canola oil

Set out 3 flat bottomed bowls. In first, mix 1/2 of each of the flour, sesame seeds, paprika and salt, in the second beat the egg and then add it to the stock, in the third mix the remainder of the flour, sesame seeds, paprika and salt. Toss the chicken breasts in the first flour mixture, then coat well with the egg mixture, then coat well in the second flour mixture. Heat the oil in a large pan and fry the chicken just until the coating becomes golden in colour. Spray a baking dish with canola oil and place chicken in the dish and bake at 350 for about 30 minutes or until tender.

Frying the chicken until golden is a step that can be skipped if desired. Instead, bake chicken in a prepared pan at 350 for about 40 minutes. Chicken will turn out less golden and crunchy, but is still delicious.



Honey-apple and banana cake

MOCK POTATO KUGEL

Zucchini makes this dish light and delicious. This combination of potatoes and zucchini does away with the need for another vegetable dish when time is limited.

2 medium zucchini, scrubbed
1 tsp. salt
2 large potatoes, scrubbed
2 tbsp. canola oil, more may be added if necessary
6 green onions, finely chopped
6 cloves of garlic, finely minced
2 tbsp. fresh herbs, finely chopped (thyme, sage, rosemary or tarragon)
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground pepper

In the processor or by hand, grate the zucchini and place in a colander. Sprinkle with salt and let stand 10 minutes. Squeeze out excess water from zucchini. Grate potatoes, place in colander and rinse well with cold water. Squeeze out water. Blend zucchini and potatoes. In large ovenproof pan, heat oil and add the onion, garlic and herbs. Sauté until onion is soft. Add potato mixture and cook for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add salt and pepper and continue to cook for 10 minutes more. Place pan in the oven under the broiler, until the top of the potato mixture is nicely browned. Season to taste.

HONEY-APPLE AND BANANA CAKE

3 cups all purpose flour
2 cups sugar
1 pinch salt
1 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
3 eggs
1 cup canola oil
3 bananas
4 large apples thinly sliced
1/2 cup honey
additional honey for drizzling

On a baking sheet covered with parchment paper, arrange the sliced apples and drizzle the honey over them. Bake in a 400-degree oven for 10 minutes, or until the apples are tender. Remove the apples and reduce heat to 350.

In a food processor, mix the oil, eggs and sugar. Mix in vanilla and bananas until smooth. Add in dry ingredients and pulse until combined. Spray a tube pan with canola oil and pour in 1/2 of the batter. Place 1/2 of the apple slices over the batter and pour in the remainder of the batter. Arrange the remainder of the apple slices in an overlapped fashion on the top of the cake. Bake for 35 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool slightly and remove from pan. Drizzle more honey over the top of the cake before serving.

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Carrot Tzimmes
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Challah
Mohn Cookies
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MENU #5
Gefilte Fish & Horseradish
Chicken Matzo Ball Soup
Roast Chicken
Roast Brisket of Beef
Chicken Fingers
Lockshen Pudding
Green Beans Almondine
Challah
Mohn Cookies
Honey & Apples
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MENU #6
Chicken Matzo Ball Soup
Sweet & Sour Meatballs
Poached Salmon
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Challah
Mohn Cookies
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Honey & Apples
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Analysis

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He called for an Israeli-Palestinian confederation called Isratine. He travelled overseas with a coterie of fetching female bodyguards. He slept in an elaborate tent.

Now that Libyan strongman Moammar Gadhafi appears to have been cast into the dustbin of history – he disappeared last week as rebels overtook Tripoli – the question in the Arab world is: who's next?

All eyes are on President Bashar Assad of Syria.

Last month, U.S. President Barack Obama and a host of European leaders called on the Syrian leader to step down. While Assad marshalled tanks and troops and sent them into the streets to face off against anti-government demonstrators, pushing the death toll well into the thousands, the United States and European Union countries clamped down with new sanctions against Damascus. Even the leaders of Turkey, an ally of Syria, have called on Assad to stop the bloodshed.

Bashar Assad

But if you're waiting for the regime in Damascus to disappear, don't hold your breath. Syria is no Libya, and Assad is no Gadhafi.

What's more, Israel may not even want such an outcome.

To be sure, anyone who said a year ago that three Arab dictators would be toppled by popular uprisings in the space of nine months would have been called a naïf.

But that doesn't mean the Arab world is about to birth another fallen dictator.

A few elements make Syria's case different from the uprisings in Libya, Egypt and Tunisia.

For one thing, opposition to Assad has materialized much more slowly, both inside and outside the country. Domestically, anti-government demonstrations have yet to explode into a full-scale armed uprising as they quickly did in Libya and Tunisia. The Assad family long has maintained its iron rule over Syria by stoking the fires of the country's sectarian divisions, and while Assad might be reviled by some in the country, others – including the Alawite community from which he hails – view him as a patron of sorts.

In Egypt, the fall of Hosni Mubarak's regime owed at least as much to the military's decision to side with the people as it did to the protesters themselves. Indeed, for the time being, the uprising there looks more like a military coup than a democratic revolution. In Syria, however, the military remains fiercely loyal to the regime.

Within the Arab world, opposition to Gadhafi's assault against his own people came almost immediately, with the Arab League's endorsement of a NATO-enforced no-fly zone over the country. But it took the same body until last week to demand that Assad end his bloody crackdown, months after it began. And even then, the Arab League's statement fell far short of endorsing military operations, as it did in the case of Libya.

Likewise, it took much longer for western leaders to call for Assad's ouster. And unlike with Libya, so far these leaders have given no real consideration to backing up their talk with air strikes.

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UN says Gaza blockade legal; Turkey 'punishes' Israel

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The expulsion of Israel's ambassador over an Israel Defence Forces raid of a Turkish aid flotilla is just one step in many possible measures taken against Israel if it persists in its refusal to apologize for the incident, Turkish President Abdullah Gul said on Friday.

Gul's comments came just hours after Turkish Foreign Minister announced the downscale of diplomatic relations with Jerusalem, saying the move was a direct response to Israel's refusal to apologize for the deaths of nine Turkish nationals in the May 2010 raid.

Turkey has decided to downgrade its diplomatic ties with Israel to the lowest possible level, Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said on Friday, following Israel's continued refusal to apologize for a 2010 raid on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla.

The findings of a UN probe into Israel's deadly raid on a 2010 flotilla to Gaza known as the Palmer Commission Report, which were leaked to the *New York Times* Sept. 2, have further raised tensions between Israel and Turkey, and senior Foreign Ministry officials warned that Turkey could respond to the report's publication by expelling the Israeli ambassador and scaling back diplomatic relations.

Speaking to reporters on Friday, Davutoglu announced the downscale of diplomatic relations with Jerusalem, saying the move was a direct response to Israel's refusal to apologize for the deaths of nine Turkish nationals in the May 2010 raid.

The implications of the downgrade are that the level of diplomatic representation in both countries will be scaled back from ambassador to first secretary. This means Israel's ambassador to Turkey, Gabby Levy, and his deputy, Ella Afek, will be expelled.

A statement by the Turkish Foreign Ministry, published minutes following Davutoglu's press conference, indicated that Turkish and Israeli diplomats due to leave their respective posts as a result of the downgrade will do so by Sept. 7.

"Israel squandered all of the opportunities to end the crisis, and now it must pay for it," Davutoglu said, adding that Turkey's official position was that Israel's blockade on the Gaza Strip was illegal, despite the fact that the UN report supported its legality.

Hinting at the possible consequences of Turkey's disagreement with the UN's interpretation of Israel's blockade, the Turkish FM said that Ankara would "do whatever it takes to implement its interpretation of the significance of international waters in the Mediterranean.

"We cannot accept the blockade on Gaza. We cannot say that the blockade aligns with international law," he said, adding that the stance taken by the Palmer Commission Report was the author's "personal opinion, one which does not correspond with Turkey's position."

Additionally, Davutoglu announced the cancellation of all defence contracts between Israel and Turkey, adding that Ankara would both initiaite legal action against the Gaza blockade in international courts, as well as aid families of those killed in the Gaza flotilla raid in seeking litigation against Israel.

Warning of the possible consequences of Israel's refusal to apologize for the flotilla raid, Davutoglu said that Friday's official release of the Palmer Report constituted Israel's last chance to apologize for its raid on the Turkish-sponsored flotilla and warned of consequences, including sanctions, should Israel continue to refuse to apologize.

Unless there is an Israeli apology, "we will put Plan B into play," Davutoglu said. He said Turkey intended to impose sanctions, "which both Israel and other international parties are aware of."

Referring to Israel's request for another delay in the report's publication, he said that Ankara "cannot accept another six-month extension."

Turkish President Abdullah Gul

Senior Israeli officials said that Israel would not apologize for the raid and that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had reiterated this to the U.S. administration in the past few days.

Turkey is also planning a diplomatic and legal campaign against Israel in the United Nations, and will help the families of those killed and injured in the raid to file lawsuits against Israel in courts worldwide.

In addition, Ankara is threatening to halt trade between Turkey and Israel, which totals billions of dollars.

The United Nations *Palmer Report on the May 31 2010 Flotilla Incident*, to have been published officially Sept. 2, found that the Israeli commandos who boarded the Mavi Marmara on route to the Gaza Strip were met with "organized and violent resistance from a group of passengers," and so were "forced to use self defence." Nine Turkish activists died aboard the ship.

Nevertheless, the report – obtained and published Sept. 1 by *New York Times* – found that the Israeli forces used "excessive and unreasonable force," and emphasized that the loss of life on board the ship is "unacceptable." Moreover, it found that the treatment of the passengers by the IDF soldiers after the interception was "abusive."

The Palmer report determined that the Israeli naval blockade on the Gaza Strip is legal, as "Israel faces a security threat from violent groups in Gaza."

The report harshly criticizes the flotilla organizers, stating, "they acted recklessly in attempting to breach the naval blockade". It added that "there exist serious questions about the conduct, true nature and objectives of the flotilla organizers, particularly IHH." The report claimed that the Turkish government tried to persuade the organizers not to sail toward Gaza, "but could have done more." The interception method employed by Israel also comes under attack in the report, which claims that Israel could have acted non-violently at first and should have warned the passengers of an imminent military operation.

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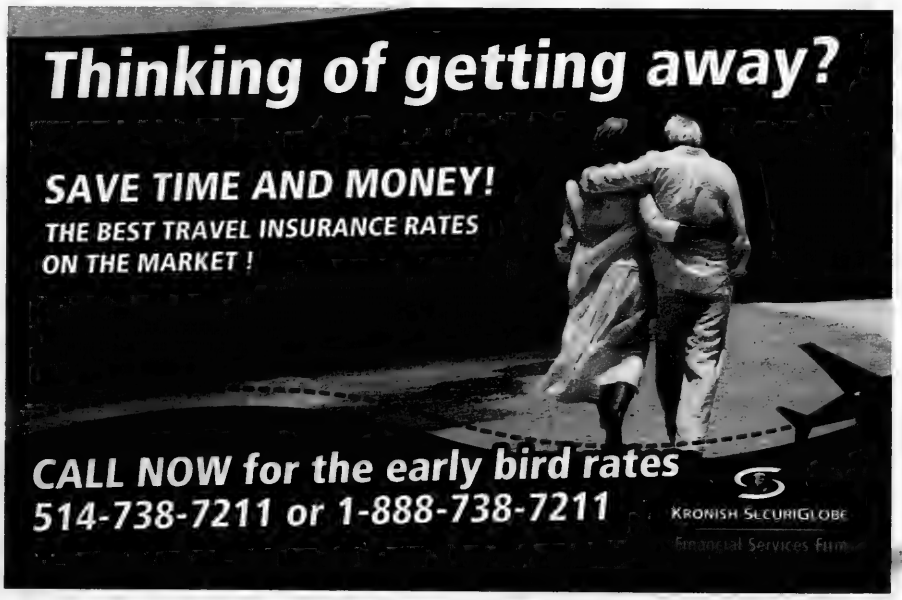
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Iran uses Arab Spring to accelerate nuclear program

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The unrest and uprisings in the Arab world are distracting the international community from Iran's nuclear program, and Iran is taking advantage of the situation to accelerate its efforts.

The head of Iran's atomic energy agency, Fereydoun Abbasi Davani, announced this week that his country would continue to enrich uranium. He said enrichment would be done at both the country's facilities: to 3.5 percent at Natanz to produce fuel for nuclear reactors that would produce electricity, and to 20 per cent at the fortified underground facility near Qom, intended for the research reactor in Tehran to produce isotopes for medicinal purposes.

The attempts to disrupt Iran's nuclear program by the West's leading intelligence agencies are diversifying. Alongside the diplomatic pressure and economic sanctions (which are not particularly effective), several violent operations have been carried out against Iran in recent years. Shell companies and fronts set up by western intelligence agencies have sold flawed material to Iran. In operations attributed to the Mossad and CIA, the Stuxnext worm was planted in Natanz's computers that operate uranium-enriching centrifuges, shutting down more than 1,000 of the machines.

Since 2007, there have been five assassination attempts on the lives of Iranian nuclear scientists. Four were killed and Abbasi Davani was wounded. Yet it seems Iran is as determined to carry on as its rivals are. The remarks by the Iranian atomic energy agency's head are seen as a warning to the international community. They come against the backdrop of worrisome reports about increasing co-operation between Iran and North Korea.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

The German daily *Suddeutsche Zeitung*, which has published several articles on these developments based on intelligence sources proven to be reliable, reported a few days ago that North Korea has supplied Iran with a highly precise computer to help simulate a nuclear explosion. According to the report, supported by "western" intelligence agencies (a code word that could refer to Germany's BND intelligence agency or even the Mossad), the computer transfer is part of a larger $100-million deal between Tehran and Pyongyang. The broader deal also includes teaching and training Iranian experts in nuclear weapons and missiles.

There are various predictions about when Iran will be able to make its first nuclear bombs. The previous Mossad chief, Meir Dagan, estimated that it would happen in 2014-15, similar to the assessment by American intelligence. Others say Iran will prefer not to put together any bombs at all and keep the option open to easily assemble a bomb. In any case, even if Iran does build nuclear weapons, it will face a dilemma over whether to announce this or maintain a policy of "nuclear ambiguity" like Israel.

Western diplomats have expressed suspicion over a recent Iranian effort to show rare openness about its disputed nuclear program, calling it just a "charm offensive."

Diplomats said they believed the UN nuclear watchdog would once again highlight concern about possible military aspects to Iran's nuclear activities in its latest quarterly report, due to be submitted to member states in the next few days.

"I expect it will be a bit tougher than the last one. Still a number of outstanding matters related to PMD [possible military dimensions] that Iran refuses to answer," a western envoy told Reuters last Thursday. Another diplomat painted a similar picture, saying Tehran had failed to address the IAEA's core concerns. Western nations suspect Iran is trying to use its nuclear program to develop atomic weapons. The Islamic Republic has denied the charge, saying it wants to produce nuclear energy.

Anxiety over post-Assad Syria

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For one thing, it wouldn't look good for the United States to be involved in four wars in Muslim countries. And unlike with Libya, neither the Syrian opposition nor the Arab League has asked western powers to intervene.

Perhaps most notably, there is great anxiety in the Middle East and around the world about what a post-Assad Syria might look like.

That's not to say that either the Americans or Israelis have any affection for Assad, but the instability that doubtless would follow his ouster could prove complicated for a whole host of neighbours.

Israel already is dealing with instability on its borders with Gaza and Egypt, and its frontier with Syria has been at its quietest over the course of nearly four decades – at least, until the protests in Syria began. Change, in Israel's view, is an unknown and therefore a frightening prospect.

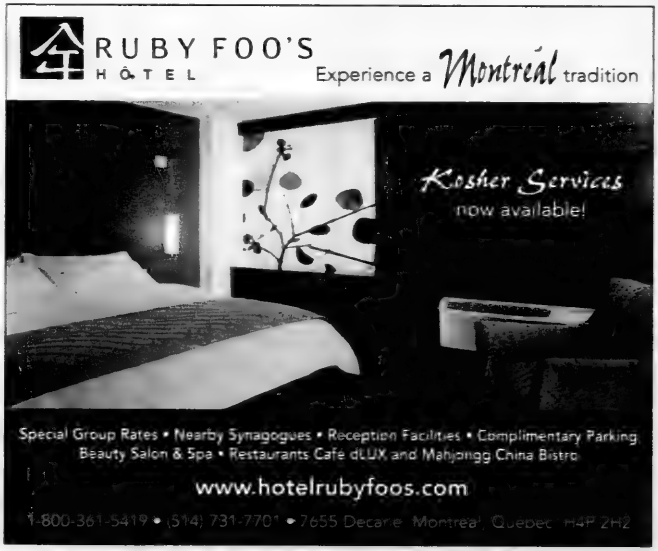
To its west, Syria traditionally has played the role of patron and overlord to Lebanon. Assad's ouster could strengthen Hezbollah, or even throw Lebanon into complete disarray.

Perhaps most worrisome, a vacuum of power in Syria could be filled by nearby Iran.

For the time being, it seems that so long as the West declines to take up arms, it will be up to the Syrian people to get rid of their leader. Unlike with Egypt, a recipient of U.S. aid and a subject of U.S. influence, Syria long has been a pariah state and has minimal ties with the United States. It cannot be subject to the same kind of moderating pressure that was applied in Egypt.

All this doesn't mean that Assad will stick around forever. If the last few months have taught us anything, it's to expect the unexpected in the Middle East.

But if Assad is to go, it looks like nothing short of a war will convince him.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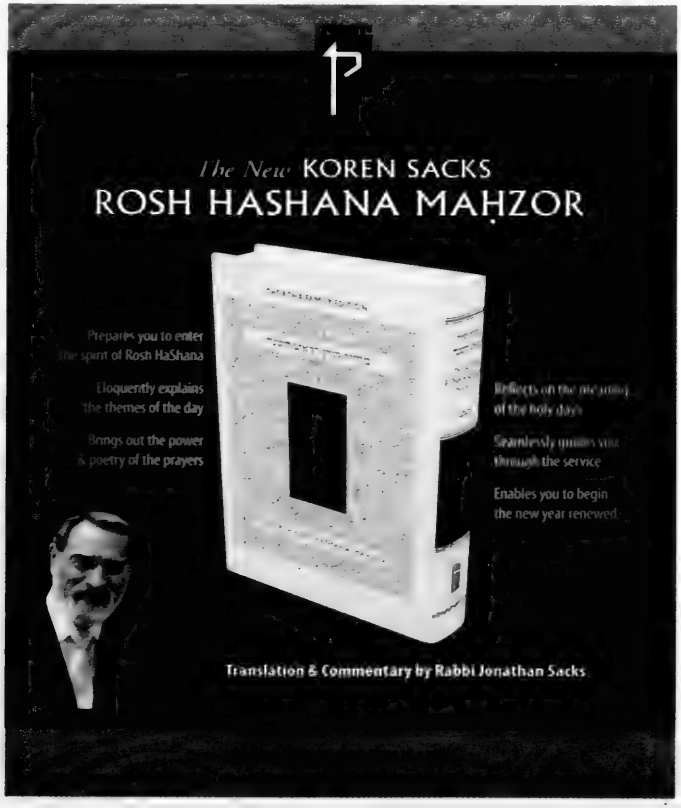
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Art patron supported Canadian, Israeli galleries

Alan D. Abbey
JTA

JERUSALEM — Ayala Zacks Abramov, a collector of modern and Israeli art who gave scores of works to museums in Israel and Canada, died Aug. 29 at age 99 in Tel Aviv.

Zacks Abramov collected works by Delacroix, Corot, Pissarro, Gauguin, Rodin, Picasso, Matisse, Kandinsky, Chagall, Paul Klee and Giacometti. She collected the works of Israeli artists such as classic painters Marcel Janco, Mordecai Ardon, Reuven Rubin and Anna Ticho, as well as contemporary Israelis Ofer Lalush, Liliane Klapisch, Yigal Tumarkin and Joseph Zaritsky.

Obituary

The *Jerusalem Post* described Zacks Abramov as "arguably Israel's greatest art collector" and compared her to the famed American art collector and patron Peggy Guggenheim.

"In contrast to [Isabella Stewart] Gardner and [Henry Clay] Frick, who specialized in old masters, she bought works by 20th-century artists during their lifetimes and also developed personal relationships with them," said Doron Luria of the Tel Aviv Museum of Art. "This is the difference between a historical collector and a collector who buys what they love."

Luria said Zacks Abramov was "an unforgettable woman who goes around with a little lap dog ... more like a patroness from the House of Medici who would arrive at da Vinci's studio and ask him what was new. This is a breed of collector that has vanished from the world, and there is nothing like it today."

The Israel Museum honoured her on her 80th birthday with a special exhibit from her collection. Museum director James Snyder said that Zacks Abramov was "one of the most important patrons of modern art in the world, and one of the greatest patrons and most devoted supporters of modern Israeli art."

Ayala Zacks Abramov *[CJN archive photo]*

The Tel Aviv and Israel museums were named in her will.

Toronto's York University has the Samuel J. Zacks Art Gallery, named for her second husband, a successful businessman and artist.

Zacks Abramov, whose full name was Ayala Ben Tovim Fleg Zacks Abramov, was born in Jerusalem to one of the city's most well-known and well-to-do families. She was educated in pre-state Palestine, London and Paris, where she married her first husband, Maurice Fleg. She joined the French Resistance after Fleg was killed in action in 1940. She married Samuel Zacks, a Canadian financier, Zionist and art collector, in 1947.

They collected art of the School of Paris, which included many Jewish artists such as Mane-Katz, Soutine, Chagall, Jules Pascin and Camille Pissaro, as well as Canadian and Israeli art and antiquities. In 1956 they gave a collection of Canadian art to Queen's University. Other Canadian museums that received gifts included the Royal Ontario Museum and the Art Gallery of Ontario. The couple's gifts formed the basis of the AGO's modern European art collection.

Zacks Abramov continued to live in Canada after Zacks died in 1970. She returned to Israel following her 1976 marriage to Minsk-born Zalman Abramov, an international lawyer and politician, who was a Likud member of Knesset from 1959 to 1977. Together they continued their art patronage, and she maintained the efforts following his death in 1997.

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Israel Briefs

More illegal migrants

A record 2,000 people managed to illegally cross the border from Egypt into Israel last month, according to the Population Authority. Most came from Africa, while others came from Turkey and China. Infiltrators who were caught were taken to a Negev detention centre, but the Population Authority said 10 to 15 per cent of the infiltrators managed to elude the army and were able reach various cities in Israel. Some 300 people reportedly made it to Tel Aviv last month without encountering security forces. The Israel Defence Forces has beefed up its presence on the Egyptian border after the mid-August terror attack near Eilat. Nevertheless, some 100 infiltrators are said to be able to enter Israel in a 24-hour period.

Post fires reporter

The *Jerusalem Post* fired senior reporter Larry Derfner after he penned a controversial blog post justifying terror attacks against Israelis. The post, titled "The awful, necessary truth about Palestinian terror," appeared on a personal blog Derfner shares, Israel Reconsidered (Israelleft.com). It caused a storm of controversy for appearing to justify the recent terror attack near Eilat, which killed eight Israelis. It was later deleted from the blog. "Whoever the Palestinians were who killed the eight Israelis near Eilat last week, however vile the ideology was, they were justified to attack," Derfner wrote. He apologized, saying he meant the Israeli occupation provokes Palestinian terror, not justifies it. He later posted that the paper fired him after hundreds of subscribers cancelled.

Flag flies again

The Israeli flag is flying again over the country's embassy in Cairo more than a week after protesters tore it down. The flag was replaced Aug. 29 and is flying alongside an Egyptian flag that had been placed there in its absence, Ynet reported. Egyptian protester Ahmad Shahat climbed up the side of the 22-storey building to cheers from anti-Israel protesters and ripped down the flag, two days after five Egyptian border guards died in fighting between Israeli troops and terrorists following a co-ordinated attack on civilian vehicles near Eilat. Shahat, dubbed "Flagman," was reportedly given a new home and a new job by an Egyptian provincial governor. Israeli officials have apologized for the accidental killing of the Egyptian troops, but Egypt has said the apology is not enough.

From JTA and Ha'aretz

Aroma launches seventh café, eighth soon to follow

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

During one of my early visits to Israel in the 1970s, it seemed the only kind of coffee you could get in a restaurant was "café nes."

It sounded pretty good, at least the first time – "miracle coffee." Oops. My mistake. It turned out it was nothing more than Nescafe, an instant coffee.

At breakfast, some of the finer establishments served "café filter," which was presented as it sounds, with the filter and grounds still atop the cup. A better brew, for sure, but try ordering it at lunch or, heaven forbid, at dinner. "You'll have to speak to the manager," was the reply on at least one occasion from a startled waitress.

My how things have changed. Today, Canada, which at the time wasn't much ahead of Israel when it came to a fine coffee brew, is importing Israeli coffee culture. To date, seven Aroma Espresso Bars have opened in the Greater Toronto Area, with an eighth slated to launch in the near future in Forest Hill Village.

Last week, Aroma celebrated its seventh restaurant in the Shops at Don Mills with an official launch.

Prior to the launch, at mid-day, the restaurant was bustling. According to Anat Davidzon, managing partner for Aroma Espresso Bar Canada, the chain has been going great guns since it opened here in 2006.

"It's well received," she said. "Our customers really appreciate what we do with the brand."

"It's different from what they're used to with other businesses... People often refer to Aroma with the word, 'love. We love the brand.'"

So what is it about Aroma that apparently attracts such a devoted clientele? After all, Aroma is hardly alone in the marketplace for premium coffees. Starbucks, Timothy's and Second Cup are no slouches in that market segment.

Coffee is only part of the attraction, Davidzon, a native of Ra'anana, explained. The coffees are blended and roasted in Israel and shipped to restaurants in Canada. Then they're brewed for customers by barristas who use "traditional espresso machines, not automatic ones. Our barristas needs to be very skilled before you get that cup of coffee. They control the thickness of the grind... when they brew each cup."

The food is the other distinctive element in the restaurants, she continued.

As David Nadler, the Don Mills franchise owner, explained, breads are baked fresh daily on the premises.

The baked goods are shipped frozen from Israel, he continued. The sandwiches and other menu items are made fresh to order and are not pre-packaged.

Adding to the culinary experience is service on china with real cutlery, not the paper cups prevalent in other

Anat Davidzon

coffee shops, Davidzon said.

The offerings are pretty similar to what one could find in Israel, with some modifications for the Canadian market. The eggplant-based "Iraqi sandwich" you might order in Tel Aviv is called a "Mediterranean sandwich" in Toronto. And there are a few items not available in Israel, such as a steak sandwich and organic oatmeal.

Put all that together, along with "a sleek décor and a social atmosphere" as well as Wi-Fi connectivity, and the Aroma restaurants are quite distinctive. Sales are split pretty evenly between coffee and food, and revenues run into the seven figures, Davidzon said.

The formula seems to be working. In addition to the Don Mills and Forest Hill restaurants, you can find Aroma outlets at Bathurst and Bloor streets, the first Canadian store, as well as in the Eaton Centre, King and York streets (underground), Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue, the Promenade Mall and at Rutherford Road and Centre Street in Thornhill.

There are now more than 100 Aroma restaurants around the world – in Israel of course, but also in the United States, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Romania.

The Canadian cafes are operated as a franchise, with fees ranging from $500,000 to $900,000, depending on size, location and condition of the building and renovations needed. Corporate headquarters receives royalties "like any franchise model," Davidzon said.

The brand is proving so successful, that Davidzon and her partner, Earl Gorman, are expecting to expand to British Columbia and Quebec in the next year or two.

Unemployment down, housing starts up in Israel

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JERUSALEM — Israel's unemployment rate continued to decline during the second quarter of 2011, dropping to 5.5 per cent compared to six per cent in the first quarter, the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) announced last week.

Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz reacted to the news, stating, "The policy steps we have taken over the past two years continue to show results. The continued historic trend of lowered unemployment is especially striking against the backdrop of the volatility of world markets. The Israeli economy is demonstrating economic stability, and we must maintain it through a responsible budgetary policy, as we have done up to now."

Meanwhile, the CBS reported that construction on 22,000 housing units was begun in the first half of this year, 15 per cent more than the first half of last year.

The south of the country experienced the biggest relative increase – 55 per cent. Rehovot had triple the number of construction starts and Ashkelon double the number compared to the first half of 2010.

The number of housing starts in Tel Aviv increased by 28 per cent to 2,717, while Jerusalem housing construction starts actually declined by eight per cent to 1,300. The capital also experienced a decline of 28 per cent in the number of housing units that were completed in the first half of 2011, to fewer than 1,000 units.

In other developments, the National Infrastructure Ministry hired a consultant to look into the possible construction of a nuclear power plant in Israel, apparently to be built at Shivta in the Negev. The move comes despite the nuclear reactor accident in Japan in March and notwithstanding the major natural gas discoveries off Israel's coast.

The idea of building a nuclear power plant at Shivta had been raised before, but it was promoted recently as a substitute for a proposed Israel Electric Corporation coal-powered plant.

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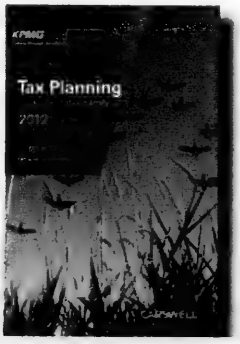

Social inequities preoccupy filmmaker

Barbara Silverstein
Special to The CJN

When it comes to her film career, Sarah Goodman is somewhat of a late bloomer. She dabbled in community work and advertising and didn't get into film until she was about 30. However, as a novice filmmaker, Goodman was virtually an overnight success.

Her first film, *Army of One*, which follows the lives of three young American men who enlist in the army following 9-11, won the 2004 Hot Docs award for best Canadian documentary film. It also garnered Goodman a Gemini nomination for best director.

Her second documentary, *When We Were Boys* (2009), which focuses on the emotional lives of a group of privileged teenage boys at an elite private school, was a contender for the 2011 Donald Brittain Gemini Award.

Now Goodman, 38, has a new feather in her film cap. *Hidden Driveway*, her first attempt at directing a fictional film, will have its world première at the Toronto International Film Festival

"Premièring at TIFF is very exciting," Goodman said in a telephone interview, noting that the five-minute short, written by Brad Hart and produced by Avi Federgreen, explores the relationship between two young brothers.

The film, which also screens at the end of September at the Edmonton International Film Festival, is a precursor to *Bridging*, the full-length feature film she's slated to direct next summer. *Hidden Driveway* was her first time directing actors, a skill she needed to hone for *Bridging*, she said.

Sarah Goodman on the set of her film *Hidden Driveway*.

However, the project still needs some funding. "There's support from Telefilm [Canada], but we're still looking for funders."

Bridging, set in Montreal's downtown chassidic community, centres on a 12-year-old chassidic boy's chance encounter with a gentile teenage girl on the verge of committing suicide. The boy inadvertently saves her life one Shabbat day, when he and his family happen to cross the Jacques Cartier Bridge just as the girl is about to jump off the bridge.

Goodman explained that issues pertaining to youth figure prominently in her work, because her "passion is telling stories about young people."

She grew up in Toronto and studied visual arts at Concordia University, but she was not interested in a career "in the gallery world," she said,

"Gradually, I began thinking about fusing my arts background with what I learned from my parents.

"I was raised with a real social conscience.

"My parents [Mark Goodman, a sociology professor at York University and Ruth Goodman, a senior social worker at Baycrest] gave me an understanding of social inequities. I wanted to be able to tell those stories through an artistic lens."

When Goodman graduated from Concordia, she did community work with gay and lesbian youths in New York. She also put in a four-year stint with a New York ad agency, before making the move to film.

She said she feels "really fortunate" to have gained recognition in documentary filmmaking, a pursuit she'll continue as she ventures into feature dramas. "I will always return to documentaries. It's my creative bread and butter. I love observing real people's lives."

And while doing creative work is very gratifying, Goodman is quick to point out that a career in film is not easy. "There are many day-to-day challenges in being an independent filmmaker, but I can't imagine doing anything else."

Hidden Driveway will be shown at the AMC 6 at 7:15 p.m. on Sept. 10. TIFF public screenings take place at the TIFF Bell Lightbox 4 on Sept. 13 at 12:30 p.m. and on Sept. 17 at 8:45 p.m.

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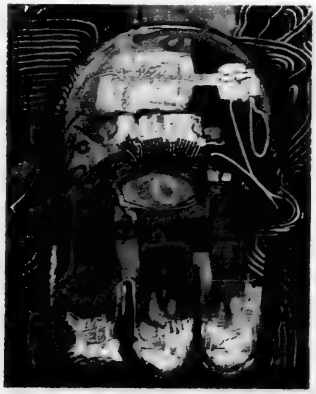

UNDER THE JERUSALEM SKY

Inspired by the beauty and allure of Israel's capital city, *Under the Jerusalem Sky*, curated by Melanie Siegel, will showcase works in acrylic, textiles, silver, beadwork, Judaica and photography by 17 Toronto artists including Beverley Abramson, Ian Leventhal , Rochelle Rubenstein and Cesan d'Ordellas Levine, whose acrylic painting shown here is one in a series she did on hamsas. Proceeds go towards the Morasha Community and Cultural Centre in Jerusalem. Sept 14 to 18 at the Nikola Rukaj Gallery, 384 Eglinton Ave. W., Toronto. 416-481-5995.

EYE ON ARTS

By BILL GLADSTONE

TIFF FILM TELLS HOLOCAUST STORY IN NAZI-OCCUPIED LVOV

In Darkness, a new Polish film written by Toronto's **David Shamoon** and directed by Poland's **Agnieszka Holland**, is scheduled for two screenings here this week as part of the Toronto International Film Festival.

Agnieszka Holland

The film tells the true story of **Leopold Socha** (played by **Robert Wieckiewicz**), a sewer worker and petty thief in Nazi-occupied Lvov, Poland. Stumbling upon a group of Jews in the sewers, he agrees to hide them for a price. But unexpected events cause them to attempt to outwit certain death during 14 months of intense danger.

The film is the Polish candidate for the Academy Awards in the category of best foreign film. Director Holland has been nominated twice before for her 1986 film *Angry Harvest* and the 1992 *Europa, Europa*. Sony Pictures Classic picked up the film for North American distribution at the Berlin Film Festival earlier this year.

In Darkness is being shown at the Elgin Theatre, 189 Yonge St., on Sunday, Sept. 11, 6 p.m., and at Scotiabank3 Theatre, 259 Richmond St. W., on Monday, Sept. 12, 3:30 p.m. 416-599-8433.

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Choir Seeks Singers: The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir invites new singers to join the choir for its 86th season, which will feature Yiddish favorites and songs in Hebrew, Ladino, English and other languages. Ability to read music is an asset but not required. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, beginning Sept. 14, 7:30 to 10 p.m. The public is invited to an open rehearsal on Sept. 21. However, prospective members are welcome Sept. 14 and anytime. (There will be no rehearsal on Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sept. 28.) E-mail folkchoir@hotmail.com or call Luba, 905-669-5906. www.winchevskycentre.org/institutions/choir.html.

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Names in the News: Singer **Lenka Lichtenberg** and the Yiddish sextet **Sisters of Sheynville** have been performing at music festivals in various cities across Poland this past week. She is also performing in several festivals with the band **Fray**. This follows a concert tour that Lenka and her "Sisters" gave in the Czech Republic in July. www.lenkalichtenberg.com

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Arts in Brief

• Active Seniors presents ROM curator **Corey Keeble**, who gives an illustrated talk on "The Joys of Judaica: Jewish Ceremonial Objects and Masterpieces of Judaica for the Home and Synagogue." Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, Thursday, Sept. 15, 1:30 p.m. 416-924-6211, ext. 155.

• **Jerry Gray and the Travellers** perform *This Land Is Your Land*, a **Woody Guthrie** tribute with members of the Guthrie family as special guests. $50 to $70. Markham Theatre, Sunday, Oct. 2. 905-305-7469.

• *I Believe Holocaust Oratorio*, a powerful work by Winnipeg composer **Zane Zalis** about the power of faith during the Holocaust, is being given a rare performance at Roy Thomson Hall on Oct. 25. Hear an interview with Zalis and buy tickets at www.ibelieveproject.org.

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At the Galleries

• *Homestead* is an exhibition of three structures exploring the notion of habitation and homesteading by artists **Rochelle Rubinstein** and **Lanny Shereck**. Loop Gallery, 1273 Dundas St. W. Reception, Thursday, Sept. 8, 6 to 8 p.m. On view until Sept. 25. 416-516-2581, www.loopgallery.ca

• *Of Music and Painting* by **Paul Peregal** invites viewers to experience visual jazz, images painted with thick black strokes that melt and enliven the vibrant colour. Gallery in the Miles Nadal JCC, Sept. 8 to Oct. 3. 416-924-6211, ext. 262.

• Artist-instructor **Judy Singer** offers hands-on art classes for all skill levels. Her Wednesday morning class (9:30 to 12:30) includes a variety of practical instruction and lots of time for painting; it begins Sept. 21 and goes for eight weeks. The Tuesday evening class (7 to 10 p.m.) is an open studio for those who wish to paint in a friendly group; the group is ongoing and has a few spots available. A new class for teens begins Wednesday Sept. 21 (7 to 9 p.m.) and runs for six weeks. Singer's studio is in the Avenue Road and 401 area. 416-638-9014, www.judysinger.ca

• The Koffler Gallery presents *Spin Off: Contemporary Art Circling the Mandala*, a group exhibition by artists **Aya Ben Ron**, **Mircea Cantor**, **Vandana Jain**, **Gary James Joynes**, **Melissa Shiff** and **Jennifer Zackin**. 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 501. Opening reception Sept. 22, 7 to 9 p.m. Runs to Dec. 4. www.kofflerarts.org

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Sassoon revolutionized hairdressing, stylish biopic says

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

With a pair of scissors he changed the way women look.

Inspired by Bauhaus architecture, Vidal Sassoon revolutionized the art of hair styling, creating the now-famous geometric five-point cut, the short, angular bob that requires little maintenance and, he claims, liberated women from "the tyranny of the salon."

"Haircutting is simply design," says Sassoon, a Sephardi Jew who rose from poverty to ownership of an international empire of salons, schools and hair-care products.

Now 83, he is profiled in Michael Gordon's stylish documentary, *Vidal Sassoon: The Movie*, which was released in DVD form this week.

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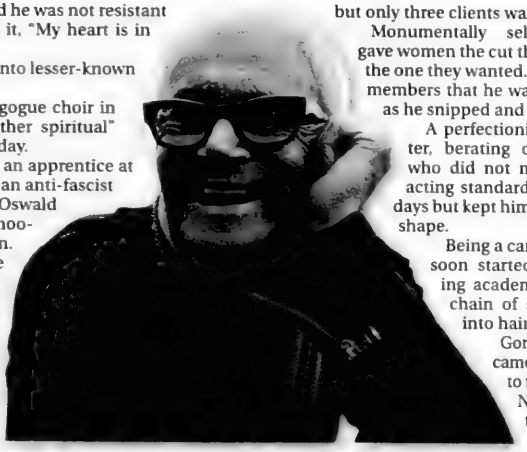
Born in London in 1928, Sassoon had a miserable childhood. His father, Jack, left his wife, Betty, for another woman when Sassoon was only three years old. Being destitute, Betty placed him in an orphanage, where he languished for the next six years.

Dropping out of school at 14, he worked as a shampoo boy, glove cutter and bicycle messenger before turning his hand to hairdressing at his mother's suggestion. She urged him to learn a trade, and he was not resistant to the idea. As he puts it, "My heart is in hair."

The film also delves into lesser-known aspects of his life.

A member of a synagogue choir in his youth, he feels "rather spiritual" when he visits a shul today.

When he was 17 and an apprentice at a salon, Sassoon joined an anti-fascist group that confronted Oswald Mosley's antisemitic hooligans in east London. After the Holocaust, he explains, he could not just sit idly at home when Mosley's gangs were provocatively roaming the streets and shouting vociferously, "We've got to get rid of the Yids."



Vidal Sassoon

Inevitably, brawls broke out and during these fisticuffs Sassoon managed to land some damaging blows. But sometimes, he admits, his opponents got the better of him.

With the first Arab-Israeli war raging, he volunteered to fight for the newly established State of Israel, joining the Palmach in July 1948. He recalls his year in Israel as a "fascinating experience" that shaped his identity as a Jew. But unfortunately, no telling details are provided, a gap that should have been filled.

Returning to London, Sassoon studied hairdressing with Raymond, a noted stylist. "He taught me to cut hair with just a pair of scissors," he says.

A self-made man, Sassoon was animated by a belief that hairdressing was in dire need of change. Women traditionally spent hours in a salon getting their hair styled. Sassoon accelerated the process.

"The old-fashioned methods weren't for me," he observes, adding it took him nine years to perfect his "wash and wear" style.

He opened a small salon on posh Bond Street in 1964, but only three clients walked in on the first day.

Monumentally self-confident, Sassoon gave women the cut they needed rather than the one they wanted. A former colleague remembers that he was a whir of movement as he snipped and snipped.

A perfectionist, he was a taskmaster, berating or sacking employees who did not measure up to his exacting standards. He worked 14-hour days but kept himself in tip-top physical shape.

Being a canny businessman, Sassoon started a line of hairdressing academies before opening a chain of salons and branching into hair-care products.

Gordon suggests that he became a celebrity after moving to the United States, first to New York City and then to Los Angeles, where he lives today.

Though he appears to have had something of a charmed life since his career took off and soared, he has tasted disappointment and tragedy.

Several marriages have soured, and his older daughter, Catya, died of a drug overdose at 33.

Vidal Sassoon: The Movie bogs down in a tangle of superfluous detail in its final 30 minutes, but on balance, it is an intriguing biopic and is fun and enlightening to watch.

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Madoff doc delves into Ponzi scam

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Fraudster extraordinaire Bernard Madoff, who bilked clients out of $50 billion in the biggest Ponzi scheme in history, is the subject of Jeff Prosserman's absorbing documentary, *Chasing Madoff*.

Now playing in Toronto, it's a cautionary tale rather than a biopic. Instead of focusing on fine biographical details, Prosserman concentrates on the grand and breathtaking scale of Madoff's duplicity.

Madoff seemed like a reliable money manager, promising clients he would safeguard their funds. They collected reasonably high returns, feeding the myth that Madoff was something of a genius.

As word of his acumen spread, he turned away potential clients by the droves. Little did they know that Madoff was a liar and a thief. The aura of perfection and invincibility he had concocted about himself seemed unassailable.

If Madoff is the villain in this film, an investment analyst named Harry Markopolos is surely the hero. Having crunched the numbers, he smelled a rat.

"The figures were too good to be true," said Markopolos, a consummate whistleblower. And he was right.

But according to *Chasing Madoff*, the Securities and Exchange Commission – the federal body that is supposed to regulate financial transactions in the United States – ignored Markopolos' warnings of impropriety.

Markopolos sent incriminating material to *Forbes* magazine, but it chose not to run an expose.

So how was Madoff finally brought down?

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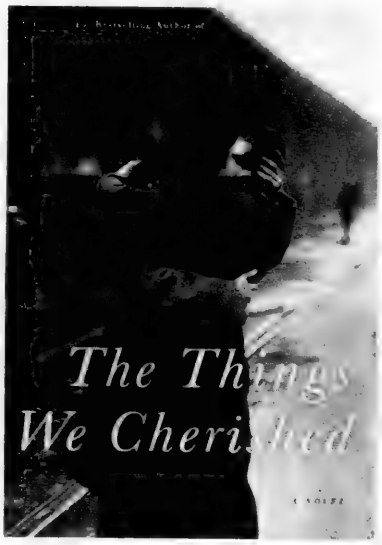
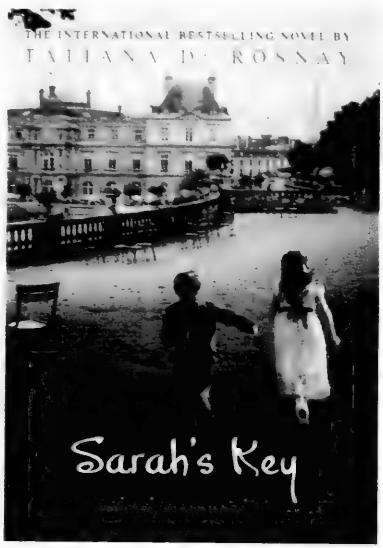
Romance/thriller leaves reader wanting more

Joseph Serge
Arts Editor





The Things We Cherished (Doubleday) by Pam Jenoff is a romance/thriller that features Nazis, Righteous Gentiles, a war crimes trial, sibling rivalry, love triangles and a custom-made clock that seemingly links them all together.

Charlotte Gold is a public defender in present-day Philadelphia, the daughter of Holocaust survivors. One day, she is surprised to see her ex-boyfriend, Brian Warrington, in her office. Charlotte still hasn't gotten over Brian, also a lawyer, whom she hasn't heard from in several years.

Brian wants her to help him with a client of his, Roger Dykmans, a wealthy businessman who is being tried for war crimes for turning his brother Hans over to the Nazis, 50 years ago. At the time, his brother was a diplomat for the German foreign office who had been secretly using his connections to save Jews in Raoul Wallenberg fashion.

Brian believes his client, though somewhat reluctant to co-operate, is innocent, but time is short before the trial begins. Charlotte – somewhat unbelievably – agrees to drop everything and fly off to Germany, where she discovers that Brian's estranged brother, Jack, is also helping out.

The wartime relationship between Roger and Hans parallels the present relationship between Brian and Jack – a bit too obviously – and is revealed through a series of flashbacks throughout the novel.

During the war, Roger roomed with his brother and his brother's wife, Magda, in Breslau while he went to university there. With Hans frequently away on diplomatic duties, Roger found himself alone with Magda, and the two fell in love.

In the present day, Charlotte finds herself working closely with Jack, and learns that the way Brian treated her is one of the reasons for the rift between the brothers. Inevitably, Charlotte finds herself falling for Jack just as Brian flies to Europe to check on their progress.

In his prison cell, Roger admits to his lawyers that he had a clandestine relationship with his brother's wife, but denies handing him over to the Nazis. He says there is proof of his innocence hidden in the base of an old anniversary clock.

The clock is used as a literary device that follows the narrative around as it is passed through various hands over the decades.

We are introduced to the clock early in the novel, in a moving flashback to 1903 Bavaria. In the midst of antisemitic pogroms, a farmer, worried about his pregnant wife, wishes to escape to America. To finance their trip, he spends his nights crafting this beautiful clock, in order to sell it to a businessman.

The problem with *The Things We Cherished* is that while it's interesting enough, its key revelations and plot twists don't come as much of a surprise and the ending is very anticlimactic.

And some of the events seem too contrived to be believed.

When, for instance, Roger tells Charlotte that he isn't sure if Magda survived the war, Charlotte is able to learn the truth with a simple phone call to the right person.

One wonders why Roger, a wealthy man with vast resources, couldn't figure out how to do this himself – he's had 50 years of fruitless searching.

Jenoff, whose debut novel *The Kommandant's Girl* was a Quill Award finalist, has written an enjoyable page-turner, but I felt that when I was done, I needed something more.

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So, after that, I immediately picked up Tatiana De Rosnay's best-selling novel *Sarah's Key* (St. Martin's Griffin), which has now been re-released as a movie tie-in paperback.

The novel follows two timelines and points-of-view in alternating chapters. One is of Sarah, a 10-year-old in Paris who was arrested with her mother and father as part of the infamous Vélodrome d'Hiver roundup of 13,000 Jews by French police in July 1942.

The parallel story takes place 60 years later and follows journalist Julia Jaramond's investigation into the roundup for a magazine piece.

Sarah's story is by far the more gripping. The description of the velodrome, where the Jews were kept under appalling conditions for several days before being transferred to transit camps, is heart-wrenching. It's made worse by our knowing Sarah's terrible secret – that she had hidden her younger brother in a closet in their Paris apartment, thinking she'd be able to come back for him later.

Julia's story, on the other hand, doesn't tug at the heartstrings as much. As you'd expect, while researching the roundup, Julia unlocks a family secret that links the two stories together.

The novel's hard-hitting revelations are exciting and make for an excellent page-turner, but the story's pace is slowed somewhat by a distracting domestic side-story with Julia's annoying husband Bertrand.

Yet, *Sarah's Key*'s emotional depth and horrifically realistic descriptions more than make up for the book's minor flaws. This is a very moving book.

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Schachter and Hatch second in national beach tournament

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Sam Schachter teamed up with Maverick Hatch to win the silver medal at the 2011 Beach Volleyball National Championships last week.

Played at Ashbridges Bay in Toronto's Beach neighbourhood, the tournament saw Schachter and Hatch lose the gold medal contest to the veteran team of Ben Saxton and Christian Redmann. Schachter and Hatch started well, winning the first game 22-20, but they dropped the second game 21-15 before losing the tie-breaker, 15-10.

"We didn't quite hold up as long as we wanted to," Schachter said afterward. "We weren't getting the aces and getting the steals we wanted to."

Schachter, who teamed with Garrett May last winter to win the Under-21 world beach volleyball championships in Turkey, said their first serves weren't scoring and he and Hatch were regularly on the defensive.

"They put the pressure on us," he said, "We never recovered after we lost serves."

Nevertheless, winning a silver medal is nothing to be embarrassed about. Going into the tournament, which attracted the best "senior" players in Canada, he and Hatch were seeded third. "We finished second. When you finish higher than your seed, it satisfies," he said.

"It's a good achievement for us, especially considering how young we are."

Buoyed by the presence of family, the two started with a 4-0 record, including a win over Josh Binstock and Matt Zbyszewski. Binstock and Zbyszewski went on to win the bronze medal.

The national tournament marks the end of the tournament beach volleyball season, although elite level training continues. Last week, Schachter joined other members of the national team at the Downsview Hangar to train and compete for funding. Top teams such as Schachter and Hatch travel the world to participate in events sanctioned by the FIVB, the sport's elite governing body.

Sam Schachter, middle, remains one of Canada's best beach volleyball players.

After teaming with May to win the junior world championship in Alanya, Turkey, last year, Schachter turned pro, and switched partners. That meant changing his style of play.

With May, the six-foot-five Schachter was the team's blocker. With Hatch, the roles reversed and Schachter adopted a more defensive posture back in the sand. Moving back from the net made sense, since Schachter, who would seem to be a giant compared to ordinary folks, is average in height on the world tour. Hatch is two inches taller.

"We had a really good season," Schachter said. "It's our first year on tour. There's still a little bit of a learning curve in terms of what we're expected to do."

As tour rookies, it's wasn't always expected that they would go far, but Schachter said they "made two main draws and finished ninth in one of them. That's an exceptional finish for a first-year team."

Their best result came on home soil at the Quebec Open Jeep in July, when they earned 240 points and $6,000 between them.

Earlier, they finished 25th in Prague and 41st in Shanghai and Brasilia.

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Ex-Duke Hoopster Jon Scheyer makes aliyah

JTA

TEL AVIV— Former Duke University basketball standout Jon Scheyer arrived recently in Israel and immediately made aliyah.

Scheyer, who signed in June to play with Israel's championship Maccabi Tel Aviv team, landed in Israel on a group aliyah flight organized by Nefesh B'Nefesh in co-operation with the Jewish Agency and the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption.

"I am really looking forward to starting my new life in Israel and playing for Maccabi Tel Aviv," Scheyer said.

Scheyer, a guard who during his senior year helped lead the Blue Devils to the 2010 NCAA championship, signed a two-year contract with Maccabi, which was the runner-up to the Euroleague champions this year and has won the Euroleague championship four times.

The team by Israeli rules is limited to no more than four foreign players. Since Scheyer has made aliyah, he will not count as one of the four.

"I wanted Jon already last season, and I'm very happy that we managed to sign him," Maccabi coach David Blatt told reporters at the signing, adding that Scheyer is "a very talented and smart player" and "a true winner."

"Not less importantly he is a Jew who is coming to Israel," Blatt said, "and I wish he will stay here for many more years."

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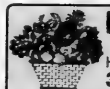

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Dead Dreams is a macabre sci-fi/thriller

Christian Potenza, left, is The Sandman and Corey Sevier has the role of Carl in the movie *Dead Dreams*. *[David Nardi and Summer Pictures Inc. photo]*

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Solving a murder normally takes a lot of sleuthing and gathering of physical evidence.

But in Josh Koffman's sci-fi/thriller *Dead Dreams* – the Toronto director's second major feature release after 2009's *The Jazzman*, a tribute to his grandfather, renowned jazz musician Moe Koffman – the cat and mouse game of detective work on a murder takes a metaphysical turn as viewers try to figure out what exactly happened and who perpetrated a series of brutal crimes against women.

Set in an undisclosed Canadian town, the movie features riveting performances by Canadian actors Corey Sevier and Christian Potenza.

Sevier plays Carl, a man who awakens in a dingy motel room with no memory of who he is and with a shady companion, Potenza, who calls himself "The Sandman."

Without a memory to guide him, Carl becomes unwittingly involved in The Sandman's machinations and slowly begins to question his motivations.

What he comes to know, through what The Sandman reveals in drips and drabs, is that someone murdered his wife and unborn baby and that it may or may not be The Sandman.

But without proof, and with increasingly cryptic advice from The Sandman, Carl finds himself alone, confused, angry and disoriented as his memory returns in bits and pieces after The Sandman drugs him.

Potenza turns in a captivating performance as the mysterious Sandman, while Sevier ably demonstrates a man in turmoil with seemingly little recourse but to follow his self-appointed guide blindly as he's led by the nose into situations he'd likely never agree to otherwise.

Koffman keeps the gore quotient high throughout the film, with graphic scenes of bodies decomposing in acid, various body parts turning up in the woods, dental torture sequences and savage attacks on the female victims by a faceless stranger.

Dead Dreams will be a difficult watch for those usually too squeamish to view a horror or thriller film. But for fans of the mystery genre, it's a cerebral adventure into the mind and motives of a serial killer.

The movie makes its theatrical debut in Collingwood, Ont., at Galaxy Collingwood on Oct. 12 and 13 at 7 p.m. and will also open in Toronto's AMC Dundas Square on Oct. 14.

Dead Dreams will also première on Super Channel on Halloween weekend.

For more information, visit www.deaddreamsmovie.com.

Madoff paid the price for his mendacity

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With the deep recession of 2008 and 2009 gripping the country, Madoff's elaborate Ponzi scheme collapsed, leaving investors in a lurch and exposing Madoff as a crook of monumental proportions.

Several of his victims, many of whom were Jewish, appear on screen bewailing their fate. "We lost everything," says a distraught woman.

"You have to be a real evil person to do this," says Markopolos.

Chasing Madoff suggests that Madoff was not the only culprit in this drama.

Bernard Madoff

Feeder funds he worked with had no interest in looking beyond the shiny façade, because they were growing fat on their association with Madoff.

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Madoff, having been imprisoned for life, has paid the price for his mendacity. But many of the people who put their trust in Madoff, only to lose their savings, still seek justice.

This is the message that this timely film delivers fearlessly.

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Volunteer builds bridges in the community

Laura Fixman
Intern

Elana Metter said that volunteering is the perfect way to become part of a community and to make improvements to it.

Metter, 31, has been volunteering with the Annex Shul since 2007, when she decided that she ensure that the shul had a Shabbat dinner every week. With only one paid employee, spiritual leader Yacov Fruchter, Metter said you know your contribution is necessary. That's one of the things that makes volunteering at the Annex Shul special for her.

"If you're given something to do and you don't do it, it doesn't get done," Metter said. "Part of what makes it such a special place is because of the investment of the community."

She added that the Annex Shul is much different than the synagogue she attended while growing up because everything was done for her there. At the Annex Shul, even being involved in setting up chairs is important because then you think about acoustics and how the service looks, she said.

Her role as a volunteer has changed over the years; now she is a member of the Annex Shul advisory board. She's also involved in developing a family education program, which was inspired by a conference she attended in April 2010. She said that making changes to an organization is as easy as having an idea.

"If there's something you want to change, you kind of have to go for it," Metter said.

She added that what she loves about the Annex Shul is the fact that it's for young people, and it's not like their parents' shuls. She said what makes the Annex Shul what it is, is that you can come as you are and shape what the shul becomes. At the Annex Shul, she said it doesn't matter what you wear or how often you come; people there are always happy to see you. She is particularly looking forward to the High Holiday services coming up.

"I grew up in a fairly big-box shul, but at Annex it's the most meaningful High Holidays that I've ever experienced," Metter said.

Metter has also been a volunteer in several political campaigns and for Mount Sinai Hospital. She was nominated for a UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's Top 20 Under 40 Award, given to volunteers in organizations that serve young professionals.

"I thought it was a huge honour," Metter said. "It was very touching that they thought of me."

She said that at the Annex Shul she gets to bring people of all different levels of Jewish observance together, and she also tries to bring together the community outside of the shul. Metter wants to challenge peoples' perceptions about members of the Jewish community with different beliefs than their own.

From left, Yacov Fruchter, spiritual leader of the Annex Shul, Bram Belzberg, one of the founders of the shul and volunteer Elana Metter at a Chanukah party at the synagogue.

One of the ways she has tried to build bridges within the Jewish community is through a reading group that she runs with a haredi rebbetzin. The group includes 35 women, ranging from haredi Jews to a young woman who once debated whether to attend synagogue on Yom Kippur. Metter said she enjoys hearing all of the women's different reactions and perspectives on the book they're reading.

"We have more in common than we have different," she said. "I wanted to make our community a little bit stronger by bringing together a spectrum of women and helping them to examine why they believe what they believe."

She added that while creating unity and volunteering in the community are important to her, Israel is also one of her passions. She wants all members of the Jewish community to feel connected to Israel.

"If you want the Jewish community to be here in the future, we need active volunteers," Metter said. "It's also important that we all feel like we're a part of Israel, not just a part of whatever denomination we belong to."

Metter is currently in Israel, on a trip organized by the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) to introduce Canadian members of Parliament to Israel. She's one of the young Jewish leaders showing Canadian politicians Israel. They will experience Shabbat at the Western Wall and wine tasting in the Galilee, and they will get to see Israeli technological innovations, including Project Better Place, which is building a network of electric cars. Metter has wanted to be involved in a trip like this since she was asked two years ago, but this was the first time she was able to go.

"I've always been passionate about Israel and interested in politics," Metter said. "This is a way to advocate for Israel in a real way that can make a difference. I can show the [Canadian] leaders of the country, who are the people that dictate the laws, what Israel's really about and create a real connection for them."

Metter added that volunteering in the Jewish community has taught her that when you do things for yourself, you are able to take ownership of the community you belong to. She said that the Annex Shul, in particular, taught her that lesson well.

"You can't just wait for other people to do things," she said. "Volunteering is about taking the future of your community into your own hands."

For more information about the Annex Shul, go to www.annexshul.com.

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Community open to new ideas

How does a community come together to look at new ideas and decide which ones to make a small investment in to see if they will succeed?

The GTA community brought forward 78 proposals to the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's SixPoints Jewish Venture Philanthropy Fund. Sixty individuals pooled their financial resources and business-planning skills to fund and support new and innovative programs consistent with Jewish values. Each proposal team was asked to record a short video and write up its project, describing the possible benefit to the community.

Shoresh Jewish Environmental Programs was the only group to propose a sustainable solution for the Jewish community (http://bit.ly/6points-shoresh). Its proposal looks for a permanent home for Shoresh's Kavanah Garden, temporarily located on the Lebovic Jewish Community Campus. Community members from across the spectrum use the garden and its programs to strengthen their Jewish identity and inspire social and environmental responsibility. Shoresh and 35 others agreed to present their proposal. The SixPoints funders will use their expertise to help improve proposals and will select three to five projects to share $300,000 of funding.

Sustainable Jew

Fred Winegust

Concurrently, the ClimateSpark Social Venture Challenge (http://bit.ly/ClimateSpark) is just beginning under the leadership of Julia Langer, based on a previous challenge mounted by the Toronto Atmospheric Fund (TAF). A City of Toronto agency, TAF has helped community leaders and green entrepreneurs identify and advance emission reduction and clean air ventures for over 20 years.

ClimateSpark is looking for 10 high-impact, self-sustaining initiatives that can lead to significant local reductions in energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. As with SixPoints, applicants need to record a short video with an overview of their idea. Additionally, they need to succinctly describe in words how the idea would work, to provide some way to quantify the positive impact it can have on the environment and explain how the project would become self supporting over five years.

ClimateSpark SVC has a diverse group of experts, from professional consultants and community leaders to entrepreneurs and greenhouse gas emissions analysts. Through social networking, these experts, along with other members of the public, will offer their comments and intellectual capital to mentor contestants and strengthen plans submitted. The 10 selected projects will receive additional private coaching. The final three will be eligible for a pool of financing from grant-providers and private financiers.

Some of the community teams that may have hesitated to bring an environmentally related project to SixPoints may want to consider proposing their idea to the ClimateSpark community.

"Both ClimateSpark and SixPoints have a similar objective of bringing value to their community" said Adam Minsky, head of community capacity building for UJA Federation of Greater Toronto. "I recognize that solicitation of community input through social network crowdsourcing and having different funding sources are two critical differences. There will be lessons to be learned from both models."

"It's exciting to see open-source contests emerging in different sectors in Toronto," Langer says. "It shows awareness that complex problem-solving relies on accessing knowledge and ideas from many sources and on mutual refinement that makes good ideas great."

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1/8 tsp baking soda
1 pinch salt
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Powdered sugar for garnish

Preheat oven to 350°. Spray 9" springform pan with baking spray. Grind walnuts in food processor until finely ground, but not powdery. Add flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; pulse briefly to combine. In mixer, beat eggs until frothy, 2 min. Add sugar and honey, continue to beat until thick and pale, 3-4 min. Lower speed, add walnut / flour mixture in steps until just mixed. Add orange juice, applesauce, orange zest and olive oil; beat just until combined. Pour batter into prepared pan. Place pan on baking sheet lined with foil; bake 40-45 min. Cool cake completely on rack. Dust with powdered sugar.

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Gala raises money for children with disabilities

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

The second annual Three to Be Stems of Hope Gala – Robotica, presented by KRG Children's Charitable Foundation, to be held Sept. 24 at KoolHaus Toronto, has a dual purpose.

It aims to raise money to fund a robotics device for Holland Bloorview Rehabilitative Hospital, which helps children with disabilities learn to walk, and it continues to support the Hospital for Sick Children's stem-cell program, which helps children with neurological disorders.

Organizer Dana Florence, the mother of 3-1/2 year old triplets, all of whom have cerebral palsy, started the charity Three to Be with her husband, Jared, after the triplets were born.

"Three to Be works with [Sick Kids] and Holland Bloorview to support research initiatives that further the development of innovative treatments and therapies for children with neurological disorders," she said.

There are currently no foundations or agencies in Canada that fund research and therapy for the spectrum of disorders that include cerebral palsy, epilepsy and autism, Florence said.

Dana and Jared Florence with their triplets.

"Last year's inaugural gala was a huge success – nearly $500,000 was raised – and we are thrilled to be doing it again this year," she said.

"Every dollar we can raise toward research into these disorders is another step toward finding treatments that have the potential to make a huge impact and offer hope in a child's life."

Florence said the evening features a musical performance by the Barenaked Ladies and an appearance by Olympic gold-medal freestyle skier Alexandre Bilodeau.

"Alex has a brother with [cerebral palsy], and when we met Alex at the Olympics, he was touched by our story. He decided to donate a pair of skis, which brought in $15,000. Isadore Sharp [founder of the Four Seasons Hotel and Resorts] won the skis and donated them back. Alex and his brother will auction them off this year."

The evening, hosted by Leslie Roberts and Anne Mroczkowski of Global Toronto, will also feature interactive exhibits, a live auction hosted by TSN host Michael Landsberg, and a silent auction.

"It is not a sit-down dinner. It's more of a fun evening," said Florence.

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Peace treaty with Egypt must be kept: Netanyahu

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addressed the media last weekend about the crisis at the Israeli embassy in Cairo. He specifically thanked U.S. President Barack Obama for personally intervening with Egyptian officials to rescue the six Israeli security guards trapped by the rampaging mob at the embassy. Inset, Netanyahu embraces one of the security guards who was rescued.

[Israel Sun photos]

ITA

A violent protest at the Israeli Embassy in Cairo last Friday led to the evacuation of its ambassador, his family and the staff of some 80 people, and raised the ire of western leaders and North American Jewry.

In a statement following the attack, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Canada condemned the protest and called on Egypt to continue to protect all embassy staff.

"Canada expects Egypt to honour its commitment to uphold its international agreements, including its [1979] peace treaty with Israel," Harper said. "As Egypt transforms itself into a representative democracy, it is critical for both countries to work hard on reducing tensions between their peoples so that regional stability may be attained."

Most Israeli Embassy staff and their families were eventually shuttled to an emergency Israel Air Force flight out of Cairo via a rescue operation co-ordinated by Israel and the United States, with the assistance of Egyptian forces.

According to reports out of Israel, U.S. Secretary of Defence Leon Panetta urged Egypt's Supreme Military Council head Mohamed Hussein Tantawi to end the attack or "suffer very severe consequences."

During the Sept. 9 riot outside the embassy, violent protesters broke down the eight-foot-high security wall surrounding the embassy compound and entered the building. They then spray-painted anti-Israel slogans throughout the building, lit fires and looted the offices.

In a special rescue operation, an Egyptian commando unit later removed six stranded embassy employees hiding in a safe room.

More than 1,000 Egyptians demonstrated at the embassy, many after an Egyptian Facebook group called on protesters to gather at the embassy and "urinate on the wall," Ynet reported.

During the demonstration, protesters tore the Israeli flag down from the high-rise building's roof for the second time in a month.

In a televised address on Saturday night, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the Middle East is "now undergoing a political earthquake of historic proportions."

He said Israel would work with Egypt to return its ambassador to Cairo.

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CANADA

MP Shows Gaza Pics

MONTREAL — Bloc Québécois MP Maria Mourani is hosting a controversial exhibition of photos taken in Gaza mainly in the aftermath of Israel's conflict with Hamas in the winter of 2008-09 in her Montreal constituency office. Most show devastation and human suffering. The exhibition, titled *Human Drama in Gaza*, was described by the Quebec-Israel Committee as "offensive, manipulative and dishonest" when it made its Canadian première at Cinéma du Parc in early 2010. Mourani, the MP for Ahuntsic, is showing the 44 photos, distributed by professional news agencies, until Sept. 23 in conjunction with Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East, which produced the exhibition.

WORLD

Group Opposes Bid

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The liberal U.S. Jewish group J Street opposes Palestinian efforts to achieve statehood recognition through the United Nations, as well as plans to penalize the Palestinians for making the bid, the dovish pro-Israel group told JTA last week. Palestinian statehood should come about through negotiations with Israel and not unilaterally, director Jeremy Ben-Ami said. The group backs Obama administration plans to veto any UN Security Council resolution that would establish such a state and has urged Palestinian leaders to defer plans to introduce such a resolution later this month.

Security Funding Up

STOCKHOLM — The Swedish government has allocated $622,000 in its fall budget to increase security at the country's synagogues. The funding for 2012 is for stepped-up police protection, but could be used to purchase security cameras as well. Sweden has been accused of not taking anti-semitism seriously. Last December, the Simon Wiesenthal Center advised Jews to avoid travelling to southern Sweden following a series of antisemitic incidents. Sweden had 161 antisemitic incidents reported in 2010. Some 20,000 Jews live there.

Designer Convicted

PARIS — A Paris court has convicted former Christian Dior designer John Galliano for making antisemitic insults and gave him a suspended sentence of 6,000 euros ($8,400) in fines. Galliano was given no prison time and doesn't have to pay the fine. The court found him guilty of "public insults based on origin, religious affiliation, race or ethnicity" stemming from two separate incidents at a Paris bar. The accusations cost Galliano his job at the luxury house and roiled the fashion world. Galliano said he had been under the influence of alcohol and prescription drugs and couldn't recall the incidents.

Calif. Bill Would Ban Circumcision Bans

Jerry Brown

SACRAMENTO — California's state legislature approved a bill that would prevent the state's municipalities from banning male circumcision.

The California Assembly approved the bill Sept. 6. It comes on the heels of two attempts in California to place circumcision bans on the November ballot.

The bill now goes to Gov. Jerry Brown for his signature and would take effect immediately. Brown has not taken a position on the bill, according to the *Sacramento Bee*.

A state Superior Court judge in California ruled in July that an anti-circumcision measure in San Francisco be stuck from the ballot because the city lacked the authority to regulate a medical procedure. Activists in Santa Monica then withdrew an identical proposal that had not yet made it to the ballot.

If passed, the San Francisco initiative would have made the practice of circumcising a minor misdemeanour punishable by a fine of up to $1,000 or up to one year in jail, and offered no exemption for religious ritual. It would have been the first time that such a measure appeared on a ballot in a U.S. city, according to the Anti-Defamation League.

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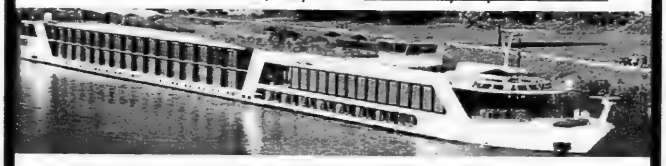

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CIJA prepares communities for PA's UN vote

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Document aimed at stoking grassroots discussion among Jews

The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) has released an information packet to tell the Canadian Jewish community what the Sept. 20 UN vote on a Palestinian unilateral declaration of independence might mean for Israel and Jews worldwide.

The five-page Word document, called Understanding the Quest for Peace and Coexistence, was distributed by e-mail last week to CIJA's federation partners across the country and smaller Jewish communities served by UIA Federations Canada.

It is part of the new organization's "national engagement strategy," a spokesperson for the centre said.

Aimed at stoking a grassroots discussion among Jews in Canada, the document points out why a Palestinian Universal Declaration of Independence (UDI) would harm the peace process, regardless of which position – for or against – is taken on a Palestinian state.

Shimon Fogel, CIJA's CEO, said this particular engagement exercise is important now because it will help achieve "greater fluency within our own constituency on the core issues underlying" the Palestinian UN gambit.

"Regardless of what initiatives [CIJA] will have to contemplate once the UN drama is over, it's going to require a... knowledge level" within the Jewish community, he said.

Fogel said one of the roles of CIJA – the newly consolidated voice of former organizations such as Canadian Jewish Congress, Canada-Israel Committee and the University Outreach Committee – is to help educate and engage the community in some of the "urgent issues of the day.

"They have to understand and explore their own comfort levels regarding how these issues play out over time. They can only do that by being empowered to explore some of these issues," he said.

Fogel acknowledged that CIJA has its own position regarding how it views the Palestinian initiative and the peace process but was not seeking to foist that on the community.

"Our effort here is to ensure we're living up to the education part of our mandate. To educate and engage."

Some of the main points in the CIJA document include informing community members that the Palestinian Authority's UN effort seeks to further delegitimize Israel on the world stage more than it does to create a homeland for its people.

While it's expected that the Palestinian resolution will be vetoed in the UN Security Council by the United States, there is a good chance it will receive enough votes in the General Assembly to pass, giving the Palestinians a symbolic victory.

In such an event, the CIJA document states, such a win without a real peace agreement in place with Israel would be "used by many anti-Israel activists as a basis to further delegitimize Israel.

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Bad week for diplomats

International diplomacy and the rule of law took a considerable beating last week.

Angry that Israel has not formally apologized to him for the Mavi Marmara deaths (which occurred when Israeli soldiers boarded the ship on its way to Gaza to break the Israeli naval blockade) and that the United Nations did not endorse his own particular views of the 2010 incident, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan expelled the Israeli ambassador from Ankara.

Angry that Israel had caused the unintended deaths of five Egyptian soldiers caught up in the hot pursuit by the Israel Defence Forces of the Palestinian terrorists who had infiltrated near Eilat and killed eight Israelis, a mob of 1,000 Egyptians stormed, rampaged and ransacked the Israeli Embassy in Cairo. The ambassador and his family were forced to flee for their lives. Indeed some 80 embassy personnel and family members were evacuated to Israel in a harrowing nighttime rescue. But for the intervention of U.S. President Barack Obama, six Israeli security officers would likely have been killed by the raging mob.

From the editor's desk...

The Arab street protests that months ago mesmerized so many Middle East pundits is proving to be more of a stormy winter than the spring they rhapsodized. Democracy, it must be remembered and emphasized, cannot flower overnight in barren terrain. It blooms, if at all, after a long, careful nurturing of the soil of due process, tolerance and the absolute paramountcy of the rule of law.

Next week, Arab streets might once again fill with agitation and the familiar sights and noisy sounds of fist-pumping, roiling humanity intent on emphatically registering their support for the Palestinian leadership's conscription of the UN General Assembly to the cause of endorsing a unilateral declaration of independence for a Palestinian state.

And when the Israeli government, and perhaps too some western governments deplore the duplicitous behaviour by the Palestinians, stormy winter in the Arab world will morph into fire and ice. Arab spring will become Arab tempest.

It is hard to imagine how the Palestinians' ploy will bring the two sides closer together. Israel will become further isolated in parts of the world.

So often in the past, American, European and other interlocutors pressed on Israel the need to adopt measures that would foster confidence for the Israelis and the peace process among the Palestinians. And equally as often, Israel would comply.

The 10-month moratorium on all housing construction last year in east Jerusalem and the West Bank was one of the most recent examples. But as we know, the moratorium was for naught. Abbas still refused to negotiate with Israel. That did not surprise too many observers, however, because they knew deep in his heart, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas is not interested in negotiating a resolution of the conflict with Israel.

Apart from a declaration of war or an eruption of carefully orchestrated violence, could there be any measure more destroying of Israeli confidence in the Palestinian leadership and in the bilateral peace process than the Unilateral Declaration of Independence (UDI) gambit at the United Nations?

Exploiting every eruption on the Arab street of anti-Israel, anti-Jewish and anti-American sentiment will be the theocratic rulers of Iran, whose most beckoning aspiration, it seems, is to constantly foment instability in the region by propagating hatred against the Jewish state and undermining Sunni Muslim powers.

Only 2-1/2 weeks ago, Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad celebrated Al Quds day by reminding the world that the annihilation of the Jewish state and presumably, too, by extension, the genocide of its people, was unwavering national Iranian policy.

Israel defends itself against terror. As a result Turkey expels the Israeli ambassador from Ankara and the Israeli ambassador is forced to flee for his life from Cairo.

Israel pleads for more than three years with Abbas to return to negotiations. Abbas refuses. Yet the world accuses Israel of intransigence.

Israel is the only country in the United Nations to be threatened with annihilation by a fellow country, Iran. Yet not one legal process as a result has been launched in the United Nations against the Iranians.

As Rabbi Reuven Bulka, of Congregation Machzikei Hadas asked two years ago in Kelowna, B.C., of a gathering of the United Church of Canada, pondering a boycott of Israel and Israeli products, "What's wrong with this picture?"

"Boycott," Rabbi Bulka argued, "is another loaded word for many Jewish people, who regard such campaigns as a new mutation of antisemitism that seeks to delegitimize Israel and cast it as a pariah state. I have no problem with criticizing Israel. But if I don't hear from the people that are criticizing Israel an equal and vociferous criticizing of those who want to destroy Israel and who have said very clearly that that's their agenda, then I say, 'What's wrong with this picture? How can you boycott one and not the other?'" We ask ourselves the same question.

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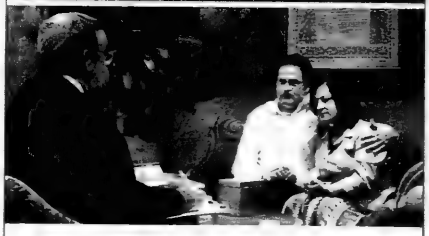

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Classes at Ryerson University resumed just a week ago, but anti-Israel activists wasted no time in demonstrating in front of the downtown Toronto campus. A mock "apartheid wall" was set up as part of a Ryerson Student Union event on Sept. 8. Inset, Neta Koppel, the Israel fellow for Hillel of Greater Toronto, responded by handing students who walked past the display "truth cards" that contained facts and information about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

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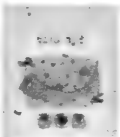

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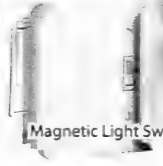

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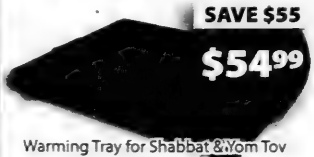

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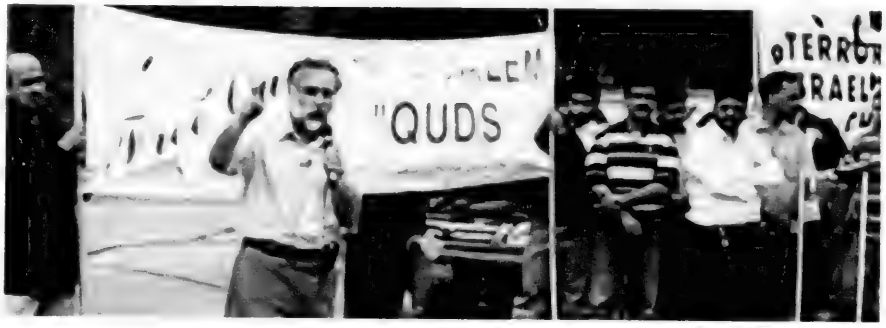

An image from the video of the Queen's Park rally.

United Church clarifies member's role at rally

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

The United Church of Canada is distancing itself from one of its members who spoke at an anti-Israel al-Quds rally at Queen's Park in which speakers called Israel a cancer and blamed "Zionists" for injustices around the world.

Karin Brothers was acting strictly in her personal capacity and not as a representative of the church, spokespeople from the church's national office and her local congregation said.

"We didn't ask her to go," said Rev. Martha Ter Kuile, minister of the Bloor Street Church, where Brothers is a member.

Brothers "was there in her personal capacity and not as a representative of the United Church of Canada," Rev. Ter Kuile added.

The rally was held on Aug. 28 and featured attacks on Israel from a variety of speakers. With Hezbollah flags flying, one speaker called Israel a cancer while another described Zionists as "racist," "inhuman," and "barbarians."

Organized by CASMO, the Canadian Shia Muslims Organization, the rally was filmed by the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) and posted on YouTube. Brothers was introduced as being "from the United Church of Canada." She began her address by saying, "We need you."

Rev. Bruce Gregersen, the United Church's chief program officer, said Brothers did not represent the church at the rally. "I think it was unfortunate" she was described as such, he said.

"It would not be appropriate to say she represented the United Church of Canada."

"We did not agree to be part of a rally of this kind," he said, adding the church has "no history of working with this group."

A statement released by the church reiterated that the "United Church of Canada unequivocally supports the right of Israel to exist and believes that the two-state solution for Israel and Palestine is one that holds the most promise for peace."

Relations between the Jewish community and the United Church have been strained in recent years, with former Canadian Jewish Congress CEO Bernie Farber once saying they were at the "breaking point."

Congress was concerned that the United Church had partnered with Independent Jewish Voices, a small group that called for a boycott of Israel and which had received a $900 subsidy from the church.

At its 2009 General Council in Kelowna, the church considered a boycott of Israel but rejected it. Around the same time, the Toronto Conference of the church employed the term "ethnic cleansing" to describe Israeli policies.

Describing the church's position on the Middle East, Rev. Gregersen wrote in 2010, that "In the end the decision was not for a national boycott but for all parts of the church to 'immediately enter into consultation, dialogue, study and prayer, and then to take appropriate action towards ending the illegal occupation of Palestinian territory and enter into conversation as to how to move the two peoples toward reconciliation (including, but not limited to economic boycott).'"

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Junction Shul celebrates 100th anniversary

Jared Lindzon
Special to The CJN

Deep in the heart of the west Toronto community known as the Junction lies a monument to early Jewish heritage in the city. And although the Jewish population of the neighbourhood today can best be described as sparse, the Junction was once a hub for Jewish immigrants from eastern Europe, primarily Poland and Russia.

In 1909 those early Jewish settlers of western Toronto established a congregation known as Knesseth Israel, and in September 1911, they opened the doors to what would become widely known as the Junction Shul, which today is Ontario's oldest original synagogue that's still in use.

The celebration of the shul's 100th year in operation began Sept. 7 with the launch of *One Hundred Years at The Junction Shul*, a book that documents the history of the synagogue and stories of its members.

"This is an amazing group of people, and their dedication to their history, their heritage, and to this building has just been exemplary," said Neil Ross, president of the West Toronto Junction Historical Society and co-author of the book. "And the dedication in the community, the welcome that I felt as I've done the interviews and been on the committees, has been overwhelming."

According to Ross, the area is known as the Junction because it is home to the only intersection of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Railway in all of Canada. This made the area an important economic base, one filled with opportunity for early Jewish settlers.

"Jews from eastern Europe who had been in the needle trade were invited to pay a certain amount of money to buy property and build a home in the Junction," Ross said. "Then they built a needle factory, and when the needle factory was built, they worked in it, except the needle factory didn't really last. But we believe it was this influx that brought the community up to a level where it built a shul."

According to the synagogue's gabbai, Jules Kronis, the community was established to house early settlers who were fleeing pogroms in eastern Europe.

"The pogroms increased the Jewish population of Toronto," he said. "The Jewish population of Toronto in 1900 was 3,000, in 1910 it was 12,000, and the Wharf, the district downtown, was probably overcrowded, unsafe and unhealthy. And just as we move out to the suburbs today, the Jewish community established a satellite in the Junction."

The founding families of the congregation purchased the synagogue's lot at 56 Maria St. in 1911 for $520. It was that same group of congregants that contributed their time, effort and money to build the synagogue, which still sits on same site today.

And 100 years later, it also continues to maintain the same welcoming spirit and inclusiveness from which it sprang.

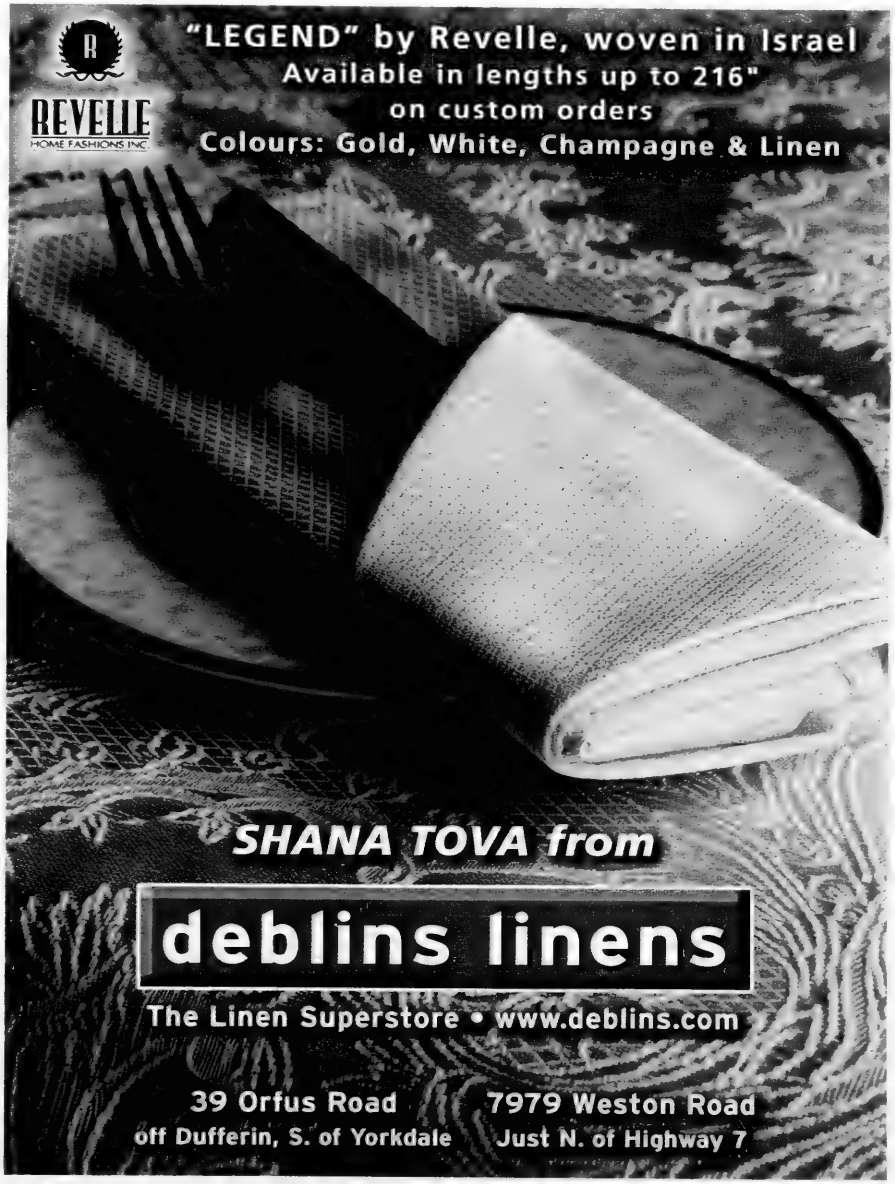
"There are very few other places to go [in the area]," said Bob Pomerantz, who has been a member of the synagogue for 25 years. "You didn't need tickets. You didn't need to know anybody. You just walked in, and they had a seat for you and they treated you very warmly."

The celebration of the Junction Shul's centennial continues Sept. 15 with a special morning service with Jewish dignitaries, and on Sept. 17 with Shabbat morning services.

The celebration concludes Sept. 18 with a community-wide street party that's open to the public. It will feature walking tours of Maria Street, where the original residents of the homes will be speaking about their lives in the Junction, as well as food and entertainment.

"It's going to be great," said synagogue president Edwin Goldstein. "We're having entertainment, singers and musicians and a comedian. A lot of people stepped up to the plate, and I couldn't have done this without having all of those people."

The outside wall of the Junction Shul displays a banner advertising the 100th year celebration scheduled for September 18. *[Jared Lindzon photo]*



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Odious hatred on Queen's Park's steps

Ever since 1979, when Iran's late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini decreed its observance, Al-Quds (Jerusalem) day has been specifically singled out from the annual Shia Muslim theological calendar to hector the world against the presence of a sovereign Jewish state in the Middle East. In at least part of the Shia Muslim world, the day is set aside, in solemn religious dedication, to urge the elimination of the State of Israel and the genocide of its people.

Alas, we have grown uneasily used to seeing such demonstrations of virulent, anti-Israel theology on streets in the Middle East, though they still never fail to infuriate.

But we have seldom, if ever, seen or heard such vile incitements to hatred on the streets of Canada, let alone on the steps of the legislature of the country's largest province. And yet, 2-1/2 weeks ago, on Aug. 28, at a rally commemorating Al Quds day organized by the Canadian Shia Muslims Organization at Queen's Park, in front of the legislature of Ontario, a series of speakers spewed foul, odious venom toward the Jewish state.

The Centre for Israel and Jewish Advocacy captured the sordid spectacle on video. (It is available for viewing on the centre's website.) One speaker, in a near frothing frenzy, after calling the Israelis inhuman, racist and barbarians, warns that the day is coming "when we Muslims will march on Palestine and liberate Palestine." Another speaker told the audience that "whenever you see injustice… there is 100 per cent involvement by the Zionist regime, the same Zionist regime that sucks the resources, the blood and everything that belongs to the people all across the world." A third speaker called Israel a cancer on the world and rhetorically asked the assembly: "Remember what is the end of a cancer? It is killed to make sure the body stays alive." There was nothing too subtle or nuanced in any of the speakers' messages.

The United Church of Canada, which had been implicated as having joined the rally through the attendance of one of its members, disavowed any implied endorsement of the rally.

The video is shocking.

The rally was an obscenity, an affront to the very wide norms of heated public debate and discourse that democracy condones. The language was clearly antisemitic. It may also have violated the criminal code of Canada, which expressly prohibits incitement of hatred against an identifiable group in a public place. Could there be a more symbolically significant place in Ontario than the steps of the legislature?

It is an outrage that no public officials have condemned the incident. And it is a sorry comment upon us all that the freedoms we so deeply cherished were contemptuously abused on the very doorstep of democracy's highest institution in Ontario.

25 years ago in *The CJN*

The first Egyptian-Israeli summit in five years ended last week with a vow by president Hosni Mubarak and prime minister Shimon Peres to make 1987 a "year for negotiations for peace." An Israeli delegation member, former foreign minister Abba Eban, said no agreement had been reached on finding a solution to Palestinian aspirations for self-determination.

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Historical record of 'decent' Germans

Although Sheldon Kirshner concludes that Konrad Jarausch "appears to have been a decent German," I cannot ignore the historical record of millions of "decent" Germans who firstly were ready to overlook the sinister aspects to Hitler's aims and vote him into power, followed by their willing participation in his illegal and murderous conquest and domination of sovereign nations, and who somehow managed to be unaware of the enormity of the Nazis systematic annihilation of six million Jews and enslavement of countless numbers of others ("German soldier never lost his sense of decency," books, Sept. 1).

Other Germans have sought to explain away or bury any thought of the horrific facts of their nation's past presumably, one imagines, in an attempt to make it possible for them to live out their lives in some semblance of normalcy. But I don't buy it. Jarausch's son would do better to publish his own book acknowledging his father's ultimate failure to stand up and refuse to participate in Hitler's criminal campaign, his unequivocal acknowledgement and admission of the facts of his nation's past, the devotion of his life to the education of his countrymen about the truth of their inheritance, and his vow to work tirelessly to prevent the recurrence of such hideous conduct by his nation or that of any other. Through such a life, Jarausch might finally achieve some sense of salvation – if, indeed, that is what he seeks.

David Green.
Thornhill, Ont.

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Not represented by community organization

I commend Sally Zerker for her courageous article, "The restructuring of communal advocacy" (Aug. 25). Many community organizations are so far removed from the ordinary citizens that it really takes chutzpah for them even to call themselves "Jewish" anything. I don't know whom they represent, but it isn't me or anyone I know. I generally hear from them when they call me for donations or when I see them celebrating and honouring one another in the society columns. I've never been called for an opinion of what I think these organizations ought to stand for, the effect of their services or how they spend their money, and I have never been provided with any useful assistance from them. And now that they are bunched up under one signature, in the name of whom do these people advocate?

Sheila Mediena
Montreal

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Gehry supports theatre boycott

I noticed a sad irony in the column, "Israel's realist think-tank (2)" (Sept. 8). The use of architect Frank Gehry as an example of cutting "across disciplines" and interrelating "ideas with the complicated detail and intermeshing precision of a Frank Gehry-designed concert hall" loses its desired quality when coupled with the knowledge that Gehry has been publicly commended by the inappropriately named radical group Jewish Voice for Peace for being a supporter of BDS (the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement), by signing a petition supporting Israeli artists who refuse to perform in a Jewish theatre in Ariel, a West Bank settlement, and summoning others to do, despicably, the same.

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The number of days Hamas has held Gilad Schalit captive

Palestinian independence

I am writing about Yosef Tastassa's article, "Israelis will suffer from Palestinian independence" (Aug. 25). Tastassa is concerned about a proposed UN resolution, scheduled for Sept. 20, declaring Palestine a state. The present Israeli government gives lip service to promoting a peace treaty, which would establish a Palestinian state, but puts up so many pre-talk road blocks – the Palestinians have to recognize Israel as a Jewish state, Jerusalem is not divisible, no return of refugees, etc. – that negotiations cannot start. There is more onus on Israel, which wants to be seen as a progressive country, to promote genuine peace talks. Either the talks will be successful or they will demonstrate to the world that Israel really tried. If there ever is peace, the whole world knows it will involve an independent Palestinian state, so why worry about a silly UN resolution now? Israel regularly ignores UN resolutions it does not like.

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Abbas is riding the back of a tiger

David H. Goldberg

Despite Palestinian legislator Hanan Ashrawi's recent charm offensive in Ottawa, Canada could soon find itself among a small "moral majority" of western democracies opposing a potentially explosive UN resolution unilaterally recognizing statehood for Palestine within the pre-1967 borders.

Much has been written about Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leader Mahmoud Abbas' strategic decision to abandon the diplomatic process in favour of the "internationalization" and "legalization" of the conflict with Israel through the United Nations.

In the run-up to this month's 66th UN General Assembly (GA), Abbas' strategy bumped against a threatened United States veto of a direct Palestinian request to the UN Security Council for statehood recognition and full UN membership.

The PLO's focus then reportedly broadened to the GA. Without the U.S. veto and with the guaranteed support of the "non-aligned" and non-democratic countries that now dominate the United Nations, the GA was seen as the logical venue for the adoption of a "compromise resolution" upgrading the PLO's UN status from "observer" to "observer state." As a GA resolution, this action would be non-binding and baseless in international law. Nevertheless, it would effectively accord the PLO state status in all UN institutions (including the International Criminal Court and International Court of Justice) and grant de facto statehood to "Palestine" within the pre-1967 lines.

While ongoing negotiations could yet result in a different outcome, the following article speculates on the implications of such a resolution in the UN General Assembly.

The resolution would make a mockery of established principles concerning the recognition of states. Legal authorities question whether the Palestinians meet two of the four criteria for statehood recognition prescribed by the Montevideo Convention of 1933. Can *Palestine* be said to have "a defined territory" and "an effective government" when it is controlled by two separate governing authorities in two separate entities – Fatah in much of the West Bank, and the terrorist Hamas in Gaza, and when reconciliation efforts have foundered, mainly over who should be prime minister of a "government of technocrats"?

Israel's former UN ambassador Dore Gold acknowledges that an upgrading to de facto state status could advance the Palestinian strategy of forcing Israel entirely out of the West Bank through legal means, in that senior UN courts (whose jurisdictions normally apply only to disputes between sovereign states) might be more inclined to take seriously the "war crimes" and "crimes against humanity" allegations against Israel levelled by a UN-recognized Palestinian "state." But, Gold says, the Palestinians might have overplayed their hand. He argues that repeated published statements by Abbas and senior Palestinian officials explicitly declaring their intention to exploit the integrity and good offices of the World Court and the International Court of Justice to score meaningless public relations points against Israel might convince international jurists to finally say "no" to Palestinian frivolous, politically motivated claims against Israel.

Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, Ron Prosor, has noted that, in adopting their current diplomatic strategy, the Palestinians "have climbed on a tree, and the higher they climb the higher they request a ladder… What is going to happen in the end is that *they will fall from the tree but they won't just hurt themselves, but they will [hurt] everyone else in the vicinity.*" (Emphasis added)

Mahmoud Abbas claims that the PLO's UN statehood bid "does not contradict the essence of the peace process" because it is "not a unilateral measure and does not aim at isolating Israel or delegitimizing it.

"We don't want to delegitimize Israel. We want to legitimize ourselves," Abbas contends.

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Palestinians marched last week in Ramallah at the launch of a campaign supporting their bid at the UN for recognition of Palestinian statehood. *[FLASH90 photo]*

The Oslo II interim agreement of September 1995 prohibits unilateral measures by either side that will change the status of the West Bank pending the outcome of final status negotiations. A Palestinian unilateral request for UN de facto statehood recognition within the pre-1967 lines would constitute an explicit violation of this core provision. Moreover, it would create "unbridgeable gaps" between negotiating positions.

Israel has no interest in abrogating the Oslo accords – the only agreed-upon legal basis for negotiations toward the achievement of a two-state solution. But the onus would be on the PLO and the Palestinian Authority (PA) to abide by their agreed-upon obligations and commitments, especially concerning ending terrorism and anti-Israel incitement (including delegitimization). Much would depend on the Palestinians' handling of the popular response to a UN vote.

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Israel Defence Forces commanders express confidence that, with additional riot-control training and new, non-lethal riot-dispersal equipment, IDF soldiers would meet any challenge. West Bank settlements have also received special IDF training along with specific instructions on "rules of engagement" should they be threatened by Palestinian demonstrators.

Member of Knesset Yohanan Plesner believes the Palestinian leadership has no interest in an escalation. But he warns that "the difference between non-violent and violent protests is just a spark," and that "there are enough groups that are interested in violence, like Hamas or Islamic Jihad."

And therein lies the essence of the nightmare scenario, certainly from an IDF perspective, but even more so for Abbas and the PLO: ostensibly peaceful Palestinian marches toward settlements and military positions in the West Bank would violently escalate (either incrementally or due to the actions of armed provocateurs) beyond the control-capacity of the Palestinian security forces (now functioning without IDF co-operation). With the PLO's governing legitimacy in ruins, Hamas would sweep Abbas and the PLO from power forever, and extend its influence – and by extension, that of Islamist Iran – throughout the West Bank and east Jerusalem. The vision of an Israeli-Palestinian reconciliation based on the two-state model would be shattered as Israelis would confront a new threat paradigm defined by Hamas terrorism and close-range missiles.

Extending the nightmare scenario, Syrian Palestinians and armed Syrian soldiers could be expected to swarm Israeli positions on the Golan Heights, in a recurrence of the events of last May's *Nakba Day*, with thousands of Palestinian refugees, backed (or forced) by Hezbollah gunmen, simultaneously crashing IDF guard posts on the Lebanese border. Meanwhile, a threatened "million-man" march of Egyptian Islamist militants might be heading toward Israeli crossing points in southern Sinai. The potential for violence in each of these scenarios would be extremely high, as would the possibility of an escalation to a regional conflagration conceivably involving non-conventional weapons.

Analysts agree that the Palestinian people would be among the big losers in such a nightmare scenario.

There is still time for Abbas and the PLO to avert this "train wreck." Diplomatic efforts will continue until the last minute to give them a way to honourably climb down – rather than fall embarrassingly – from the tree. Israel will, cautiously, support such efforts.

Israel's goal remains a negotiated two-state agreement. But efforts to resume direct bilateral negotiations and to help the Palestinians achieve their legitimate national objectives, *despite their failed leadership*, must not come at the expense of Israel's fundamental interests and security requirements.

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A Rosh Hashanah lesson from the 'Blinkischer Rebbe'

On July 15, Ronnie Cahana, the 57-year-old rabbi of Congregation Beth-El in Montreal's Town of Mount Royal, suffered a massive stroke in his brainstem. He now lies immobilized in the Montreal Neurological Institute, unable to talk, walk or even wave.

Yet, his mind is intact and his spirit is soaring, and from his hospital bed, Rabbi Cahana is teaching his devoted congregants, his loving family and the rest of us, about the soul's power and Judaism's deeper meaning, even when we lose the physical, the material. "I live in a broken place," he said when stricken, "but there's holy work to do."

Rabbi Cahana's body is in trouble. A ventilator and other tubes do for him what most of us do naturally. Nevertheless, he may be the healthiest – and happiest – person I know. "Emotional paralysis is far worse than physical paralysis," he preaches. "To live humanly is to believe in the pure and the profound. To live Jewishly… is to choose the blessing over the curse. I choose blessing and feel blessed."

Before the stroke, this gangly, 6'2 Houston-born rabbi was the least Texan Texan, and the most unconventional Conservative rabbi. I knew – I befriended Ronnie and his amazing wife, Karen, decades ago in the Young Judaea Zionist Youth Movement.

A dazzling personality, both vital and ethereal, as well as a passionate Jew and perpetual seeker, Rabbi Cahana has never done small talk. He makes even the most casual interaction intense and intimate. Watching him with his congregants and

Gil Troy

in Montreal

his family is wondrous. His "How are you?" is never perfunctory. Rather, it's a sincere probe, asking whether you're getting the most out of your life, nurturing fulfilling relationships while benefiting from the kind of profound interaction he enjoys with Judaism and God.

Visiting the bedridden rabbi, you brace for heartbreak and emerge uplifted. He mouths words – or laboriously blinks them out. When no one can read his lips, he closes his eyes, and someone starts reciting "a, b, c…" He opens his eyes at the desired letter. The "Blinkischer Rebbe," as Karen calls him, blinks out stirring weekly sermons, greeting congregants from his "subterranean world," urging them to use the blow he sustained to experience life and Judaism in new dimensions.

"I know the end will be good," this rabbinic Stephen Hawking insists. "I did not lose anything. I gained."

All summer, Rabbi Cahana has bathed in his extraordinary family's love and laughter – he and Karen have five fabulous children, ages 14 to 23. Karen says it's hard to despair when he's so positive, when he delights in "feeling" every prayer for him, "visiting" with his late father, renewing his relationship to Judaism and God by painstakingly re-learning each mitzvah, bringing new meaning to each commandment.

On Tisha b'Av he fasted, demanding that his feeding tube be shut down. Every weekday morning, he puts on tfillin at the same time his congregants do.

"Finding spiritual paths in the hospital while vulnerable and fragile," he blinked to them, provides "a great delight of the day… I hear the tone, rhythm, the light banter, music and join you. I know our sounds and I listen to your voices. Our prayers are good and honest, and God looks favourably on the kind."

Currently, he can only wear the head phylacteries. This, he calls "the most healing of privileges. The *retzuot* [straps] course through the whole body… from the mind. Crown encircles the cranium. In the holiest of holies, the *kesher*, which we believe lies contiguously off of Hashem's holy *kesher* knot, sits on the brainstem to heal, to repair, to purify the world."

This year, I witnessed the miracles that can occur despite catastrophic brain trauma after my father took a serious fall and recovered remarkably. Rabbi Cahana has already progressed much faster than the doctors predicted. This Rosh Hashanah – as those who can rally around the Cahana family, bombarding them with the love and support they need – we should also learn from the Blinkischer Rebbe's teaching.

Let us follow him, temporarily, voluntarily, into the realm of the purely spiritual, the world of the soul, his transcendent universe of pure Jewish thought and emotion. And let us return less complacent and more compassionate, less tense and more intense, less alone and more loving, learning that whatever this next year brings, "the end will be good."

This year, more soul and less snicker

It's High Holiday time soon, and I often paraphrase a popular song to describe it: "Tis the season to be kvetchy."

The price of tickets is so high (and it's an outrage that there's even a price at all! I should be able to walk into any shul and have a seat, and there should be a rabbi and a cantor, a roof that doesn't leak, prayer books, chairs and a coat rack, and a cleaning person afterward – and all for free.) The rabbi spoke too long (or too politically or too religiously or too controversially or too timidly or whatever). The cantor sang too loud (or too high or too low or whatever). The people were overdressed (or in jeans or in fur or too showy or too casual or whatever). It was too long (it's *never* too short), too crowded, too hot, too cold, too much traffic on Bathurst, too early, too late, on a weekday, on a weekend, too far north, too far south.

It's never "just perfect."

Everything about the High Holidays seems to be such a big deal, except the actual meaning of the days themselves. The angst of these grievances clutters the mind and soul, and leaves little energy or room for being fully present in the drama of the holidays' themes: repentance, reconciliation and renewal.

The serenity prayer associated with 12-step recovery programs is instructive, and perhaps we should recite it upon entering the synagogue on Rosh Hashanah: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Richard Carlson wrote a little book called *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff… and It's All Small Stuff* that's filled with practical suggestions on how to refocus our energy in positive directions.

Here are a few I think can help us during the High Holiday season.

Admit that nothing and no one is perfect. You're not perfect, nor are your spouse, friends, doctor, parents, rabbi and even your kids. Acknowledging the imperfection of your shul – or the service, rabbi or cantor – or your family will help you acknowledge your own imperfection and then start to dismantle it.

Second, put things on the back burner. Is it really imperative that you miss most of the service because you simply *must* have lunch on the table by 1 p.m.? Is it imperative that you comment *now* on the dress of the woman in front of you? Is it imperative that at this very moment of silent prayer you solve the "problem" of which app to buy for your new iPhone next week?

Third, resist the urge to criticize. Like that old joke about the hotels in the Catskills, "The food was terrible – and such small portions," we chip away at the beautiful in favour of the small and the insignificant. We love to criticize. We could well leave Rosh Hashanah services and

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein

in Toronto

not remember a single lovely thing about them.

The Talmud reminds us to say every day, "*Gam zeh ya'avor*," "This too shall pass," whether "this" is something bad, or good. Don't sweat the small stuff, and it's all small stuff, unless something in the service offended every fibre of your moral being. It will pass, or you will change it, or you will change yourself and your situation so that it doesn't hurt you anymore.

Sweating the small stuff gives us a handy excuse, an easy way out of the really hard work of doing the three things that would, indeed, change our lives: repentance, reconciliation and renewal.

It's hard to apologize to someone you have hurt. It's easy to complain about the air conditioning. It's hard to make the leap you may need this year to get out of the wrong job, the wrong house, the wrong relationship or the wrong attitude. It's easy to grumble about how dry the honey cake was. It's hard to reconcile with a family member you haven't spoken to in years. It's easy to gossip about the strangers in the next row.

Because the themes of the High Holidays take so much inner strength, faith and courage, we'd rather sweat the small stuff than seriously sweat the big stuff. This year, can we all have more joy and less judgment, more passion and less pettiness, more soul and less snicker?

Ten years after 9-11, Al Qaeda has been weakened

Osama bin Laden would have been shocked, appalled and humbled had he known he was destined to be a deep-sea fish food treat. But that's exactly what happened to one of the world's greatest terrorists after he was assassinated by U.S. special forces in Pakistan on May 2, 10 years after masterminding the horrific events of Sept. 11, 2001 in the United States. After he was gunned down in his walled compound, his corpse, having been cleansed according to Islamic law, was transported to a U.S. naval vessel and then lowered into the depths of the Arabian Sea.

Sheldon Kirshner in Toronto

The killing of bin Laden, the climax of a decade-long manhunt launched in the rugged mountains of Afghanistan, was a landmark in the annals of the U.S. war on international terrorism. Bin Laden's death was doubtless a blow to the pan-Islamic movement he founded, but his passing did not spell finis to Al Qaeda or its affiliates in Pakistan and Yemen.

According to Michael Leiter, the former director of the National Counterterrorism Center, a major U.S. think tank based in Aspen, Colo., Al Qaeda continues to pose a threat to the United States.

The demise of bin Laden – a Saudi of Yemenite origin – was of the utmost importance, says Peter Bergen, a security analyst who closely followed his career and interviewed him in 1997.

In his latest book, *The Longest War: The Enduring Conflict Between America and Al Qaeda* (Free Press), which was published on the eve of bin Laden's assassination, Bergen writes that finding him was important for three reasons.

First, justice was served. Since 9-11, Al Qaeda has claimed thousands of victims around the world and is still plotting to pull off yet more acts of terrorism. Second, every day he remained at liberty was a propaganda victory for Al Qaeda. Third, he was a source of inspiration to his jihadist acolytes, having issued more than 30 videos and audio tapes since 9-11.

These messages, which reached millions through television, newspapers and the Internet, instructed followers to murder westerners, Israelis and Jews, kill American and coalition soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan and sabotage Saudi Arabian oil facilities.

Until he was tracked down in Pakistan three months ago, the United States had not had a solid lead on his whereabouts since the battle of Tora Bora in the waning weeks of 2001. After the fall of Kabul in the wake of the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan, bin Laden and his confederates escaped to the eastern city of Jalalabad and then to the remote redoubt in Tora Bora.

U.S. aircraft bombed Tora Bora, killing some 220 militants and capturing 52 fighters, mostly Arabs, dozens of Afghans and a sprinkling of Chechens and Pakistanis. But bin Laden and his deputies escaped into neighbouring Pakistan.

In this deeply researched and incisive book, Bergen describes 9-11 as a brilliant success for Al Qaeda tactically. "Not since television viewers had watched the abduction and murder of Israeli athletes during the Munich Olympics in 1972 had a massive global audience witnessed a terrorist attack unfold in real time," he observes. "If Al Qaeda had been a largely unknown organization before 9-11, in the days after it became a household name."

He adds that while 9-11 brought Al Qaeda notoriety, it did not achieve its larger goals. The clash of civilizations bin Laden hoped to touch off did not materialize. The vast majority of Muslims considered 9-11 repugnant, and Muslim governments aligned themselves with the United States, the so-called infidel superpower.

"And so bin Laden's grand project – to transform the Muslim world into a militant Islamic caliphate – has been, by any measure, a resounding failure," Bergen observes.

Bin Laden, too, miscalculated the economic impact of 9-11 on the United States. Tr e, the repercussions cost Washington a whopping $500 billion. But in a $10-trillion economy, this represented a mere five per cent of U.S. gross domestic product.

Further, 9-11 boomeranged in terms of forcing a U.S. withdrawal from Muslim countries. After Sept. 11, the footprints of American troops could be seen not only in Afghanistan but in Iraq as well. And the United States' relationship with authoritarian Arab governments became stronger, given their shared distaste for Islamic radicalism.

Most obviously, Al Qaeda lost its strategic safe haven in Afghanistan with the collapse of the medieval Taliban regime.

Bergen acknowledges that Al Qaeda succeeded in reestablishing itself in Pakistan following the debacle in Afghanistan. "In a sense, Al Qaeda was just going home, since it was in the Pakistani city of Peshawar in 1988 that bin Laden had founded the group," he notes.

In the aftermath of 9-11, Bergen points out, the Pakistani megacity of Karachi, with a population of 15 million, emerged as a hub of jihadist violence. Al Qaeda formed a toxic alliance with Kashmiri extremists and Sunni fanatics – which had always been antagonistic to Pakistan's Shiite minority – and carried out a series of deadly attacks on Pakistani soil. The Jewish American journalist Daniel Pearl, a *Wall Street Journal* correspondent, was one of their hapless victims.

Yet since 9-11, Al Qaeda has been hammered in Pakistan, the ambivalence of Pakistan's government in battling Islamic radicalism notwithstanding.

And in Iraq, despite the best efforts of its leader, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who was gunned down by the Americans, Al Qaeda has been hammered.

On a broader scale, Al Qaeda has lost the battle of ideas, Muslims having largely turned against the ideology of bin Ladenism, Bergen claims.

Osama bin Laden, left, and his successor, Ayman al-Zawahiri.

Although bin Laden was an inspiring figure in jihadist circles, he overreached, failing to appeal to a wider constituency.

Bin Laden was strongly motivated by the belief that Muslim lands were collectively humiliated by colonial western powers. He condemned the United States, in particular, for supporting pro-western Arab regimes and Israel.

Bergen rejects the notion that bin Laden, whom he brands as "a pathological antisemite," latched on to the issue of Israel only after 9-11: "Nothing could be further from the truth."

In 1996, in his first public declaration that he was at war with the United States, he likened the Arab loss of east Jerusalem in 1967 to "a burning fire in my intestines." Bin Laden also claimed that his hatred of the United States was fanned by Washington's decision to give Israel the green light to invade Lebanon in 1982.

The new U.S. secretary of defence, Leon Panetta, has said that the United States is "within reach of strategically defeating" Al Qaeda. There is an element of truth in his assertion. Al Qaeda has been pummelled and its ability to force decisive change has been compromised.

But Al Qaeda is still capable of dealing lethal blows, Bergen warns. As he puts it, "Like a snake backed into a corner, a weakened Al Qaeda is still dangerous."

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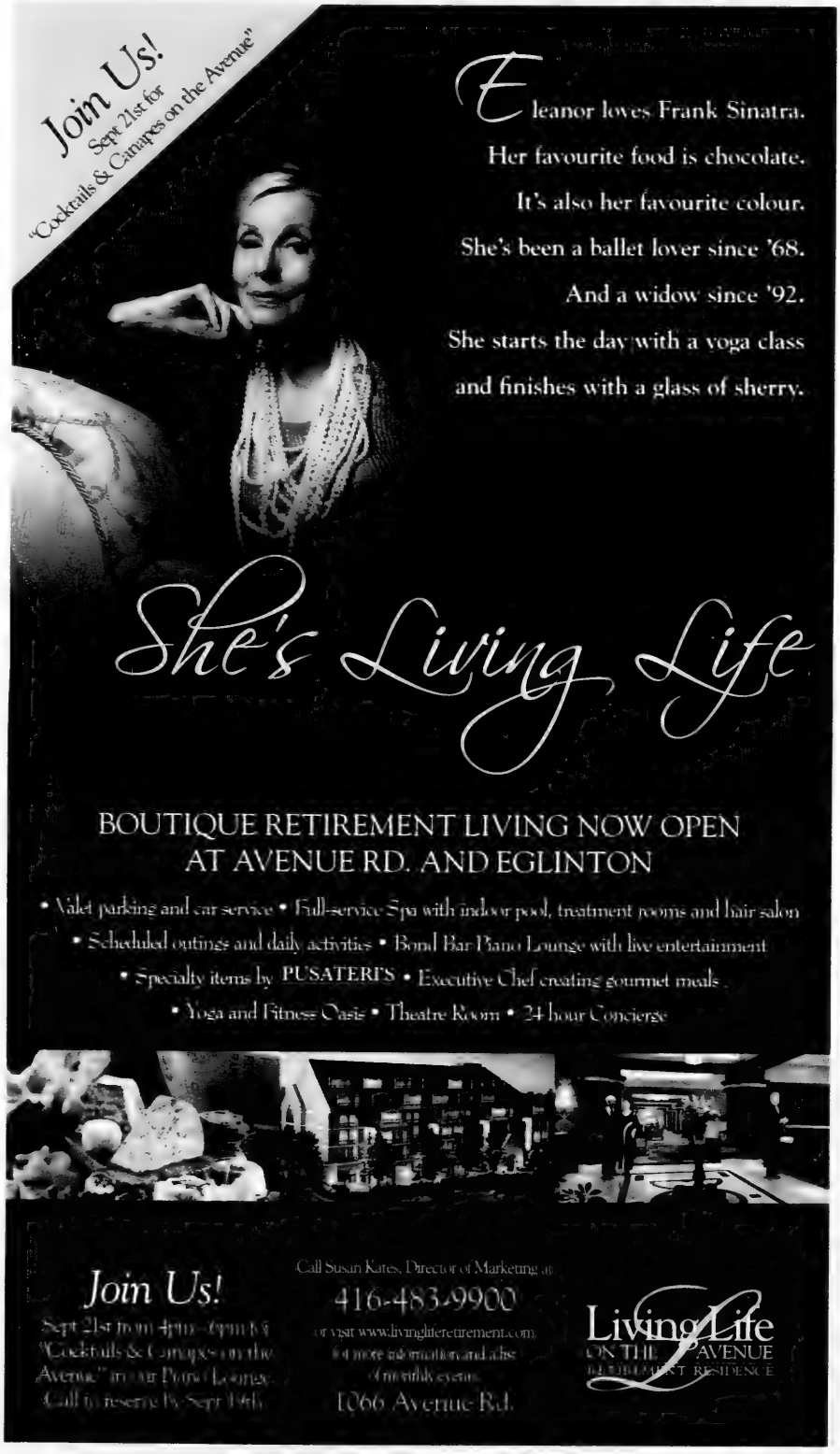
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The terrazzo floor in an open area on Shaarei Shomayim's lower level is gone after a burst water pipe pushed it straight up last week.
[Shaarei Shomayim Congregation photo]

Shul's basement damaged by flood

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

A trickle of water was still seeping into the lower level of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation on Monday this week, following a Sept. 1 flood resulting from a broken water pipe. However, Rabbi Chaim Strauchler, the shul's spiritual leader, said damage has been less than expected.

He told *The CJN* Monday morning that the cause of the leak had been determined and underground repairs were expected to be completed that day, so that the synagogue could proceed with its own repairs once the building was dried out.

Offices have been relocated from the shul's lower level to two trailers in the parking lot. Also, about 50 children at Netivot HaTorah Day School's branch at the shul are being bused to its Thornhill location.

Shaarei Shomayim is committed to running all planned High Holiday services, Rabbi Strauchler said. He was optimistic that the services could be run on site.

Services in the main sanctuary have not been affected, and a post-flood wedding, bar mitzvah and barbecue also proceeded as planned.

The flood occurred when the main pipe supplying the shul's water from the City of Toronto burst at approximately 11 p.m., flooding Shaarei Shomayim's lower level with up to four inches of water while a wedding took place upstairs.

The force of the water pushed a terrazzo floor outside the lower level chapel straight up and raised it about a foot or more into the air, the rabbi said. "It was quite stunning."

Toronto Fire Services responded to a 911 call from the synagogue, and asked that the building be evacuated at 11:45 p.m.

The city was able to turn off the water at about 12:30 or 1 a.m., Rabbi Strauchler said.

Damaged items included stored parochets (curtains for the Torah ark) and books, a few of which may have to be buried in accordance with Jewish law if they are not salvageable.

The rabbi lauded the firefighters, who helped move Torahs and "did everything they could to save the synagogue as much damage as possible."

Fans and dehumidifiers have been running at the shul to circulate air and remove moisture.

The rabbi said there are no preliminary estimates of the extent of damage or repair costs.

Toronto youth support Israeli tent city protesters

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Jewish young people from Zionist organizations Hashomer Hatzair and Habonim Dror joined Baycrest residents to stand in solidarity with Israelis who have been protesting the high cost of living in Israel since July.

Held at the gazebos at the Baycrest Terraces on Sept. 8, about 30 people gathered for a "learn-in" during which they sat in groups to discuss the cause of the protests, which have brought nearly half a million Israelis into the streets to demand social change.

Carmi Daniel, director of Hashomer Hatzair Canada, led the event and said he hoped to raise awareness about the situation in Israel among Toronto's Jewish youth.

Prior to the "learn-in," the gathering heard from an Israeli social activist and protester, Ari Levy, who spoke via Skype about the cause.

Levy, a member of Dror Israel, an Israeli social justice movement and a participant in the tent city protests that have been taking place nationwide for the past two months, said the recent demonstrations have been the largest in Israel's history.

"At the climax, we had 450,000 people in the streets all over the country, which is eight per cent of the population… This is a protest that has an 86 per cent approval rating," Levy said.

Hashomer Hatzair members prepare a pop-up tent at the Baycrest Terraces in solidarity with tent-city protesters in Israel.
[Sheri Shefa photo]

Israelis have been struggling due to the country's "process of privatization and shifting economic policies," he added.

While Israel's economy projected to grow by about five per cent this year, "the effect it has on the people of Israel has been getting worse and worse."

He added that "average salaries are also rising, but compared to the taxes that are placed on the goods, the food, the gas – the salaries are actually dropping."

In other words, despite a growing economy, the shekel isn't worth as much as it used to be.

"People started to realize – educated people, professional people – that they couldn't afford an apartment, they couldn't afford to start a family, they couldn't afford to finish the month with money in the bank."

In addition to calling on the government to address the shortage of affordable housing, protesters also demand fairer tax policies.

He explained that in Israel, indirect taxes, on items such as food and gas, are rising, and direct taxes, which come off a person's paycheque, are decreasing.

"We also want to slow down, if not stop, the process of privatization, which has been happening in Israeli society over the past 40 years."

Levy said the government also needs to invest more in the Israeli people.

"Israel finishes the fiscal year with a surplus, and that money doesn't go to social services and doesn't go toward helping people," he said, adding that investments in education, transportation, health care and other social services will help Israel economically in the long run.

As of last week, the tent cities throughout the country have started to be taken down, but Levy anticipates that there will be "more protesting for sure," and there are plans to move forward with Phase 2.

"We'll continue the protest as long as we need to, but it is important to understand that the goal of the struggle is actually to find a solution and promote real social justice," he said.

"Our purpose right now… is to raise awareness and to lobby public officials about our demands."

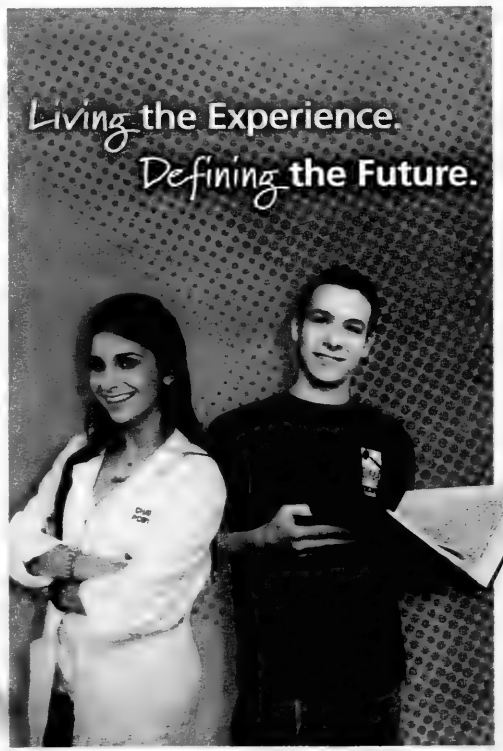
He said many people believe the protesters have an ulterior motive – to push Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu out of office.

"We are willing to work with anybody that wants to work together with us to bring real social and economic change to Israel," he said.

"We're happy to work with [Netanyahu]. And from my perspective, [our demands are] quite achievable."

He urged the gathering in Toronto – some of whom erected a tent near the Baycrest gazebos in solidarity with the protesters – to show their support by joining a Facebook group called "I support the social protest in Israel 2011," educate themselves about the situation and spread the word to others.

"This is not a political struggle and we don't have a political agenda. This is about social justice."



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Candidates united in fighting hate crimes

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Ontario voters are not looking to rock the boat, says David Zimmer, the incumbent MPP for Willowdale, who was first elected in 2003.

Ontario Votes
Willowdale

"People are cranky about a lot of things, but they're looking at the alternative [to the Liberal party] and they want to stick with us," he said in a telephone interview.

Zimmer is running against Conservative candidate Vince Agovino, NDP candidate Alexander Brown, and Green Party candidate Michael Vettese.

Willowdale riding, with a Jewish population of about 9,050, is bounded by Steeles Avenue in the north, Highway 401 to the south, parts of Victoria Park Avenue, Finch Avenue and Leslie Street to the east, and by sections of the Don River and Bathurst Street before it loops back to Yonge Street in the west.

In the 2007 election, Zimmer beat PC candidate David Shiner by about 6,000 votes.

A lawyer by profession, Zimmer has served as chair of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation and assistant and deputy chair of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada. He's currently parliamentary assistant to the attorney general.

The Liberals are committed until 2018 to upload services such as social assistance and court security that had been downloaded to the municipalities under the Tories prior to 2003, he said. "[Municipalities] are concerned with the download of these services because it means raising taxes."

He said that hate crimes in Ontario are a non-partisan issue. "It goes without saying that all governments are appalled by hate crimes, and will do everything possible, including legislation, to stamp them out."

Zimmer said he took part in a trade mission to Israel with Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty in May 2010 and met with a number of high tech medical professionals at Weizmann Institute of Science and Hebrew University. "We have an Ontario-Israel joint plan to conduct research into brain issues. There is so much [both sides] can offer, that we should pool our resources.

Vince Agovino

"I understand that the premier is committed to repeat the trade mission in another sector," he said.

As for funding faith-based schools, Zimmer said it's not an issue the public will support.

Alexander Brown

"I think the position is the same as it was in 2007. We are adamant, though, in using tools to ensure that there is no discrimination, and that students are able to say prayers and practise their religion at school. Faith groups should be accommodated, not in the classroom, but by being given time to pray, and then returning to class."

Agovino, a Willowdale resident, opened a home care company servicing seniors, the disabled and those recovering from serious injuries, he said, after caring for his elderly grandparents and realizing how easy it is to fall through the cracks in the health-care system.

Michael Vettese

He has been campaigning since May and says people want change. "They are tired of their tax dollars being wasted, and they are concerned that the hydro bill is way too high."

Regarding Israel, Agovino said he fully supports Prime Minister Stephen Harper's policy. "Israel is a beacon of democracy in that region, and we need a strong relationship. Strong economic ties are good for both countries."

David Zimmer

Ontarians had an opportunity to voice their opinion on funding for faith-based schools in the 2007 vote, when then-Tory leader John Tory promised money for non-public schools and lost the election, "and they did so loud and clear. We will not revisit that issue."

Alexander Brown, the NDP candidate, is a teacher and career counsellor. He said he has received a good reception from Willowdale residents. "I've heard worries about the HST and high hydro bills."

Hate crimes against any group are unacceptable, he said, "and the solution comes down to education. Every community needs to be engaged in the education process."

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NDP replaces controversial candidate

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

The Ontario NDP replaced outspoken socialist candidate Barry Weisleder in the riding of Thornhill last week.

Barry Weisleder

Simon Strelchik

Weisleder, a Toronto substitute teacher and chair of the federal NDP's national socialist caucus, won the riding nomination on Sept. 1, defeating perennial NDP candidate Simon Strelchik at a riding association meeting.

But the win was negated a short time later when NDP provincial secretary Darlene Lawson rescinded his nomination.

Strelchik, who has run unsuccessfully in the riding for the NDP in the last three federal elections, was to be among the candidates at a second nomination meeting to be held on Sept. 11, said Ed Dale, the CFO of the riding association.

According to a Sept. 7 report in the *National Post*, Weisleder's nomination was revoked due to a failure to disclose important information on his nomination papers.

"All candidates have to fill out a disclosure form and when doing so you've got to be complete and you have to be truthful," Timmins-James Bay NDP MPP Gilles Bisson told the *Post*. "He did not do so, so we have withdrawn his candidacy from the party."

The nature of the undisclosed information hasn't been made public.

Weisleder told yorkregion.com that he plans to fight the decision and he considered the decision an "unjustifiable and a flagrant attack on party democracy." He said most of the Thornhill riding association backs his challenge.

Calls and e-mails from *The CJN* to the provincial NDP were not returned by deadline.

As a candidate in the riding that's said to have the largest proportion of Jewish voters in Canada, Weisleder's views on Israel may have played a role in his ouster.

In an undated post on the Socialist Action website, he criticized the Canadian government of supporting Israel's "Zionist apartheid" policies and of backing Israel's "military encirclement and starvation of Gaza's population to the present day."

Ontario Votes
Thornhill

The NDP isn't expected to win in Thornhill, where incumbent Tory MPP Peter Shurman is facing a high-profile challenger in former Canadian Jewish Congress CEO Bernie Farber, who is running for the Liberals.

A Thornhill all-candidates debate is planned for Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto synagogue.

Willowdale

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Green Party candidate Michael Vettese, 21, a biology student at University of Toronto, said his mission is to get young people voting.

"I am also concerned about the environment. There will be a crisis in the next few decades, and I'd like to do something about it at the polling station."

His party believes that the way to stop hate crimes is to teach students about the issue at a young age. "Teachers should be bringing up the subject even before they teach sex education. Spreading hate is a way of bullying, and it needs to be stopped."

Clarification

In the article, "Ex-mashgiach challenges COR overtime policy (CJN Aug. 18) regarding a lawsuit between the Kashruth Council of Canada and Morley Rand, *The CJN* wishes to further clarify that there is only one lawsuit before the Ontario Labour Relations Board. However, there are several issues being determined by the courts in this one case. Rand originated the suit with the Ontario Ministry of Labour while he was still employed by the Kashruth Council. Our original story implied that he filed that suit in retaliation for his dismissal.

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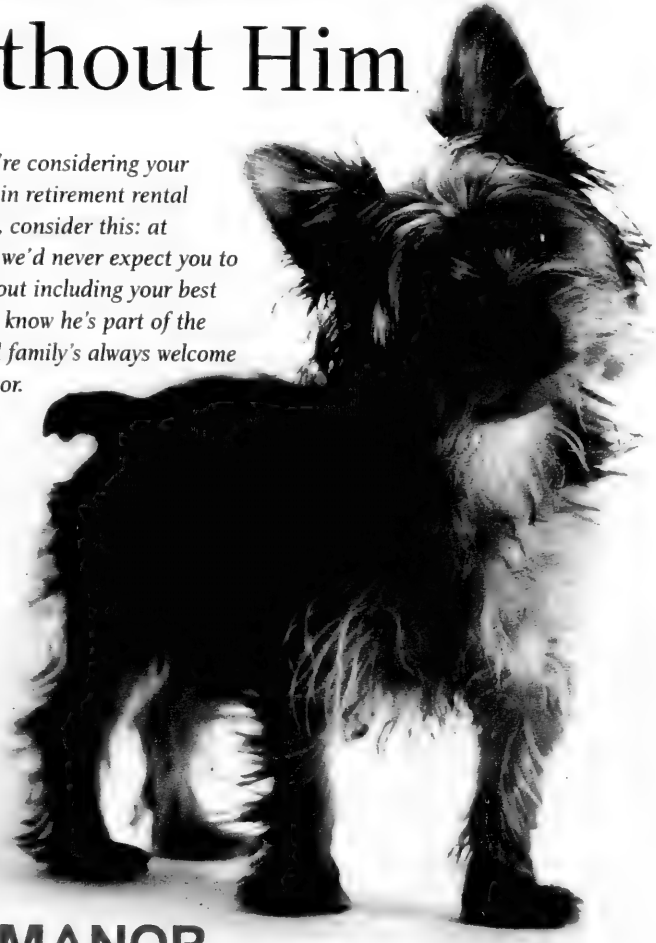

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Student enthralled by Israeli science camp

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

This summer, Yaakov Green, a Grade 12 student at Yeshivat Or Chaim, combined his love for Israel with his love for science as the only Canadian participant in SciTech 2011, a scientific summer camp at the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology.

Along with a participant from London, England, Green worked with an Israeli Arab PhD student on her research project looking at the effects of the hormone angiotensin, which regulates salt balance and fluid balance in the body. They also wrote up the research and presented a poster on it at the end of the program.

Green felt 'cool about being a nerd'

Green spent about a week familiarizing himself with background material on the project before he left Toronto. "It was a totally unique opportunity," he said in a recent phone interview. "It was really amazing."

The 16-year-old was selected from the 44 participants to speak as student representative at graduation.

In his address – which was attended by mentors, faculty and guests, including Peretz Lavie, president of the university – Green said the SciTech experience was "uniquely challenging, fascinating and fun."

Where else, he asked, "can you feel cool about being a nerd?"

On a personal note, he added, he's always had a strong connection with Israel, citing the spirituality, culture and "life" as aspects he loves. He has spent a number of summers at a kibbutz sleepover camp there, most recently in 2010 as a counsellor.

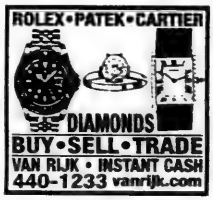
Yaakov Green addresses fellow students, mentors, faculty and guests at the final assembly of the Technion's SciTech program for high school students.

"But never before have I been exposed to the side of Israel that it is so renowned for – its science," he added.

Green, who is thinking of a career in health sciences, credits his school for providing him with a good science education. "I love sciences," he said, adding that he finds anatomy particularly interesting.

He also liked the social and touring components of the Technion program, and the mix of people from places such as France, Serbia, Bulgaria, Italy and Israel. The latter group included Christian Arabs, Muslim Arabs and recent olim from Russia, he noted.

"Everybody had a great time," Green said. "It was interesting to meet all these different people and hear about their countries, cultures and outlooks. It was a huge learning experience for me."



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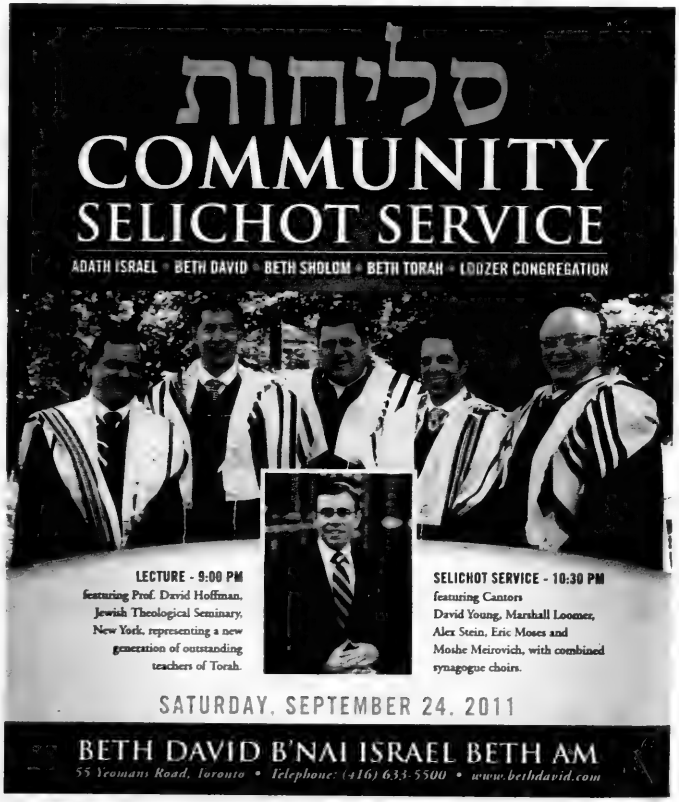
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Palestinians near Ramallah show their support for PA President Mahmoud Abbas' UN gambit regarding a unilateral declaration of independence. *[Flash90 photo]*

CIJA accuses PA of using UN as a cover

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That is, they will (wrongly) accuse Israel of occupying a sovereign country – thus adding momentum to the boycott-divestment-sanctions campaign."

Additionally, the document warns that the Palestinian leadership has already begun inciting Palestinians to "take to the streets" before and after the vote, which may lead to more violence in the region.

Shimon Fogel

CIJA also accuses the PA of using the United Nations "as a cover" to violate its signed international treaties with Israel, namely UN resolutions 242, 338 and the 1993 Oslo accords, all of which call for direct talks between the two parties as the only method of solving the conflict.

"The current move by the Palestinian leadership is aimed at creating a state without peace with Israel – and as such is a prescription for permanent violence," according to the CIJA document.

Asked how the message will be disseminated to reach different target groups in the community, such as Jewish students on campus – where anti-Israel and anti-semitic animus has become widespread –Fogel said CIJA will spread its UDI message on a national scale.

"We take core messaging and customize it for particular audiences who we're seeking to engage," Fogel said. "So this [UDI] messaging will be articulated to the political sector in customized product [form] for them. Similarly, the messaging will go on campus, adjusted for them, just as it goes to our community, to media and so forth."

Fogel said while there was still a small chance the Palestinians might take the resolution off the table at the United Nations, that would only happen if the Americans or other parties presented a "sufficiently compelling" alternative to PA President Mahmoud Abbas to allow him to "climb down from his tree."

Absent that, the Palestinian resolution would "go forward for sure," he said.

"The Palestinian Authority has refused to enter into direct talks since the fall of 2010, effectively abandoning peace negotiations," CIJA stated on its website. "Today, Canada, along with the United States and a number of European countries (Germany, Italy, and the Netherlands – amongst others), opposes Mr. Abbas' effort at the UN as counterproductive to the cause of peace and Palestinian statehood.

"One cannot unilaterally declare peace. The Palestinian Authority must immediately return to direct talks with Israel, in order to negotiate a peace agreement which will serve as the foundation of a Palestinian state."

In comments to *The CJN* on the subject earlier this year, Prime Minister Stephen Harper affirmed his opposition to a Palestinian unilateral declaration of independence.

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Leo Baeck Day School
Ron Mintz – interim principal, south campus

Ron Mintz became the interim principal of the south campus of the Leo Baeck Day School on July 1. He will remain principal for the 2011-12 school year, after which a new principal will be appointed. Mintz was interim principal for Leo Baeck's south campus for several months in 2005, after which he became principal of the University of Toronto Schools.

A retired principal from the York Region District School Board, Mintz has a master's in education, a specialist's certificate in guidance and counselling and a specialist's certificate in special education. He also served as the first principal of a trilingual charter school in New Orleans, and as the principal of Oxstand-Bond International School in Shenzhen, China. Since returning to Ontario, Mintz has been involved in educational consulting and his wife's travel business.

The Joe Dwek Ohr Haemet Sephardic School
Rabbi Zvi Kamenetzky – menahel

Rabbi Zvi Kamenetzky recently became the menahel of Ohr Haemet after three years as menahel at Toronto Talmud Torah. In his years at Toronto Talmud Torah, enrolment increased by 40 per cent. He has 25 years of educational experience and earned a certificate of master teacher as well as principal's certification from Torah Umesorah: the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools and a master's degree in educational leadership from Loyola University in Chicago. He has also led educational programs for Jews in various communities, including Great Britain, Russia and Israel.

Rabbi Kamenetzky's grandfather, Rabbi Yaakov Kamenecki, was the chief rabbi of Toronto for many years. His father, also a rabbi, established community centres, synagogues and educational institutions in Long Island, N.Y. Rabbi Kamenetzky's goal is to give his students a love for Torah learning and a deep appreciation for Jewish values as they relate to the world they live in.

Bialik Hebrew Day School
Asher Barnea – principal of Jewish studies

Asher Barnea has joined Bialik Hebrew Day School as principal of Jewish studies after 20 years of experience as a teacher, vice-principal, and principal. He was vice-principal at the Givat Gonen school in Jerusalem, during which time he moved to Santiago, Chile, with his family for two years to teach at a Jewish day school there.

He also founded the Ofek-Branko Weiss Secondary School in Ma'aleh Adumim, Israel, and became principal there in 2007.

He and his wife, Chava, who also works in education, have four sons, ages two to 13. Barnea said that he looks forward to helping students at Bialik become attached to Jewish culture and become contributors to the greater Jewish community. He added that he is excited to become part of the Bialik family.

Associated Hebrew Schools
Brenda Stein Dzaldov – general studies principal, Danilack Middle School

Brenda Stein Dzaldov has returned to the staff of Associated Hebrew Schools as general studies principal of the Danilack Middle School. From 2007 to 2009, she co-ordinated Associated's Bet Hayeled program and over the past two years continued to serve the school as a consultant. The author of books, chapters and academic articles on technology and literacy, she has taught literacy education and educational psychology at the University of Toronto, where she will receive her PhD in education this fall. She has written more than 20 works of children's literature, and also co-authored *Literary Smarts*, a book on literacy education being published this fall. A former member of the school's board of directors, she is also an Associated parent.

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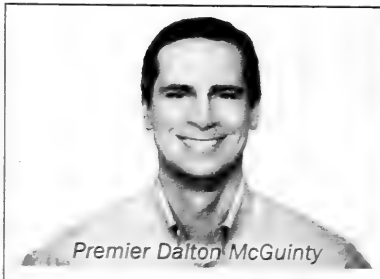

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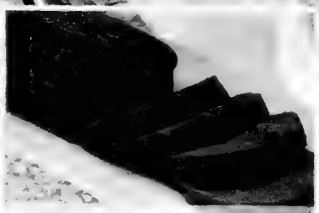

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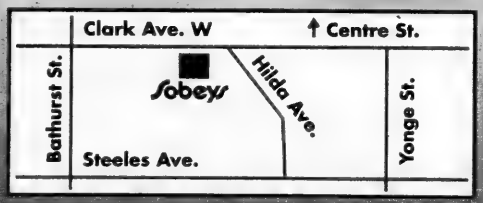

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Even on Mexico vacation, boycott debate looms large

Recently, my family and I were travelling in Oaxaca, Mexico — a place about as far away from Middle East politics as one might think, so I assumed. Then one evening, walking through the cobblestone streets of the old city, I came across a wonderful looking artist's hangout, the Café Lobo Azul (the Blue Wolf Café).

Judging by the majority of the patrons, intently bent over their Macs, it appeared to be somewhat of an intellectual hub. I peered farther into one of the oversize windows of the renovated single-storey 19th-century colonial building, and my eye was immediately drawn to a large poster of an Israeli flag, overlaid with the word "Boycott."

Oren Safdie

Rattled — but also curious — I entered the café and saw that every wall in the establishment was decorated with a political cause, ranging from a rendered portrait of Che Guevara to "Free Libya!" The owner was obviously up to date. Yet, a noticeable majority of the posters were devoted to Israel's "crimes against humanity" and to the occupation of Palestine.

I inched my way to the back and found a young, pleasant-looking Mexican man in his mid 40s, wearing cargo pants and a knitted Rasta cap. He seemed a little more authoritative than the other waiters and waitresses, and I asked him who the owner of the establishment was.

"Why, I am!" he proudly declared. "Mind if I ask you about one of your posters?" I inquired.

"Of course, of course," he replied, as if explaining the stories behind his acquisitions were the best part of his job.

I walked him over to the "Boycott Israel" poster, now framed by a couple of Australian backpackers who had just seated themselves, taking advantage of the free Wi-Fi, and asked him if he understood that to a Jew, the word "Boycott" next to a Star of David is loaded with historical implications. He shrugged his shoulders. I then asked him why he would advocate for the collective punishment against the citizens of Israel while at the same time feature another poster, a few walls down, that chastised Israel for collectively punishing the citizens of Gaza. Dismissing the comparison, he proudly stated that he, in fact, had been to Gaza and, furthermore, several young Israelis and Jewish travellers who had passed through his café had complimented him on his stance — in effect, giving him the protection he needed to feel comfortable countering criticism from people like me.

Before I left the café, I told him that I hoped he'd never have to experience being boycotted himself, but I could see that my words were too abstract to be taken as anything more than wild-eyed prophesy. I returned to my hotel room, confused as to why I was taking it so personally. After all, it's not as if the call to boycott Israel is an anomaly these days, or that there's any shortage of malcontented Jews and Israelis publicly attacking the policies of the present government. Still, there was something about this remote place, at this pivotal time, as well the casualness and ease with which such a poster was hung up, that felt alarming — almost as if, if it could happen in Oaxaca, it could happen everywhere.

Upon returning to my hotel room, I described the experience to my wife and daughter, and at one point jokingly said that I should go down to the café and stand outside the door with a boycott sign so that the knows how it feels.

Half an hour later, with a couple of pieces of cardboard, my daughter and I parked ourselves outside the Café Lobo Azul, holding up our "Boycott" signs (with little further explanation), making passers-by feel uneasy as they entered, or occasionally decided not to enter, the café. It was a busy street on a Friday night, and no doubt a little girl and her gringo father attracted quite a bit of attention. We marched for only half an hour, and the economic impact on the establishment was minimal. That wasn't my intention. But for a short while, I saw the owner quite concerned, his staff darting out to the sidewalk to see if our protest was having any effect.

Although I have no idea whether the poster remains hanging there today, I feel satisfied that not only was I able to make the owner understand the seriousness of his call to action, but, hopefully, I also instilled a lesson in my daughter that it is not enough to remain passive in the face of a world that will most likely grow more hostile toward Jews in the coming years.

With all the debate going back and forth regarding the passage of the new law in the Israeli Knesset, which penalizes those in Israel who call for the boycott of a fellow countryman's products or specific region, it's important to remember that the law does not take away one's ability to choose what one buys or does not buy; it merely gives the boycottees some deserved protection. Otherwise, what would stop people like my daughter and myself from closing down a number of legitimate businesses because their politics didn't mesh with our own?

Perhaps, more important, the cafés of the world — and numerous other institutions, trade unions and governments — will not be able to take cover from the knowledge that Israel's own citizens are doing the same, and they certainly won't be able to differentiate between a farmer in the West Bank, a baker in Jerusalem's Jewish Quarter or a waiter working in a coffee shop in Tel Aviv.

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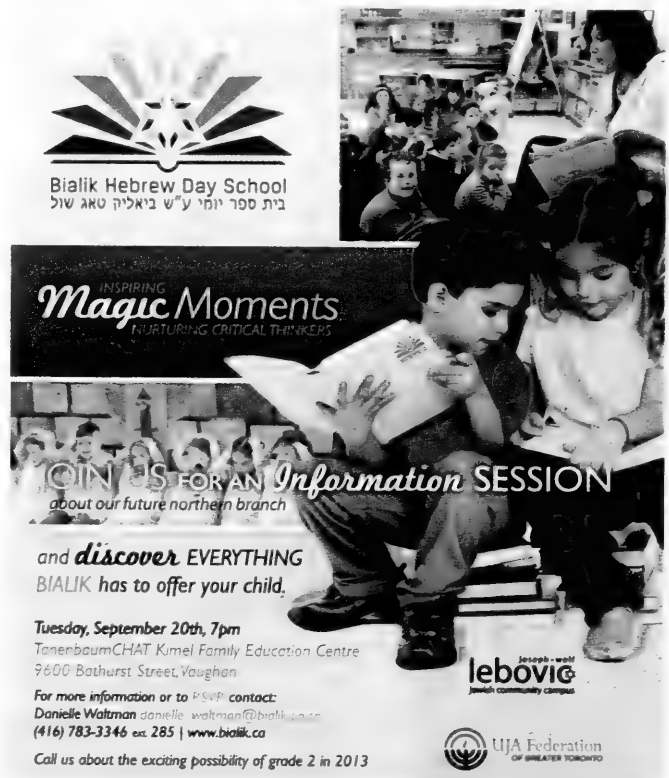
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Opening Night features "The Eichmann Trial: A Perspective After 50 Years"

By Daniel Horowitz

In May of 1960, SS Lieutenant Colonel Adolf Eichmann was captured by Israel agents in Argentina.

His subsequent trial in Jerusalem by an Israeli court electrified the world. The public debate it sparked on where, how, and by whom Nazi war criminals should be brought to justice, and the international media coverage of the trial itself, was a watershed moment in how the civilized world in general and Holocaust survivors in particular, found the means to deal with the legacy of genocide on a scale that had never been seen before.

The trial also brought to the public's consciousness another important factor when speaking about those who - either directly or indirectly – contributed to the death of six million innocents – accountability.

So, it's appropriate that, this year, as we commemorate the 50 year anniversary of the Eichmann trial, "Accountability" is the theme of the upcoming 31st annual Holocaust Education Week (HEW), presented by UJA Federation's Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre.

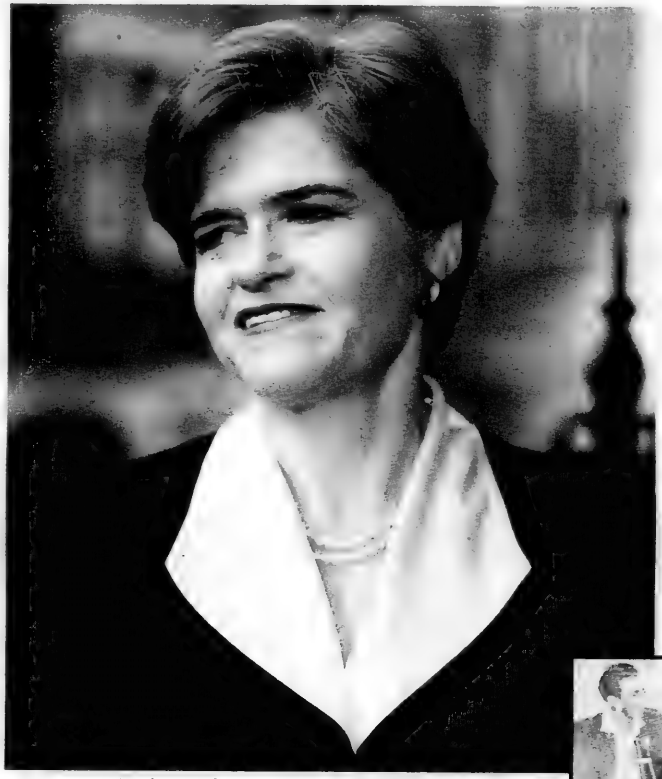
This year's HEW, chaired by Joyce Rifkind and Annette Metz-Pivnick, will offer approximately 130 no-charge, fascinating, educational programs across the Greater Toronto Area and in smaller Jewish communities across Ontario.

The official media sponsors of HEW 2011 - which runs from November 1 to 9 – are CTV and the National Post. CTV's CP24 won the Adrienne Clarkson Award for Diversity for their coverage of HEW in 2010.

"Holocaust Education Week is one of the most important and vital collaborative events that our community organizes," says UJA Federation President & CEO, Ted Sokolsky. "As the years go by, this event continues to educate both young and old on the harrowing experiences of the past, while instilling the importance of ridding society of the evils of hatred, bigotry and intolerance. We trust that this year's Holocaust Education Week program inspires our community to continue to support our work and stand up for humane values and respect for the inherent dignity of all."

"This year marks the 50th anniversary of a pivotal moment in the history of Holocaust remembrance, not only the Eichmann trial but the horrific testimony of approximately 100 survivors whose words and memories reach us from that courtroom a half century ago," says Metz-Pivnick. "Holocaust Education Week 2011 is an opportunity to reflect on the issue of moral responsibility past and present."

Opening Night will take place on Tuesday, November 1 at Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple and will feature award-winning historian Deborah E. Lipstadt, the Director of the Rabbi Donald A. Tam Institute for Jewish Studies and Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University, Atlanta. She is the author of *Denying the Holocaust* (1993) and *The Eichmann Trial* (2011). In 1996, British Holocaust denier David Irving sued Lipstadt for alleged libel. Three courts found for Lipstadt concluding that Irving was a Holocaust denier, an antisemite and a racist.



Award-winning historian and author Deborah E. Lipstadt

Dr. Lipstadt will provide an overview of the trial and analyze the dramatic effect that the survivors' courtroom testimony had on a world that had until then regularly commemorated the Holocaust but never fully understood what the millions who died and the hundreds of thousands who managed to survive, had actually experienced.

Dr. Lipstadt will be introduced by HEW Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Michael R. Marrus, Chancellor Rose and Ray Wolfe Professor Emeritus of Holocaust Studies at the University of Toronto.

"The theme of accountability for HEW resonates for all time and for all places," says Rifkind. "We are all accountable for our behaviour no matter when the action occurred. In light of those who would deny the Holocaust, it is important that we continue to educate people and hold those responsible and those who stood by to be accountable for their behavior."

The Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre, chaired by Honey Sherman, is dedicated to preserving the memories of the victims, honouring the legacies of those who survived and educating the community so that the Holocaust will serve as a warning to future generations about the dangers of antisemitism, racism, intolerance and apathy.

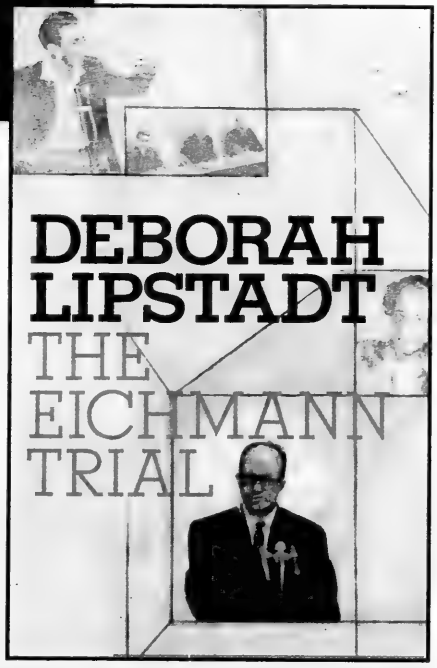
Led by Executive Director Mira Goldfarb, the Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre engages over 70,000 students, educators and members of the public through a vast array of programs and events each year. In its much larger future home in the Jewish Museum of Canada, the Centre will launch a world-class array of new programming, exhibitions and resources.

"As the daughter of Holocaust survivors, I am honoured to chair UJA's Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre, which presents Holocaust Education Week," says Sherman. "With each passing year, our responsibility to teach younger generations the horrors of the Shoah, and the dangers of racism, intolerance and hate grow."

Honey and Barry Sherman, along with Elizabeth and Tony Comper, founders of FAST (Fighting Antisemitism Together), are lead sponsors of HEW 2011. FAST is a coalition of non-Jews dedicated to funding education and projects that encourage non-Jews to speak out.

Indeed, accountability is incumbent upon us all.

For more information about HEW and for a searchable calendar of multi-disciplinary programs, many of which feature Holocaust survivor speakers, and a list of participating bookstores with HEW program brochures, visit www.holocausteducationweek.com or call 416.631.5689.



Kurds are true friends of Israel

I am from the Middle East, but I do not celebrate the recent uprisings and regime changes. It's good to see Arabs topple their dictators, but I worry that their revolution today may harm the existing democracy that is Israel tomorrow. If Arab demonstrations can add new democracies to the region, I will welcome it, but I feel that some of them want to overthrow their regimes in order to get a free hand to wage war against Israel at some point.

People may wonder why I care about Israel, and my reply is because we have a lot in common with the people of that country. I am a Kurd from Iraqi Kurdistan, and as far back as I can remember, we have been repressed, tortured, killed, bombed and gassed by the same countries that vow to destroy Israel. In just one day, former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein's army killed 5,000 innocent men, women and children in my town, Halabja, with chemical bombs in 1988. The Syrian regime denies the existence of hundreds of thousands of Kurds in Syria, and for the past three decades, there hasn't been a day in which the Islamic regime in Iran hasn't executed a Kurdish man or woman.

Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East, and for us, the Kurds, who do not have our own state, Israel is a source of inspiration. We genuinely believe the Jewish people deserve a state of their own, and I would want our state, if we one day have one, to be modelled after Israel rather than any of our neighbours.

Our neighbours are police states where citizens are detained, tortured and killed with impunity. Their dictators can give and take away life as they wish, and any voice of dissent is mercilessly silenced. But when I look at Israel and see a country where politicians, no matter how high-ranking are brought to court for any wrongdoing, where people can criticize their government without fear, where the press is free, I can't help worrying about its future.

I cannot celebrate the fall of Egypt's Hosni Mubarak or Tunisia's Zine El Abidine Ben Ali when I see protesters shouting resentful slogans at Israel as if it was Israel that repressed and jailed them. It may skip the attention of many westerners, but if you know Arabic and see the protesters' banners, you would be surprised to find out how much of these demonstrations are about Israel.

Ayub Nuri

I believe that Israel's friendly relations with some of its neighbours, such as Egypt and Jordan, has always been fragile. Most people in those two countries dream about the demise of the Jewish state. Every Arab state – not just Egypt and Jordan – could have peace treaty with Israel, but as long as their peoples are hostile toward the Jewish state, it would be nothing but fragile peace.

Turkey is another example. The alliance between Israel and Turkey has unfortunately, and rightly so, estranged millions of Kurds who have lived there for years. Turkey is a deeply religious country, and its good relations with the Jewish state for so many years only came about because secular military generals used to run that country. Now with an Islamic party in charge, no other country in the region has shown more animosity toward Israel in the past few years than Turkey.

The Kurds, on the other hand, are extremely friendly toward Israel. Unlike Arab countries whose leaders sign treaties with Israel while their people seethe with anger, in Kurdistan, people and government alike have deep respect for the Jewish people and their faith. In Kurdistan, people speak nostalgically, with tearful eyes and sorrowful hearts, about their old Jewish neighbours. In Europe or America, it may be the law that stops the expression of anti-Jewish sentiment, but in Kurdistan, it is genuine sympathy that makes almost everyone friendly toward Israel.

In any Muslim country, you would easily find people who would happily volunteer to join an army that may one day invade Israel, but in Kurdistan, you would find many people who wouldn't hesitate to join the Israeli army to repel any such attack. Kurds are victims of genocide, centuries of persecution and displacement. That's why we understand and relate to the Jewish cause better than anybody else.

I was walking one day in a market in Kurdistan with a Palestinian colleague who lives in Europe. At one point, we stopped to buy some dried figs and nuts, and when the shopkeeper learned that my colleague was a Palestinian, he immediately turned to her and said, "Please leave Israel alone. Stop firing rockets at them."

Once I was travelling from Baghdad to Kurdistan and the passenger next to me in the taxi was an old Kurdish man. He had been enlisted in the Iraqi army in 1956 and sent to the Israeli front in Jordan. He said his fellow Arab soldiers used to castigate him for not wanting to shoot at the Israelis. He would say to them, "It is not my war. I have nothing against the Jews."

This kinship between the Kurds and the Jews is not new. Only recently did I see in the Dead Sea Scrolls the story of Tobit, who advises his sons to pack up and go to Media because they would be safe there. And guess what? The third line of the Kurdish national anthem says, "We are the children of the Media."

The Middle East is an island on which the Jews and Kurds are stranded. In order to survive, we have to stay together. The direction our region is heading draws us closer to each other. No matter how bleak the future of the region may look, Kurdistan and the Jewish state will survive by holding on to each other.

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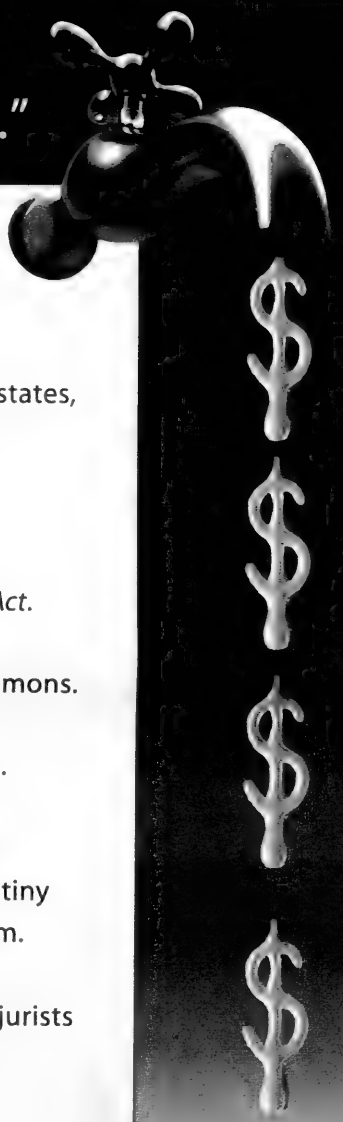

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A time for new beginnings

Rena Godfrey
Special to The CJN

One grey February day, as my daughter and I sipped on some frothy hot chocolate at a local coffee shop, a ruggedly handsome man, Bruno Roder, sat beside us and we started to chat.

After a half hour of shmoozing, we got up to leave and I noticed that he was wearing a Star of David around his neck. I looked at him quizzically, searching for any recognizable sign of Jewishness, which, of course, only a Jew can do. I tried to camouflage my startled look by blabbering on about his necklace. This pleased Roder, as he had only recently found out that he was Jewish.

As a writer and as a Jew, I was intrigued. "How did Roder feel about this discovery? What would he do with this newfound knowledge?" We exchanged e-mails hopeful to connect in the near future, but two years passed until Roder would share his story with me.

Shortly after Roder turned 50, he experienced a personal awakening of epic proportion. His mother, Blanche Roder, who was gravely ill at the time, finally unveiled the family secret to her son, one that she fiercely guarded for most of her life.

Initially, Roder's reaction was one of complete disbelief, but when he searched his sister's eyes for clarification, he soon realized that he was the only one in the family who wasn't aware of this startling fact. And his mother's words continued to flow, "I'm Jewish, my mother was Jewish and our Jewish roots go back generations."

Perhaps these words finally spoken were a relief for Blanche or rather still, a heavy burden. But for Roder, the words were welcome and sweet, offering explanation of the forever unanswered questions and the absence of aunts, uncles and cousins.

" It was as if all the pieces that didn't fit in my life had suddenly come together. I feel like I missed out on a lot, " Roder explains.

Born in Mantes-la-Jolie, France, in 1959, to Tibor Roder and Blanche Kantorowicz, Roder, his older sister Diana, and their parents made their way to Canada in 1965. The Roder family identified as Roman Catholics, but aside from having a Christmas tree, they did not adhere to any religious practices.

Blanche lived in Paris with her mother, Anna, during World War II. At the age of eight, Blanche was sent to live on a farm in the French countryside until the age of 16. This was a horrific time for Blanche, as the farmer beat her and she suffered greatly from being separated from her mother. Roder heard his mother talk about this difficult time, but now realizes that his grandmother's decision to send his mother away was most likely intended to save her life, as she was Jewish.

Roder's maternal grandparents and great-grandparents were Polish Jews. His grandmother, Anna, was a lieutenant for the French Resistance, who slept with Nazis in exchange for information. After the war, Anna joined her daughter and son-in-law in Canada, but never spoke of her past.

Roder remembers growing up in Mississauga, Ont., with only non-Jewish friends, and joining in on the antisemitic banter in the schoolyard. He had not knowingly met a Jew in his life, yet he was surrounded by them at home.

I couldn't help but reflect on my own life and my connection to Judaism. Whether I loved every second of Hebrew school or not, or was more interested in the boys at synagogue than the rabbi's sermon, living a Jewish life, although not an observant one, provided comfort and a strong sense of belonging.

With both of Roder's parents now deceased – Roder's father was also Jewish – and little known of any of his surviving cousins, he is left with bits and pieces, trying to reconstruct his history. Roder is only now beginning to understand the fear and horrors that his parents must have witnessed and endured in antisemitic Europe, and the need to protect their children from any potential threat.

"I know very little about Judaism, but I want to know more," says Roder.

I also wanted him to know more. I quickly assembled the quintessential Judaism kit for Roder, enclosing a copy of *Hana's Suitcase* by Karen Levine – simple but poignant – and *Night* by Elie Wiesel, the first book I read about the atrocities of the Holocaust. I even threw in a braided challah for Roder's very first Sabbath. I was on a roll, and my mission was to help this grown man discover the joys of Judaism whether he wanted to or not.

As luck would have it, a few weeks after I reconnected with Roder, I was introduced to Rabbi Levi Gansburg from Chabad York Mills, while he was donning an electric-orange Hawaiian shirt at a Purim party. I cornered the rabbi and told him about Roder, determined that this newly minted Jew learn about being a Jew straight from the source. With a tinkle in his eye, Rabbi Gansburg handed me his business card. A few weeks later, the three of us met.

Getting business out of the way, Rabbi Gansburg first inquired about Roder's lineage, making sure that he was in fact certifiably "kosher" and born to a fully Jewish mother. "Whew," he passed the test, and I sighed with relief.

" If you're Jewish, you have a Jewish soul. Even if you never do anything about it, there's a spark," Rabbi Gansburg lovingly explained.

Roder smiled, watching Rabbi Gansburg talk about the beauty of Judaism. Although there was no "aha" moment that I could see, Roder seemed at ease in this new setting. I, on the other hand, was surprisingly overwhelmed with emotion, and tried my best to conceal the tears pooling in my eyes. Rabbi Gansburg, beaming with joy, lovingly helped Roder perform the Jewish tradition of laying tfillin, an important symbol of being Jewish. I swiftly pulled out my BlackBerry to photograph this moment, a testament to the present and the living.

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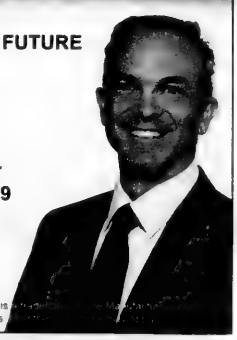

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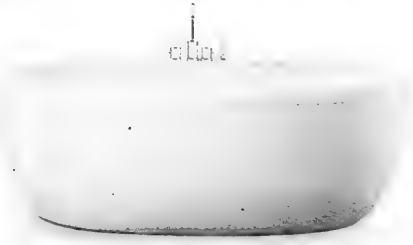

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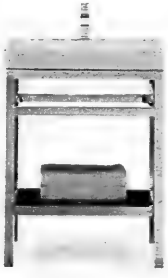

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Shofar teachings from Rav Kook

Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl

Two teachings of Rabbi Abraham Yitzchak Kook about the shofar have implications for our personal lives, the condition of Jews in the Diaspora and Israel's current situation. Rabbi Kook (1865–1935) the first Ashkenazi chief rabbi of Palestine, was a religious thinker, legal authority, mystic and poet who had a major impact on 20th-century Jewish thought.

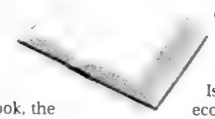
Rosh Hashanah is described as a "day of truah blasts" and the Talmud debates whether the truah blast is similar to the groan of one pained by regret or like the wail of a person in extreme distress. We have a custom to sound both types of blasts and to fuse the two sounds to create shvarim-truah, a combination of groans and weeping.

Rabbi Kook taught that the blasts aim to create a spiritual response in us, so the combination of blasts calls to both the head and heart, balances intellectual reflection and powerful emotion, and draws on the strengths of passion and intellect.

For many Jews, attachment to our tradition stems from emotion and deep memories. Others are attracted by our tradition of study and intellectual debate. Some have a visceral and passionate connection to Israel. They're moved by the mythical state that has risen from the ashes to the "start-up nation." Many young people take its security for granted and want it to emphasize a just and democratic society. As with tshuvah and personal growth, the balance of passion and perspective, miracle and mundane, will build a more enduring and substantive bond with Israel.

In addition to the sounds of shvarim-truah, three short blasts followed by nine staccato blows, the other shofar blast is tekiah, a long, constant blast. The blasts are organized in sets consisting of a long blast, a combination of broken and staccato blasts, and another long blast.

Rabbinic Reflections



According to Rabbi Kook, the order of the blasts on Rosh Hashanah corresponds to the words, "The Eternal reigns, the Eternal reigned, the Eternal will reign forever." The first tekiah represents "The Eternal reigned," referring to Divine sovereignty in the beginning of time. In the end of days, a redemptive tekiah will be heard and the world will experience "the Eternal will reign forever."

But between the two tekiah blasts is a complex series of notes representing a world challenged to attain the ideal of "the Eternal reigns." Our complicated condition is represented by the "broken" shvarim and the "wobbly" truah blasts, a time of instability and indecision, an era of "advance and return." Rabbi Kook suggests that those who are able to rise above the uncertainty and confusion of life will "walk in the light of [God's] Presence." They have the faith to believe that, in the future, "the Eternal will reign forever."

We live in a time of confusion regarding personal and social morality, a time of Jewish security and anxiety, a time when Israel is strong yet vulnerable. Previous certainties of behaviour are questioned and challenged. Jews are accepted in all areas of society, yet we see a return of the "oldest hatred" in Europe and Israel being singled out for calumny and criticism. Eighteen years after Oslo, Israel has experienced economic development and continued uncertainty about the prospects of peace. Palestinian leaders intent on unilateral declarations of independence refuse to negotiate. What once seemed "true and certain" is now questioned.

Rabbi Kook's teachings remind us to stay faithful to the ultimate triumph of divine sovereignty and to draw on inner Jewish strength in this time of uncertainty, confusion and hardship. We're called to be resolute in the pursuit of a negotiated peace, to re-assert personal and communal Jewish dignity and to re-affirm the values and traditions that bring us closer to God.

Baruch Frydman-Kohl is spiritual leader of Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto.

Roman Israel part II(The Galil)

Sepphoris, or Zippori as it is known in Hebrew, was called the Jewel of the Galilee. Although it was destroyed by the Roman legate Varus (who would later lose his life and three Roman legions in the Battle of the Teutoberg Forest, thus ending Rome's attempt to conquer Germany and altering the future course of history in the process), the city would rise from the ashes like a phoenix.

Sepphoris became the Roman capital of the Galilee. Some people feel that it's the city referred to by Jesus when he said that a city on a hill cannot be hidden. Adding to its Christian connections is the traditional belief that it is the home of Mary's parents, Anna and Joachim.

In the 1980s, it was excavated by Eric and Carol Meyers of Duke University and James F. Strange of the University of South Florida. They found evidence of a fascinating site with a multi-layered past stretching back centuries. In the first few centuries of the Common Era, it was a cosmopolitan city boasting a Roman theatre. The excavators dug up some beautiful mosaics, the best known of which was dubbed "the Mona Lisa of the Galilee." This lovely mosaic even made an appearance at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto a few years ago, where it was the star display at the Israeli pavilion.

But Sepphoris, or Zippori, to call it by its Hebrew name, would also become a centre of Jewish learning, especially after the second Jewish revolt against Rome led by the charismatic Simon Bar Kochba, who also lent his name to the rebellion.

Past Forward

Alex Gropper

After this revolt, many Jewish refugees settled in the city, making it a centre of Jewish scholarship. Among them was Rabbi Yehuda Hanasi, one of the compilers of the Mishnah. It even became the home of the Sanhedrin for a while.

Not far from Sepphoris/Zippori is another important Galilean site dating to the Roman period that has been the focus of major archaeological excavations for many decades. Its Hebrew name is Kfar Nahum, but it's known in English as Capernaum.

Capernaum is best known for its association with Jesus and the apostles. As a result, it has been undergoing continuous archeological excavations since the early 20th century. Recent digs by the Dominicans, sponsored by the Italian government, have revealed a flourishing settlement from the so-called intertestamental period. Archeologists have found synagogues dating to the early centuries of the Common Era, as well as churches from the same period.

During this time, Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire, in the early fourth century CE. Dating even earlier, from the first century, the Dominican excavators claimed to have found the home of the apostle Peter, citing graffiti that supposedly mentioned his name. Indeed the site was important enough to have been visited by Pope John Paul II, when he visited Israel in 2000.

To be continued…

Atonement at any age

The High Holidays are just around the corner, and we're asking the same questions we ask every year. Do I have to go to shul? Who is eating which meal where? Can I wear the same thing I wore last year? How will I manage if the shul doesn't let me save seats?

It's interesting that when the High Holidays are still a few months away, we can more easily raise different questions – heartfelt questions of sin and repentance, questions about God and our spiritual relationships, questions about our soul and our doubts. Yet somehow our focus becomes quite narrow as the holidays get closer. This doesn't represent a decline in our religious commitment. Rather, it's a nod to the practical.

We cannot keep a level of intensity about the greater questions of life and God indefinitely. At some point, life is going to happen. Jewishly, life should happen. Judaism isn't a religion that teaches that in order to find true happiness and peace, we must go to the mountain and "be" the mountain. On the contrary, we must figure out how to bring the proverbial mountain to us so that we find happiness and peace while interacting with the world and repairing as we go.

Our thoughts turn to shul because they need to. The spiritual side of everything is done inside, privately between ourselves and God. But we still have to model to our children that one of the reasons we go to shul is to build community. We model that it does matter what we wear, because we're showing respect for our place of prayer, our community and our relationship with God. In fact, with so few places requiring a dress code these days, this is actually an incredible opportunity to model such a thing.

Midrashic Moments

Rachael Turkienicz

The Torah has charged parents with the foundational commandment "teach your children," and this becomes a lifelong commandment. We're never able to complete it, since there's always something new to learn, something innovative to model. Getting on in years isn't a reason to interact less with our children, but in fact a greater challenge for us as to how to teach them. It's an active commandment, not a passive one. If we can't think of something new to bring to them, we're not looking hard enough.

The lessons we've learned throughout our lives become moments of choice when the same situation arises again. The years we're granted help us to put closure on the mistakes of our youth. But more than that, it's also the time we can use our life lessons to teach our children, small or grown, so that they have more information than we did. The challenge is that most grown children don't want to remain students, so we must make ourselves better teachers.

The midrash says: "Happy our old age, which has atoned for our youth." I certainly use my experience and age to atone for mistakes of my youth. However, I also use my experience and age to teach Jewish youth to make better choices. I guide them through atonement by teaching them how to avoid the problem in the first place.

The High Holidays are about my spirituality, my practical life and how I can make sure I leave the world better than I found it. That is true atonement.

Rachael Turkienicz is director of Rachael's Centre.

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Honey cake: some respect, please

Question: Which of these is *not* an ancient Rosh Hashanah food: black-eyed peas, leeks, spinach, dates, honey cake, carrots, gourds or sheep's heads?

Answer: Honey cake (believe it or not!).

All of them (except for honey cake) are part of the Rosh Hashanah "seder". These foods have names in Hebrew (or Yiddish) that are reminiscent of – or even puns of – good omens for the Jewish people. For example, before we eat carrots at the Rosh Hashanah table, we traditionally ask "that our merits increase" because carrot in Yiddish is 'mehren' which can also mean 'to increase.'" **[http://bit.ly/hnycake6]**

But just because honey cake may not be an "official" Rosh Hashanah food doesn't mean that it shouldn't have a special place on our tables – and in our stomachs – come the New Year.

So how did honey cake find its way onto our holiday table? Leah Zeldes explains in ChicagoDining.com. "Honey cakes, perhaps baked by Jewish slaves, were among the sacrifices sealed into the tombs of the pharaohs. Basboosa, a honey-drenched Middle Eastern cake made from semolina, is likely closer to the original." **[http://bit.ly/hnycake2]**

Leah Koenig writes in Forward.com that the first Jewish honey cakes (or *lekach*, which comes from the German word *lecke*, meaning "lick") originated in Germany in the Middle Ages. "During this period, the dessert was primarily eaten on Purim and Shavuot and sometimes served as a treat for young yeshiva students… From Germany, the dish travelled to eastern Europe, where Jews celebrated with honey cakes at simchot (happy occasions) and holidays alike. According to [food writer Gil] Marks, the overall use of honey as an ingredient declined in eastern European cooking during the 17th century, but remained popular in Jewish cuisine." **[http://bit.ly/hnycake7]**

And of course, honey is no stranger to the festive Rosh Hashanah table as we wish each other a good and sweet year. **[http://bit.ly/hnycake8]**

Jewish & Digital

Mark Mietkiewicz

Truth be told, as you scour the web about honey cake, you realize that many people wouldn't place it in the Jewish culinary pantheon alongside latkes, hamantashen and cheesecake.

As Susan Weissman puts it (bluntly) in the Huffington Post, "Nobody I know likes honey cake all that much. Including myself. Unless you count my mother… Still, every Jewish New Year, in addition to securing temple seats, planning family gatherings and holiday fare, many of us begin plotting honey cake in a subconscious desire to make that particular dessert tastier." **[http://bit.ly/hnycake9]**

So what's the problem? There are several, depending on whom you ask:

- Susan Schwartz of the *Montreal Gazette*: "It often tastes dry as dust or else way too oily, for one, and recipes often call for cloves and allspice – two spices that, to my mind, easily overpower a dish." **[http://bit.ly/hnycake3]**
- Food writer Marcy Goldman: "Most honey is just sweet; it lacks rich honey flavour." **[http://bit.ly/hnycake10]**
- "Food maven" Arthur Schwartz: "I hate the rubbery texture of most honey cakes." **[http://bit.ly/hnycake5]**
- Deb Perelman of smittenkitchen.com: "They were dry and never sweet enough. They were coarse and totally unloved… This life is too short to eat terrible cake." **[http://bit.ly/hnycake4]**

Next time: in pursuit of the perfect honey cake.

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The more activity the better

Fitness Corner

Felyce Zomparelli

How much activity is necessary for heart protection? Canadian physical activity guidelines suggest that adults aged 18 and older should participate in at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic physical activity per week, in bouts of 10 minutes or more. It also recommends two rounds a week of muscle- and bone-strengthening activities.

A new study published in *Circulation*, an American Heart and Stroke publication, examined the benefit of exercise on heart disease as it relates to the physical activity guidelines.

To get a better understanding of how much exercise is needed to achieve a benefit, researchers analyzed 33 studies on exercise and heart disease going back to 1995. The studies measured how frequently participants exercised and the duration of their exercise, and followed them for more than a decade. The results showed that the more physical activity you do, the more continuous improvement in your health and the more protection against heart disease.

Participants who exercised according to the minimum guidelines (150 minutes a week, or 30 minutes a day of moderate exercise for five out of seven days) had a 14 per cent lower risk of heart disease then those who didn't exercise at all.

Those who doubled the recommended minimum activity levels to one hour a day lowered their risk of heart disease by 20 per cent. Even participants who only exercised at half the rate recommended by the minimum guidelines received some heart protection over non-exercisers.

This research proves that adding little bursts of physical activity during your day can really improve your health. Activities such as walking the dog, taking the stairs at work instead of the elevator or taking a few 10-minute walks to break up your day can add up and over time improve the quality of your life.

The more physical activity you do the greater the health benefits. People at risk of heart disease and not used to moderate exercise should take it slow and consult their doctor before starting any physical activity program.

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Compiled by CJN Staff

MONTREAL — The 30th anniversary of Hope & Cope was recently celebrated at the Soirée Fantastique, a gala evening held at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, which raised $1.7 million for the cancer patient support program at the Jewish General Hospital (JGH).

Legendary composer, pianist and conductor Marvin Hamlisch and child prodigy Ethan Bortnick shared the stage, entertaining a who's who of business and community leaders who support the Friends of Hope & Cope.

After welcoming remarks by Hope & Cope co-president Jeannette Valmont (on behalf of her co-president, Serena Black) and the event's co-chairs Heleena Wiltzer and Pauline Segel, guests watched the première of a video produced for the milestone anniversary.

Wellness Centre participants, Hope & Cope volunteers and JGH oncology staff spoke poignantly about the profound impact of Hope & Cope on patients and their families, as well as its contribution to the smooth functioning of oncology services at the hospital.

Sheila Kussner, Hope & Cope founder and chair, reflected on how far the organization has come, from its humble beginnings with a handful of volunteers to its current status as an international role model in volunteer-based cancer care.

Soirée Fantastique proceeds will support Hope & Cope's wide variety of programs and services at all of its sites, from the oncology and radiotherapy clinics and palliative care unit at the JGH to the off-site Wellness Centre, also known as Lou's House. Managed by Hope & Cope, the centre is an oasis for cancer patients during and immediately following treatment.

I want to thank
my family, relatives, friends and associates
for all your affection, support and good wishes
and to wish you all
a very happy, healthy New Year.

With much love,

Ina Gurofsky

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: The Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School is breaking new ground after summer renovations, with a second senior kindergarten class. New SK teacher Emma Rinaldo welcomes her new students, from left, Mitchell, Ethan, Samantha, Emily, Mikey, Hadar and Barak.

CARD MAKERS: Nursery students at Leo Baeck Day School's Thornhill campus – from left, Russell Chaim, Matthew Klug, Nessa Benedek and Reagan Taube – started the year learning about Rosh Hashanah by creating beautiful cards for their family and friends.

SHOWING RESPECT: Bialik Hebrew Day School students, from left, Julie, Spencer, Avery, Alexis, Ashley and Carolyn, show off their skills related to this month's school character trait, respect. Each month, a different character trait is studied throughout the school that helps students understand the value of *menschlichkeit*.

FAMILY MOMENTS

Mazel Tov

The Canadian Jewish news

Happy 60th anniversary Leo & Elaine Guttman from Judy, Gita, Steve, Louise and Scott and grandchildren Mara, Michael, Aviva, Shira and Alex.

Mazel tov Rhoda & Barry Kirshin on your 50th wedding anniversary. Love, Lynn and Andrew, and Jamie, Toby, Shayla and Jules.

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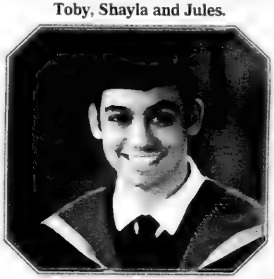

Mazel tov Ryan Bradley on graduating from University of Guelph .
Love Mom, Dad, Meghan, Safta, Nana, and the whole family.

Benjamin & Joshua Orgel present Aviva Esther, born April 11. Parents, Sharon & David. Bubs & Zaidy, Anne & Maurice Singal, Bubbie Sandra Orgel.

Elaine & Arnie Rose announce birth of granddaughter Isabella Hannah, daughter of Allison Rose & Kevan Heughan. Great-grandmother Clara Tobias, grandparents Pat & Russ Heughan.

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Thursday, Sept. 15

'BEING GOOD'

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin speaks about "Being Good: Jewish Ethics for Daily Life," 8 p.m. at Kehillat Shaarei Torah Synagogue. Call 416-633-5770 or www.torahinmotion.org.

MUSICAL TRIP TO ISRAEL

Join **Cantor Beny** and **Hope Maissner** on a trip to Germany and Israel June 25-July 11, 2012, as part of the Cantors Assembly mission. Information evening at Holy Blossom Temple, 7:30 p.m. Call 416-789-3291, ext. 224.

Saturday, Sept. 17

YESHIVA U BEIT MIDRASH

Yeshiva U Torah MiTzion Beit Midrash Zichron Dov presents lectures all this week. **Rabbi Baruch Weintraub** speaks Sept. 17 on "Why Inscribe the Torah on Stone? Teaching Torah to Non-Jews" on Shabbat morning at the Marlee Shul, 788 Marlee Ave.

Rabbi Daniel Korobkin speaks Sept. 21 at 8 p.m. on "I'm Sorry. Now What? Practical Ideas for a Fresh Start," at Beth Avraham Yosef of Toronto, 613 Clark Ave. W.

Rabbi Yossel Kanofsky speaks Sept. 22 at 8 p.m. on "The Rebellion of Jonah," at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. Contact info@torontotorah.com or 416-781-1777.

Sunday, Sept. 18

JUNCTION SHUL PARTY

Congregation Knesseth Israel (The Junction Shul), 56 Maria St., celebrates its 100th anniversary at a street party at the shul, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. www.junctionshul.org.

HARBORD C.I. REUNION

The 1951 graduating class of Harbord Collegiate is holding a reunion brunch at the Donalda Club. **Debby Cowitz**, 416-633-0115, **Kaylee Miller** 416-486-1574.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Celebrate fall with music, gardening and art at the Kavanah Garden, 18 Lebovic Campus Dr., 12-4 p.m. E-mail sabrina@shoresh.ca or www.shoresh.ca.

SINGLES IN THE PARK

Guitarist **Adam Timoon** plays rock, classical and flamenco music at 7 p.m., Earl Bales Community Centre, 4169 Bathurst St. RSVP 416-631-0005 or debbygo@rogers.com. $10 at the door.

JEWISH GENEALOGY SOCIETY

Stanley Goldstein, executive director of Jewish Records Indexing, speaks about "What Records Are Now Available from Poland," Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 10 a.m. $10 for non-members.

Merle Kastner speaks about "How to Create a Family History Book," 8 p.m. on Sept. 21 at Shaarei Shomayim. $5 for non-members.

Monday, Sept. 19

BETH TZEDEC BOOK CLUB

Toby Saltzman discusses *The Finkler Question* by **Howard Jacobson.** Dessert at 1 p.m.; review at 1:30 p.m. $60 for all six sessions or $15 at the door. 416-781-3514, ext. 225.

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Tuesday, Sept. 20

YOO HOO MRS. GOLDBERG
Temple Har Zion presents the film *Yoo Hoo Mrs. Goldberg*, the story of radio and TV personality **Gertrude Berg**. Bring your lunch at noon, movie starts at 12:30 p.m. 905-889-2252.

HOLIDAY SING-ALONG
Rabbi Avraham Feder and **Cantor Tibor Kovari** review melodies from High Holiday services at Beth Tikvah Synagogue at 8 p.m. Tickets $10 in advance or $12 at the door. Call 416-221-3433, ext. 300, or e-mail helen@bethtikvah.org.

DATH ISRAEL BOOK REVIEWS
Heather Kassel reviews *The Imperfectionists* by **Tom Rachman** at Adath Israel Synagogue at 8 p.m. Fees for the series are $50 for members/$85 for non-members or $10/$15 per review. Call **Beverley**, 416-499-6920, or **Eveline**, 416-493-3626.

CHUG HATANACH
Aaron Nussbaum discusses the Book of Joel at the first Chug HaTanach meeting at 8 p.m. at Beth David Synagogue.

Wednesday, Sept.21

OPEN REHEARSAL
The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir is holding an open rehearsal 7:30 p.m. at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Contact **Luba**, folkchoir@hotmail.com or 905-669-5906.

POMEGRANATE GUILD
Judy Martin presents her hand-dyed and stitched wall pieces to the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue at 8 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 22

ISRAEL'S SURVIVAL
Hirsh Goodman, of the Jaffe Center for Strategic Studies, discusses "Can Israel Survive," 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple.

GREAT JEWISH THINKERS
Joel Hecker speaks about **Moshe de Leon**, author and editor of the Zohar, 8:15 p.m. at Or Chaim Yeshiva. 416-633-5770 or www.torahinmotion.org.

Other News

NEW RABBI AT BETH TIKVAH
Rabbi Howard Markose has been appointed interim rabbi at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Born and raised in Minneapolis, he most recently was the director of education for Young Judaea Year Course in Jerusalem.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Volunteers are needed for 2 hours on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings to work with young adults with special needs starting in September at DANI'S Place. ssokol@dani-toronto.com.

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Baycrest Holocaust Resource Program offers support groups for child survivors of the Holocaust and adult children of survivors. Group meetings begin in September. Call **Shoshana Yaakobi**, 416-785-2500, ext. 2271, or e-mail syaakobi@baycrest.org.

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Jewish Family and Child offers a 4-session class on effective parenting for parents of children aged 2-11. Starts Sept. 20, 7-9 p.m. at 4600 Bathurst St.

A workshop for parents about to separate or in the early stages of separation will be offered Sept. 22 at the Promenade Mall, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.

"Let's Be Blunt," an evening discussing teens and drug use will be held Sept. 27 at Hart House Theatre, 7-9 p.m.

FOR SENIORS

Association of Jewish Seniors. Stephen Adler, associate director of Ontario government relations for the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, and **Rachel Chertkoff**, director of operations, Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee, will discuss the provincial election. Sept. 15, 10 a.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, **Tammy** 416-635-2900 ext. 458.

New Horizons is a Jewish Hungarian seniors club that offers kosher food, casino trips and low membership fees. Call 416-256-1892.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. (55+). **Valerie**, 416-395-7881. Dance with live music, Sept. 18. Ongoing activities : Mondays, line dancing, 10 a.m.; Tuesdays, fitness class with qualified instructor, 10-11 a.m.; Wednesdays, art class, 10 a.m.; Thursdays, social bridge, 12:30 p.m.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m., Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell. 416-630-9444.

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Bernard Betel Centre 416-225-2112. Sept. 15, **Sarah Oulahen** speaks about "Boost Your Immune System Naturally," at 1:30 p.m.

Emmy Award-winner mezzo-soprano **Natalie Rossin** in concert with friends. Sept. 15 at 7 p.m.

Active Seniors, Miles Nadal JCC, 416-924-6211, ext.155. Sept. 15, 2 p.m., **Corey Keeble**, ROM curator, speaks about "The Joys of Judaica."

Sept. 22, 1:30 p.m., **Harold Troper** speaks about his book *None Is Too Many*.

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.

Registration is now open for fall programs.

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MILES NADAL JCC

750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211.

Pick up the Miles Nadal JCC program guide to learn about fall programs or visit www.mnjcc.org.

Toronto Jewish Film Society presents *Big Eyes* Sept. 25 at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Call ext. 606.

Of Music and Painting, an exhibit by **Paul Peregal**, will be in the gallery until Oct. 3.

What's New is now online. You can find it at cjnews.com

OR CHAIM STUDENT ADDRESSES TECHNOLOGY CAMP: Yaakov Green, left, and lab partner David Miron, centre, recently presented their science project to Prof. Peretz Lavie, president of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, during SciTech, an international science and technology research camp. Green, a Grade 12 student at Yeshivat Or Chaim in Toronto, was the only Canadian participant in the program. He worked in a respiratory lab with Miron, a student from London, England, and was selected as the student representative at the end of the program and addressed camp participants.

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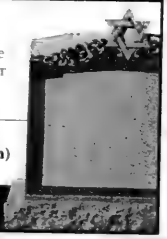

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A TRIBUTE "TO LIFE"
(A tribute to L'Chaim Retirement Residence from the Bendel and Kramer families)

This is a tribute to L'Chaim Retirement Residence and it's staff, to honor the memory of our mother, Sophie Bendel, (Alav Hashalom). Mom spent the last nine and a half years of her life at L'Chaim, making it her home.

Shortly after the L'Chaim Retirement Residence opened in 2001, our Mom became a resident. On July 26, 2011, she passed away at the home six weeks short of her 100th birthday. For ten years our Mother's life was enriched by her interactions with the staff and residents of this special place The expanded family we became a part of, enhanced our lives as well.

For children and grandchildren, the loss of a mother and grandmother is always a sad event regardless of age. It was evident that our Mom's passing was as grievous for the staff at L'Chaim as it was for all of us.

Mom thrived in an environment of warmth and loving care provided by the dedicated management and staff. Although she suffered several serious medical setbacks over the years, each time she was released from hospital, she was nursed back to health at L'Chaim. Contributing to her longevity and quality of life was the extraordinary care she received during those times.

Mom was constantly encouraged to participate in the daily programming and special events designed to stimulate her both mentally and physically. She enjoyed sharing these moments with everyone, which always brought a smile to her face. Her experience was not unique, yet seemed to be typical of the dedication exhibited by this group of Personal Care Staff Workers towards all the residents of L'Chaim.

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Thank you so much - Judy, Esther, Evelyn, Babbsie, and Lerma (chef extraordinaire.) who were with Mom from day one. Also our thanks to Amy, Elad and the entire staff.
Gertie Kramer and Sheldon Bendel

Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park

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Radio-Canada defends reference to Palestine

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Société Radio-Canada has defended a game show in which Jerusalem was designated as a city in "Palestine."

In reponse to a complaint from the pro-Israel media watchdog HonestReportingCanada, the public broadcaster's audience relations department wrote that the show *Connivence* is "a game show, not a news or current affairs program... The question was asked in a religious context ("holy cities" category). We regret if you saw it as having a political connotation."

Radio-Canada included the response of the outside producer of the daytime show.

The French-language reference sources used to formulate the question were *La Petit Larousse illustré 2010* and *Dixel: Le Dictionnaire illustré 2011 (Le Robert)*, wrote Ginette Gaulin, director of business and legal affairs for B.U.B.B.L.E.S. Television.

On the Aug. 12 episode, contestants were asked: "What city in Palestine is a well-known pilgrimage site for Christians, Jews and Muslims?"

The correct answer was "Jerusalem."

Gaulin included a photocopy of the two references. *Larousse* defines Jerusalem as "v. de Palestine... Ville sainte de Palestine et lieu de pèlerinage pour les chrétiens, les juifs et les musulmans" – "a city of Palestine... a holy city of Palestine and a place of pilgrimage for Christians, Jews and Muslims."

Similarly *Dixel*'s definition is "Ville de Palestine...cité sainte pour les religions juive, chrétienne et musulmane" – "a city of Palestine... a holy city for the Jewish, Christians and Muslim religions."

HonestReporting Canada wasn't satisfied with the response and wants a correction.

"While *Connivence* is a game show produced by a third party and not an information/news program, Radio-Canada is still responsible for the content that is broadcast on its airwaves, regardless of the nature of the program," said HonestReporting's executive director Mike Fegelman.

He also noted that both of the sources cited by B.U.B.B.L.E.S. also include the fact that Jerusalem was proclaimed the capital of Israel in 1980.

Fegelman said he thinks Radio-Canada, the French-language arm of CBC, should make an on-air rectification in keeping with its own ethical standards of accuracy and neutrality.

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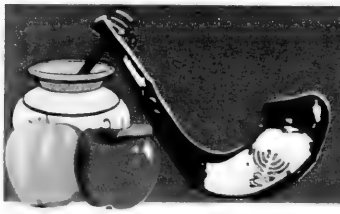

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Scholars plead for peace

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The killing of "innocent people" in the name of any religion is unacceptable, controversial Muslim academic Tariq Ramadan said at an international conference held in Montreal Sept. 7 to mark the 10th anniversary of 9-11.

All religions must face up to the violence within their traditions, Ramadan, an Oxford University professor of contemporary Islamic studies, said during the second World's Religions After September 11 conference on the theme of "Peace Through Religion."

"If we avoid the subject of violence, we will never get peace," he said at a press conference prior to the daylong symposium organized by McGill University in co-operation with the Université de Montréal.

He urged Muslims to do "their moral duty and say no to those talking [of violence] in the name of your religion."

He contended that violence is an intrinsic aspect of human nature and that peace is "not a natural state" for anyone and can only be achieved through self-discipline.

He also said criticism of Islam is not necessarily "Islamophobia," but may be "a legitimate part of freedom of speech," if it is not motivated by racism or xenophobia.

Ramadan was denied admission to the United States from September 2006 until January 2010, when a federal appeals court ruled in favour of his receiving a visa. The State Department reversed its earlier conclusion that Ramadan was inadmissible because he had made donations to organizations linked to Hamas, of which he denied any knowledge.

On the other hand, Ramadan continues to be persona non grata in a number of autocratic Arab countries for his criticism of their denial of basic human rights. Religious voices should be addressing the "corruption, poverty and injustice" that plagues the Arab world and prevents peace, he said. Ramadan urged the media to report it when religious moderates speak out or people of different faiths come together in common purpose, and "not only terrorist attacks."

Joining Ramadan at the press conference and on a panel discussion during the conference itself was Prof. Steven Katz, director of the Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies at Boston University and former chair of the U.S. Holocaust Museum's academic committee.

Holder of the Alvin J. and Shirley Slater Chair in Jewish and Holocaust Studies, Katz was the main representative of Judaism at the conference, which drew more than 2,000 participants.

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די וויסנשאַפֿטלער האָבן געוווּנט "די-ען-אײַ" און אויסגעפונען די ביינער זענען יידיש ביינער. אַבער דער פֿאַרוואָס פון דעם מאָרד איז נאָך פֿאַרבליבן נישט פֿאַרענטפֿערט.

יידן זענען צום ערשט אָנגעקומען קיין ענגלאַנד אין 1066 מיט די נאָרמאַנער און זייער קינג "וויליאָם דער זיגער." און ווי אין אַנדערע לענדער האָט מען נישט דערלויבט קריסטן צו ליַיגן געלט אויף פֿרוצנס, איז דעריבער דאָס ליַי געשעפֿט געווארן די פֿרנסה פֿאַר יידן. וועגן דעם האָט שקספּיר געשריבן אין זײַן באַרימטע דראָמע "שיַילאָק." און ווי אין אַנדערע קריסטליכע לענדער האָבן די ענגלאַנדער געגלויבט אַז יידן נוצן בלוט פון קריסטליכע קינדער צו באַקן מצות אויף פּסח. נישט געקוקט אויף דעם וואָס די יידן האָבן געלעבט אין זייער אַרעמע אומשטענדן האָבן די ענגלאַנדער אין יענע יאָרן געהאַט פֿאַרדרוס וועגן דעם רײַכטום פון זייערע יידישע שכנים.

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מיר וויסן אַז יידן האָבן אין יענע יאָרן געלעבט אין נאָריטש און לויט די "די-ען-אייַ" האָט באַווייזן קענען מיר זײַן זיכער אַז דער מערדערישער סוד איז מער נישט קיין סוד. אָבער דער בלוט בילבול איז נאָך אַלץ אַן אמת פֿאַר מיליאָנען מענטשן אין פֿיל טיילן פון דער וועלט.

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New Ottawa shul caters to young professionals

Diane Koven
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — There's a new kid on the block in the Jewish community, and "community" is the key word.

The Glebe Shul is a synagogue without walls that began its official programming last month. Named for the neighbourhood where founders Rabbi Michael and Stacy Goldstein live, the shul is really more of a Shabbat gathering at their home.

The idea for the Glebe Shul evolved from informal Friday night dinners and davening at the Goldsteins' home. Rabbi Goldstein grew up in Ottawa but the past few years have taken him to Israel, New York and Toronto.

Last summer, he returned to Ottawa with his bride, Stacy, to take over the young professionals division of JET (Jewish Education through Torah), a local outreach organization. In addition to their part-time work with JET, Rabbi Goldstein is a social worker at Jewish Family Services and Stacy is a chiropractor.

The regular, bi-weekly Shabbat dinners at their home are a JET program to provide a warm, inviting Shabbat experience for young, Jewish professionals, many of whom are new to the city and may not have family or a friend network in place.

"Most guests grew up in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg or Vancouver and have moved to Ottawa for work or school. They are looking for community in their new city, and they are drawn to the strong Glebe Shul community," said Rabbi Goldstein.

Stacy and Michael Goldstein

There is no plan to hold regular weekly Shabbat or holiday services, and the Glebe Shul isn't planning to compete with traditional synagogues. They meet only on Friday nights, so many members attend services elsewhere.

Plans for the new shul include member-driven educational and volunteer activities. The Goldsteins hope to be the facilitators for members' ideas and to create opportunities for people to develop the kind of Jewish community they're looking for.

Adam Moscoe is one of the participants who hopes to help plan some social action projects. A couple of ideas he has suggested are an urban gardening project and something incorporating eco-kashrut.

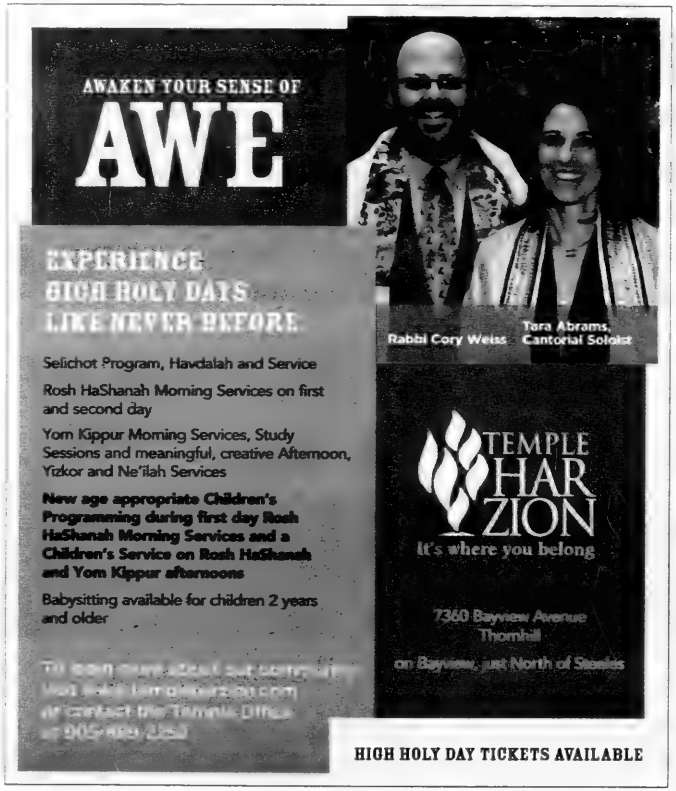
Entering his third year of undergraduate studies in psychology at the University of Ottawa, Moscoe says he's the youngest person involved in the Glebe Shul, which comprises mostly graduate students and young professionals.

"It's always interesting attending the Shabbat dinners, because there's such a good mix of people. Last week they had 40 people and managed to fit everyone into their house," Moscoe said. "It's fun that people go a few days beforehand and help with the cooking and preparations."

Although the Glebe Shul is a new initiative, JET has been organizing innovative programming in Ottawa for many years.

"It is particularly meaningful for me to be working with JET, an organization that was instrumental in my family's Jewish journey more than 20 years ago. I grew up in JET programs. I believe in their mission and it's a privilege for me to be able to contribute towards that environment," said Rabbi Goldstein.

For more information about the Glebe Shul or to get in touch with the Goldsteins, go to www.glebeshul.com.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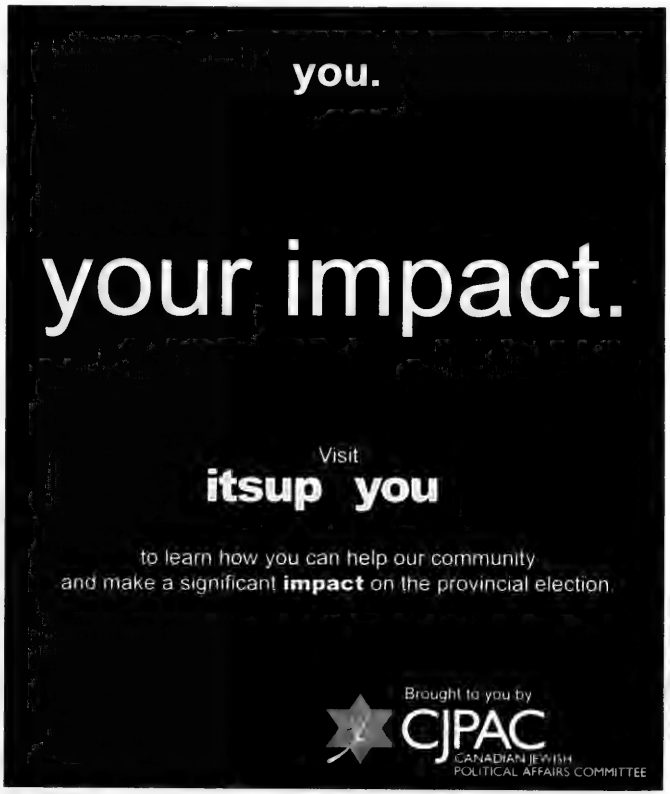
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Headlines stress different parts of Palmer Report

News judgment is always an interesting, if occasionally bewildering, part of the media's craft. If a story has several parts, what, in the judgment of reporters and editors, should constitute the lead and grab the headlines?

Stories on Sept. 2 about the findings of the Palmer Commission, which investigated the events surrounding Israel's seizure last year of the Gaza-bound Turkish ship Mavi Mamara, provide a revealing glimpse into this aspect of journalism.

According to Reports

By PAUL MICHAELS

Compare, for instance, the following headlines from the world sections of Canada's two national newspapers: "Israel attack on flotilla 'excessive': UN report" (*National Post*); "UN report finds Israeli naval blockade legal, but raid flawed" (*Globe and Mail*). While the subheading in the *Post* noted that the blockade is legal, the headline is what grabs attention, sets the tone and leaves an immediate impression. Here, the contrast could not be more stark.

Significantly, both papers ran basically the same *New York Times* story, which began as follows: "A UN review has found that Israel's naval blockade of Gaza is legal and appropriate, but that the way its forces boarded a Turkish-based flotilla trying to break that blockade 15 months ago, killing nine passengers, was excessive and unreasonable."

The *Globe* chose to reflect mainly the first part of the opening passage, while the *Post* focused on the latter part. Why is there such a discrepancy?

What about the *Times* itself? That paper went with the headline "UN Faults Israel On Flotilla Raid, Not On Blockade" with "Policy Is Called Legal" being the first sub-heading. Strangely, the *Times* own headline reverses the order of the opening passage in the story, which gives priority to the raid's legality.

It's not until the third paragraph of the *Times* story, carried in both the *Globe* and *Post*, that the Palmer Report's charge appears, noting that the force used was "excessive." But why focus then, in the headline, on this one aspect, as the *Post* did? Is this just a sloppy error, or does it perhaps reflect the misunderstanding or even the leanings of a copy editor? Whatever the case, the impact of headlines on readers (who may not have time to digest the whole story) is without a doubt telling and deserves careful attention.

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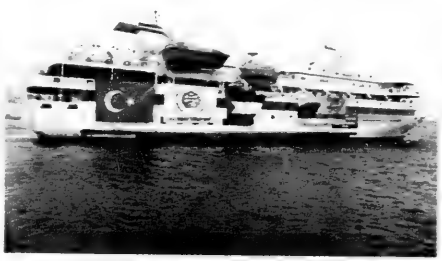

The Mavi Marmara

Some analysts have argued that the Palmer Report struck a "balance" between criticism of Turkey and Israel, a sort of balance reflected in the *New York Times* headline.

But that claim isn't backed up by the story in the *Times* itself, which reflected the fact that the report largely exonerates Israel of the many charges levelled against it after the Mavi Marmara incident. Foremost among these is that Israel's naval blockade of Gaza and its seizure of the ship in international waters were both "illegal." (That Israel was largely exonerated by a commission convened by the UN is arguably *the* story of the day.)

In fact, the Palmer Report noted that "Israel faces a real threat to its security from militant groups in Gaza. The naval blockade was imposed as a legitimate security measure." It also noted that the flotilla "acted recklessly" in attempting to breach the blockade; it strongly suggested that some of the organizers, "particularly IHH" (an Islamic group from Turkey), encouraged this with violent objectives, and it acknowledged that Israeli commandos faced "organized and violent resistance from a group of passengers... requiring them to use force for their own protection."

These essential details were captured by the *National Post* in an excellent Sept. 3 editorial, which defended Israel's decision to refuse Turkey's brazen demand that it formally apologize for the Turkish activists killed aboard the Mavi Mamara. This is something Israel has already expressed regret over but, as the *Post* argued, has no reason to apologize for.

Is it any wonder that Israel accepted the Palmer Report (although disagreeing with the "excessive" force charge), while Turkey immediately rejected the report in full?

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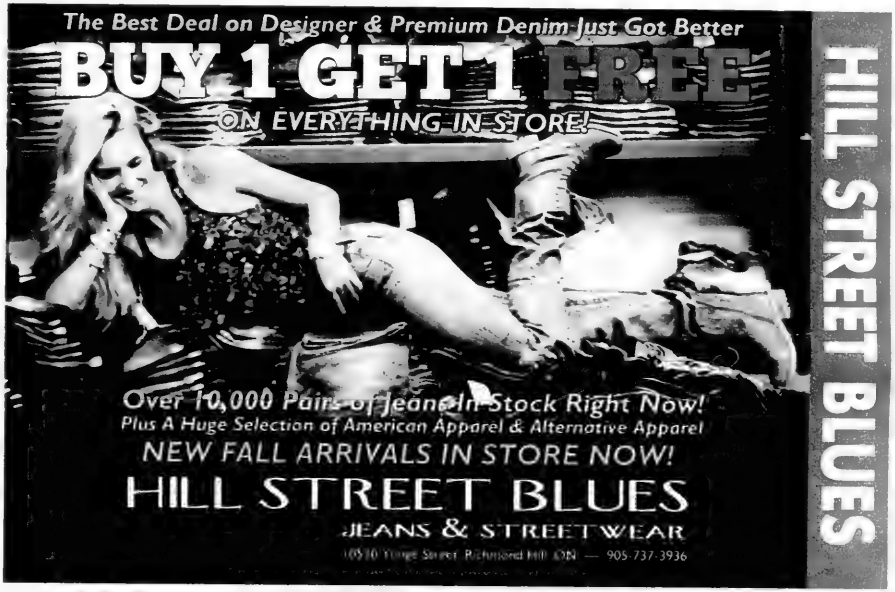
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Students warned about hostile campus climate

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies president and CEO Avi Benlolo warned parents and their university-bound children last week about a campus climate that's hostile to pro-Israel students.

During a presentation titled, "Has the Intifadah Come to Canada?" held at the FSWC's offices in Toronto, Benlolo delivered a presentation to drive home "the reality of what's going on on campus."

He said the anti-Israel sentiments on campus go beyond Israeli Apartheid Week (IAW), an annual series of events that began in 2005 at the University of Toronto and has since spread to more than 40 cities around the world.

"It's no longer just a week. It goes on throughout the year. There are many, many events," he said to a group that included about 20 concerned parents, students, Jewish community professionals, as well as former federal Thornhill Liberal candidate Karen Mock, who headed the Canadian Race Relations Foundation from 2001 to 2005.

Benlolo added that York University is one of FSWC's main concerns, despite the feeling by some that the hostilities between pro-Israeli and pro-Palestinian students have subsided.

"A lot of it, quite frankly, is the community itself getting used to the situation and saying now this is something that we have to adapt to," Benlolo said.

"But this is something we shouldn't have to adapt to. This is not normal for university students to go to school and feel intimidated, and not want to wear their Magen David, and not write pro-Israel essays and papers because they're afraid of what their TAs or professors will say."

He said some of the posters and signs displayed on campuses during IAW and anti-Israel demonstrations are hateful and antisemitic.

One of the images Benlolo used as an example was a depiction of Holocaust victim Anne Frank wearing a keffiyah, a symbol of the Palestinian resistance.

"This is where it becomes antisemitic. If you want to talk about social issues, if you want to talk about human rights issues, fine. No problem. You want to talk about Palestinians having their own state, that's perfectly fine… but to get down and dirty and antisemitic and to wrap the word Palestine in barbed wire that signifies Auschwitz – this is the reality of what's going on on campus."

He said a slogan he often sees on signs during anti-Israel demonstrations is "Palestine will be free, from the river to the sea."

"I don't know what you call that, but I call that ethnic cleansing. It's those kinds of hateful, genocidal innuendos that are disconcerting. That is being permitted on university campuses," Benlolo said.

He said that messages like that are not considered hate speech, because "they play it smart, and they're careful with their language, but everyone understands it… Unless they say, 'kill every Jew,' it's not hate speech."

Avi Benlolo

Although many university administrators say they are powerless to stop anti-Israel events from taking place on campus, Benlolo praised Carleton University for its decision to ban a poster the administration felt was "inflammatory."

In 2009, Students Against Israeli Apartheid put up 100 posters throughout Carleton that depicted a helicopter labelled "Israel" firing a missile at a teddy bear-holding toddler labelled "Gaza."

The Carleton administration, led by president Roseann O'Reilly Runte, banned the posters from campus on the grounds that it "could incite infringements of the Ontario Human Rights Code."

Benlolo said she was "unbelievably bullied. She had students sitting down in front of her office. She told me on the phone that she was scared to walk to her car, if you would believe."

Isaac Apter, a U of T graduate who attended the FSWC presentation, shared his experience of having been assaulted when he challenged a speaker at an IAW lecture in 2009.

He said one of the ushers grabbed him by the back of the neck and yelled at him to "shut the f--k up."

He said university administrators must stop looking at the tensions on campus as an ethnic conflict.

"I think someone needs to kind of give them a knock on the head so they realize it's not just bickering, it's not just arguing. It's deeper than that," Apter said.

Mock, who spoke after the presentation during a question-and-answer period, said efforts must be made to marginalize the small minority of extremists.

"We need to empower the majority of people who don't want this to happen," Mock said.

"Our students who want to speak up need to be empowered and meet with the 95 per cent of the students who are Muslim and Arab who think that these people are jerks. But they are silenced, too, because they are also afraid."

Benlolo said a big part of the problem is that many Jewish students are entering universities unprepared for the hostile climate.

"In large part, many of the students we've spoken to don't feel articulate enough to confront the issue on university campuses," he said.

Unfortunately, he added, anti-Israel sentiments are also permeating the general population.

He referred to the Al Quds Day Rally, held Aug. 28 at Queen's Park during which Zionists were called "racist," "inhuman," and "barbarians," and that Israel itself was a cancer.

"The rhetoric is becoming much more vicious, much more unacceptable, and much more dangerous," Benlolo said.

"Israel is not perfect. There is discrimination. There are problems, as we all know, and there are also problems here in Canada," but he added, that doesn't mean that Israel should be compared to an apartheid state.

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Kosher meal plan introduced at WLU

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

Wilfrid Laurier University students who keep kosher no longer have to shop for food off campus or settle for vegetarian options at the cafeteria.

As of this year, the Waterloo, Ont., school will provide its growing number of Jewish students kosher options on campus.

Sam Konig, Hillel Canada's national director, said when parents began calling him to inquire about kosher meal plans at Ontario universities, he reached out to local Hillel offices to come up with a solution.

"As universities are reaching out to diverse groups, they have to be able to cater to them," Konig said.

Jessica Kronis, director of Hillel Waterloo, said she approached the team at Wilfrid Laurier's food services department and connected them with a kosher food distributer called For Lovers of Food.

Kronis said that the food service staff "was very excited when we talked to them about the contact that we had, and they were very enthusiastic to get it going. They mentioned they had been receiving calls from students, and that this is exactly what they were looking for."

Kronis, who also works with Jewish students at the University of Waterloo, estimates that there are about 1,500 to 1,600 Jewish undergraduate and graduate students at both schools.

Heidi Singer

She estimated that about 800 to 900 of those students attend Wilfrid Laurier.

"The numbers are significant, and they are growing," Konig said, adding that more Jewish students are choosing schools outside the Greater Toronto Area.

"This is about accommodating the demand, but also creating a demand. We know that all the Jewish students are not kosher, but in the same way that you would want to have vegetarian options, or gluten-free, kosher is another option."

Kronis said Waterloo hasn't yet made the jump to providing kosher food to students, but she'll continue to reach out to the administration at that university.

Other Ontario schools, including the University of Guelph and Queen's University, offer kosher food.

Heidi Singer, a 20-year-old Wilfrid Laurier political science student said she just started keeping kosher last year.

Singer said that, other than meat and cheese, it wasn't too difficult to find kosher food off campus, and friends and family from Toronto were always willing to bring kosher care packages when they came to visit.

But on a social level, it was challenging.

"It's not easy, especially when all your friends want to go out and order amazing-looking nachos that you can't have. But you can always order a drink, and most beer is kosher," Singer said.

Singer said she's excited that her campus offers kosher options.

"It means I can actually join my friends when they want to get food on campus, and sometimes it's exciting to go out to eat," she said.

"I think it's important for students who are considering keeping kosher but haven't done so because they feel it may be too hard. Having kosher food on campus shows that anything is possible, and you won't be totally outcast if you choose to keep this mitzvah."

Konig said that in addition to accomodating the growing number of Jewish students attending schools outside the GTA, bringing kosher food to campuses can also "educate people around us about what kosher is. It's a good learning opportunity for everyone. It's not just about meeting the needs of the Jewish students, but in general a good thing to have on campus."

Konig said Hillel will continue to work with universities who are interested in providing kosher options.

"Kosher food doesn't have to mean gefilte fish and cholent. It can mean a regular turkey sandwich," he said.

Kronis said she's encouraged that many schools are recognizing the need to cater to their diverse student body by creating a more inclusive environment.

"We're really happy that the universities are starting to recognize that creating an inclusive environment, not just in the student union area, but in the cafeteria [is important]," Kronis said.

"Universities should be proud to boast this diversity."

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Moroccan-born Levana Kirschenbaum's passion for wholesome foods will inspire you to change the way you cook and eat today. Her newest cookbook, *The Whole Foods Kosher Kitchen: Glorious Meals Pure and Simple* (Skyhorse Publishing, $14.95,) contains a treasure trove of simple, scrumptious recipes made with pure, simple ingredients. Levana shares her enthusiasm for healthy, down-to-earth dishes that will fill you with energy and keep you looking and feeling young. Eating right has never been simpler.

A cookbook author and cooking teacher, Levana Kirschenbaum, was co-owner of Levana Restaurant in Manhattan's Upper West Side and a pioneer in kosher upscale dining. She considers *The Whole Foods Kosher Kitchen* to be a culmination of her life's work.

Levana emphasizes eating whole foods that are unprocessed and unrefined, thereby keeping all their nutrients intact. From appetizers to desserts, you'll find 350 delicious recipes that call for simple, uncomplicated ingredients: Moroccan Pea Soup ("made with yellow split peas because children are more attracted to yellow food than green food"), Chicken with Apples, Unstuffed Cabbage, Vegetable and Dried Fruit Couscous, Quinoa Tabbouleh, Lasagna with Roasted Vegetables, Cold Sesame Noodles, Chocolate Espresso Mousse… and especially for Rosh Hashanah, her moist and spicy Honey Cake.

The *Whole Foods Kosher Kitchen* includes not one, but three indexes: general, gluten-free and Passover. The cookbook is packed with tips for healthy living from nutritionist Lisa Young, with colour photographs by Meir Pliskin. For more information, visit Levana's website at www.levanacooks.com.

When entertaining guests, Levana suggests: "Create a reasonable and not overly complicated menu, reflecting your own personal style and creativity rather than the latest food fads. Do not try too many new dishes at one meal. If you are a novice or unadventurous, remember that you can never go wrong with the classics. Let me confess that after all my years of cooking and hosting, a meal of classic favourites is the one that gets me the most hugs from my family."

I asked Levana to recommend some of her favourite recipes for the upcoming High Holidays. Levana suggested preparing any of the following dishes, "but not all at the same meal." The dishes she suggested represent some of the *simanim*, symbolic foods that are traditional for Rosh Hashanah, including fish, apples, pomegranates, carrots and honey, all enhanced by Levana's special flair for healthy, fabulous fare.

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Elegant dinner can be simple

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CARROT GINGER SOUP
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Starring the humble carrot, with all the flavourings that complement it! Don't be afraid of serving it to guests – it doesn't taste nearly as modest as the ingredient list reads.

1/3 cup olive oil
2 large red onions, quartered
2-in. piece ginger, grated
1 tbsp. curry, a little more if you like it hotter
3 large carrots, grated (about 4 cups packed)
1/4 cup maple syrup
3 quarts (12 cups) water
1/2 cup millet (or other quick-cooking grain: steel-cut oats, teff, amaranth, etc.)
1 tsp. allspice
2 tsp. cinnamon
1 tbsp. orange zest
salt to taste
freshly ground pepper to taste

Heat the oil in heavy pot. In a food processor, coarsely grind the onions and add to the hot oil. Reduce the flame to medium and fry, stirring occasionally, until very dark brown. This step will take about 20 minutes.

Add the ginger and curry and cook, stirring, 2 more minutes. Add all but last two ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce the flame to medium and cook covered for 30 minutes. Adjust the texture and seasonings.

Makes a dozen ample servings

Nutrition Tip: Carrots are a good source of fibre, which helps to maintain bowel health, lower blood cholesterol, and aid in weight maintenance. The orange pigment found in carrots is due to the antioxidant, beta-carotene, also found in other deep orange foods such as sweet potatoes, pumpkin, butternut squash, papaya, and cantaloupe. Beta-carotene is converted to vitamin A in the body, and helps to maintain healthy eyes, support your immune system, keep your skin healthy, and protect against certain cancers.

SALMON IN POMEGRANATE SWEET-AND-SOUR SAUCE
Gluten free, Passover

Sweet-and-sour combinations work beautifully with salmon. The onions caramelize and contribute a sweet counterpoint to the vinegar. Another quick and delicious dish, just the way I like it – one pan, one step.

1 whole side salmon, no skin, no bones, about 3 1/2 pounds, trimmed
1 large red onion, sliced very thin (use the food processor)
1/4 cup olive oil
1 cup pomegranate juice
1/4 cup unfiltered apple cider vinegar
2 tbsp. tomato paste
salt and pepper to taste
1 tsp. turmeric

Preheat the oven to 425. Place the salmon in a pan just large enough to accommodate the fish in one layer. Scatter the onions on top and on the sides of the fish. Mix the oil, juice, vinegar, tomato paste, salt, pepper and turmeric in a bowl, and pour over the fish.

Cook about 20 minutes, or a tiny bit more until the fish flakes easily and the liquids thicken. Serve hot or at room temperature.

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Poor parsnips often get discarded (as in chicken soup) but who knew they could be so fabulous?

1 1/2 dozen very thin parsnips, peeled and left whole (settle for 5-6 larger ones, peeled and quartered lengthwise)
2 cups water
3 tbsp. olive oil
3 tbsp. sugar or Sucanat
1 tbsp. paprika
1 tsp. turmeric
1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper, or less to taste
1 tbsp. ground cinnamon
salt and pepper to taste

Place all the ingredients in a wide heavy pot and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium, cover, and cook for 20 minutes, or longer until the parsnips are tender and the liquids in the pot have thickened. Pour the sauce over the parsnips. Serve hot or at room temperature. Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition Tip: Parsnips, a once overlooked vegetable, contain a significant amount of fibre as well as vitamins such as the B vitamin folate and vitamin C.

LEVANA'S HONEY CAKE

Honey cake is the traditional cake of the Jewish New Year, but you will be making it year-round: It's that good! I actually succeed in turning quite a few people onto my honey cake. Mine is moist and spicy and easy to love; I trust it will make you forget all the indignities of past dried-out and brittle honey cakes. I make it several ways, all scrumptious, but this is one of my favourites. The secret ingredient, orange marmalade, was shared by my dear friend Leah.

1 cup oil
2/3 cup sugar
1 cup dark honey
1 cup orange marmalade (homemade or store-bought)
4 eggs
3/4 cup strong coffee at room temperature
3 tbsp. rum or brandy
3 cups flour: all-purpose, whole wheat pastry, or spelt
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
good pinch salt
1 tsp. each cinnamon, allspice and ginger
1/2 cup sliced almonds (optional)

Preheat the oven to 350. Mix the oil, sugar, honey, marmalade, eggs, coffee and brandy in a food processor.

In a bowl, mix together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and allspice. Add in 3 additions to the egg mixture, using the pulse button, mixing each time only until combined. If you are adding the almonds, fold them in by hand with a spoon.

Pour the batter into a greased tube pan, or 11- x 14-inch pan and bake 1 hour, or a little longer until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Invert on a rack to cool. Makes 16 ample servings.

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Meaty mains for Rosh Hashanah

Daphna Rabinovitch
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After spending three weeks in Israel this past summer, I realized that I could happily live off salads and hummus forever. However, then I came home (unfortunately everyone has to at some point!) and started thinking about all the occasions when I love to entertain.

Salads, no matter how filling, colourful and satisfying, simply don't always fit the bill, especially in our northern climates when one's appetite yearns for dishes that are meaty and hearty, particularly as the temperature dips. Rosh Hashanah falls this year smack dab at the end of September, when the days still glow with late summer sun but the nights can catch your breath with their fall chill.

I've prepared three main courses for your Rosh Hashanah celebrations that I am confident will warm your guests, tempt them to come back for seconds and inspire you to enjoy all your own preparations in the kitchen. They all tend to themselves over the stove or in the oven, bubbling away, tenderizing the meat, freeing you up to all the other things that must get done. Better yet, most of these dishes taste better the next day after the flavours have had a chance to get to know each other well.

BRAISED SHORT RIBS WITH ORANGE AND GINGER

2 tbsp. vegetable oil
5 lb. meaty beef short ribs
1 onion, finely chopped
3 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 cup minced fresh gingerroot
3/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. each pepper and hot pepper flakes
3 tbsp. grated orange rind
1 1/4 cup orange juice
1/2 cup beef stock
1/2 cup tomato paste
2 tbsp. honey

Preheat oven to 300. In large, heavy bottomed saucepan, heat oil over medium heat. Add short ribs, in batches, browning well on both sides. Transfer to roasting pan.

Add onions, garlic, gingerroot, hot pepper flakes, salt and pepper to pot. Cook, stirring, for three minutes. Pour in orange rind and juice, stock, tomato paste and honey. Bring to boil, scraping up any browned bits from bottom of pan. Pour liquid over ribs in pan. Cover well with tin foil.

Bake in centre of preheated oven for two hours, basting with juices once halfway through.

Reduce heat to 250. Turn ribs, basting well with liquid. Bake, covered, for 1 hour or until meat is fall off the bone tender. Let cool for 1/2 hour. Refrigerate overnight or for up to two days.

Skim off congealed fat. Pour liquid into saucepan. Bring to boil. Boil lightly for 10 minutes or until slightly reduced. Pour back over ribs. Reheat in 300 oven for 1/2 hour. Makes 6 servings.

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LAMB TANGINE WITH HONEY, DRIED FRUIT AND ONIONS

3 tbsp. olive oil
2 1/2 lb.lamb stewing meat
1/3 cup all purpose flour
4 onions, peeled, halved and quartered
4 cloves garlic, minced
2 tsp. saffron threads, crumbled
1 tsp. turmeric
1tsp.ground coriander
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1 1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper,
1 1/2 cups beef stock
1/2 cup white wine
3 tbsp. honey
1 cup pitted prunes
1/2 cup whole dried apricots
1/3 cup chopped fresh coriander
thin lemon slices

Preheat oven to 350. Heat oil in ovenproof Dutch oven set over medium heat. Coat lamb lightly with flour. In batches, brown lamb, transferring to plate as done. (Discard any remaining flour.) Stir in onions and 2 tbsp. water, scraping up any browned bits on bottom of pan. Cook, stirring, for 5 minutes. Stir in garlic, saffron, turmeric, coriander, cinnamon, salt and pepper for 2 minutes. Pour in stock, wine and honey. Bring to a boil. Add prunes, apricots, reserved meat and any accumulated juices.

Bake, covered, in preheated oven for 1 1/2 hours or until meat is extremely tender. (Stew can be brought to room temperature for 30 minutes and then refrigerated for up to two days. Reheat gently in warm oven, adding up to 1/4 cup more stock if necessary to thin sauce.) Sprinkle with chopped fresh coriander and garnish with lemon slices. Makes 6 servings.

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1/4 cup vegetable oil
3 lb. stewing beef
1/3 cup all purpose flour
1 lb. pearl onions, peeled
1 lb. carrots, peeled and cut diagonally into thick chunks
1-1/4 lb. mushrooms, cleaned and trimmed
5 cloves garlic, minced
2 tbsp. dried thyme
3 cups beef broth
1/2 cup Brandy or Cognac
1 bottle (750 mL) red wine
1/4 cup tomato paste
1 bay leaf

Heat oil in large saucepan or Dutch oven set over medium heat. Coat beef lightly with flour. In batches, brown beef, transferring to plate as done. Add onions, carrots, mushrooms and any remaining flour to pot. Cook, stirring, until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Stir in garlic and thyme for 30 seconds. Add to beef.

Pour 1 cup of stock and brandy into pot; Bring to boil, scraping up any browned bits on bottom of saucepan. Continue to boil until reduced to a glaze, about 10 minutes. Return beef and vegetables to pot. Stir in remaining broth, wine, tomato paste and bay leaf. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 2 hours, stirring occasionally. Uncover and cook, stirring occasionally for another 45 minutes or until sauce is thickened and meat is tender.

(Stew can be cooled to room temperature for 30 minutes and be refrigerated for up to two days. Reheat gently over low heat.) Remove bay leaf before serving. Makes 8 servings.

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Chicken soup? Just follow the recipe

Barbara Silverstein
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With the holidays just days away, I am now in culinary training. I made chicken soup last week and I'll be making another pot in a couple of days. I'm honing my chicken soup skills just in case my mother can't make it to Toronto, or she arrives here late for the holidays. You could say that in my family, I'm the chicken soup understudy.

In my family, everyone has a role at the holiday dinners. My mother makes her amazing soup and the salad, my sister takes care of the main course and the sides, my brother concocts some sort of vegetarian dish and I bring dessert.

I don't actually prepare the dessert. My mother and my sister – the executive chefs, so to speak – prefer that I find a store-bought cake. It's not that I can't cook or bake. Over the years I've had plenty of successes in the kitchen, but the results are inconsistent.

The problem is that I can never stick to a recipe, and for every culinary hit, there are plenty of misses.

I always start out with good intentions. But somewhere in the process, I may add or substitute an ingredient. And one deviation often leads to another. Inevitably, the recipe becomes an exercise in kitchen alchemy with very unpredictable results.

It's for this reason that my culinary exploits have never been welcome at our holiday dinners. I get to cook for everyone on the third night when there are plenty of leftovers as backup.

However, last Rosh Hashanah, there was an unexpected change in roles. My mother did not arrive in time to make the soup. She prepared the matzah balls, and my sister took over the soup detail. At some point in the process, she realized she didn't make enough.

And then I got the call: "You need to make the soup for the second night."

"You and Mummy want ME to make the soup?"

"We're desperate."

To say I was nervous is an understatement. How could I possibly live up to my mother's chicken soup? A brisket would have been different. It has always had less prominence than the soup. Besides, it takes a lot to ruin a brisket.

My middle son always points out that my sister's brisket is much better than mine. "Why don't you make Auntie Sherri's recipe?" he asks every holiday.

Well, my sister did give me her recipe. Actually, she got it from her sister-in-law Randi, and I did try to make it once.

Of course, I ended up changing an ingredient or two and taking a couple of short cuts. Needless to say, Son No. 2 was not impressed.

And so when I got those daunting marching orders, I took out my mother's chicken soup recipe and purchased all the ingredients. I realized the success of the holiday meal would be riding on my ability to stick to the recipe. There would be no rolling of the ingredients dice on this one. The stakes were too high.

I knew I would have some tough critics. My mother's chicken soup is a hard act to live up to. And so I stuck to the script. I measured and remeasured every ingredient. There was not a single improvisation.

Much to everyone's surprise (myself included), my soup turned out very well. Who knew you could get such good results just by following a recipe?

I recently made the soup to see if last year's success was a fluke. I got pretty good reviews again and so I'll be doing another trial run. It's like a dress rehearsal. I want to be absolutely ready in case I get a last minute call.

POLA KIRSHNER'S CHICKEN SOUP

1 3-lb. chicken cut in quarters
boiling water to cover chicken
4 onions, peeled and lightly salted
2 celery stalks, trimmed
3 parsnips
6 carrots
1/2 bunch dill
7-8 cups water
4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
additional salt and pepper to taste

Clean chicken well. Pour boiling water over chicken. Let sit 5 minutes and discard water. Place chicken in a large heavy saucepan. Cover with water. Water level should be about 2 inches above chicken. Bring water to a boil. Skim off scum. Turn down heat and add onions, celery and parsnips.

Bring water to a boil and then simmer for 1 hour. Cover pot loosely with lid to limit evaporation. Add carrots, dill, salt and pepper. Simmer another 1/2 hour. Test chicken to prevent overcooking. Season with salt and pepper if necessary.

To serve, discard celery, onion and dill. Remove chicken and remaining vegetables. Soup can be made a day before serving. When refrigerating, cover chicken and vegetables well. Serve soup with noodles and/or matzah balls. Freezes well, and can be doubled or tripled for large gatherings.

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Bake your own Rosh Hashanah challah

Lauren Kramer
Special to The CJN

Challah baking is one of my favourite activities of the Sabbath and Jewish New Year. If people only knew how easy and pleasurable it is to make their own, they'd surely be avoiding the kosher bakery completely.

There's something cathartic about challah baking. First there's the fascination of watching yeast come to life when mixed with water and sugar. In a matter of minutes, a grainy substance begins to foam and explode, promising to massage your egg-flour-sugar mixture until it becomes a warm, doughy substance.

Next there's the joy of the knead. Using a steady wrist, you knead your dough, working through it with floury hands until it's a pliable consistency that feels smooth, responsive and wonderful to the touch. Braid it in any number of ways, get a helpful child to paint it with a beaten egg and then slip it into the oven and wait for the rewarding aroma to fill your home. Once baked, that challah will decorate your dinner table, bring looks of admiration and warm compliments your way and taste like heaven on earth.

Breaking bread with those you love is one of life's greatest pleasures. But when it's bread you've made yourself, that pleasure is multiplied several times over. A KitchenAid mixer is great, and so is a bread machine if you want to save time on the kneading. But when it comes down to it, all you need for a good, homemade challah is a bit of patience, a large bowl, a wooden spoon and a working oven. And like anything, practice makes perfect.

I've used several challah recipes over the years, but keep coming back to a variation on this one, below. It's a recipe that accommodates small changes in flour types, different yeast products and varying temperatures with ease.

Step 1: Using a flask, place one tbsp. of fast-rising yeast, one tbsp. of sugar, 1/2 cup of vegetable oil and two cups of lukewarm water. (Note: ensure water is not too hot. Hot water will kill the yeast.) Cover your flask and set it aside for 10-15 minutes, by which time it will have foamed and bubbled as the sugar and water bring the yeast to life. If this hasn't happened and the mixture looks the same as when you first covered it, your yeast is dead. Throw it out, buy new yeast and start again.

Step 2: In a large bowl, place 5 1/2 cups of flour, 1/2 cup of sugar, a tbsp. of kosher salt, two large eggs and your yeast mixture. For Rosh Hashanah, add raisins and/or sultanas. (A note on the flour: most frequently, challahs are made using only white flour. To add some variety and health benefits, substitute one cup of oat flour, or 2 cups whole wheat flour with 3.5 cups of white flour. The result is a bread that tastes just as good, but is a tad healthier.)

Using a wooden spoon, the dough hook of an electric mixer or a bread machine set on its "dough" program, mix together well for at least 5 minutes until the mixture is combined. Then cover your dough and put it in a warm place such as a sunny windowsill, a still-warm stovetop – or, if it's the dead of winter and warmth is hard to come by, a heating pad or hot water bottle. Let it rise for approximately one hour. Then knead it again.

Step 3: You can repeat the knead-heat-knead cycle a second time, or you can prepare to braid and bake your challah now. For the latter, make sure your oven is preheated to 350, and that you have a clean surface sprinkled with flour to work on and a sharp knife on hand. Use the knife to cut your challah into segments. This quantity of dough makes two large challahs, or approx. 24 challah buns. Once braided, paint your challah with a beaten egg and bake until golden brown (approximately 30 to 40 minutes.) Once baked, challahs freeze beautifully wrapped in tinfoil, and last two-to-three days in the bread bin. They taste best the day they're baked, and make wonderful french toast or cake-like, rich sandwich bread on the weekend.

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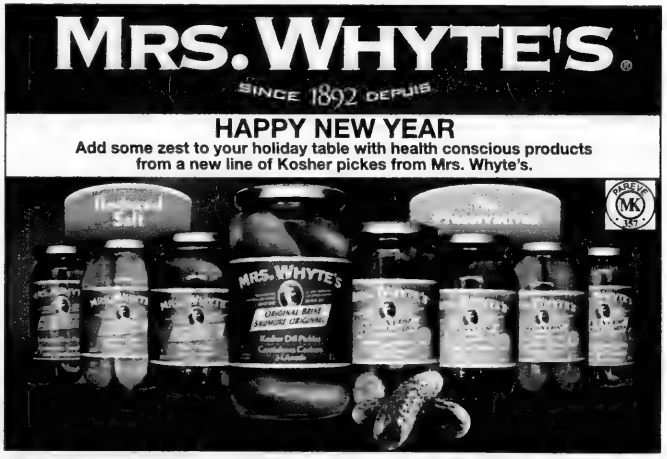

Reflections on the honey-makers

Lauren Kramer
Special to The CJN

Honey is integral to our Rosh Hashanah celebrations, a potent symbol of a sweet new year and a novel, sticky treat on our dining room tables. But as we head to the grocery store or farmer's market to replenish our supplies of honey, few of us stop to think about where it comes from, how much labour goes into a single pound and the sheer vulnerability of its source: the honeybee.

Consider this: to create a single pound of honey, a bee must tap two million flowers. A hive of 50,000 bees must fly a combined distance of over 55,000 miles to bring that one pound of honey to the table, and that's at an average speed of 24 kilometres an hour. In its lifetime, a worker bee will make only one-tenth of a teaspoon of honey. That's three times the honey we'll gather on a slice of apple before uttering "L'Shanah tovah umetukah."

So, at least three bees will spend their life's labour working for every apple segment we dip into our honey. It's food for thought.

Honeybees came to Canada from Eurasia, and "wild" honeybees were escapees from domesticated hives over the years. The colonies adapted to life in the Great White North, forming hives in forests and wooded shelters and generating heat to warm their hives in the winter. Honey in particular is integral to their survival, giving honeybees sufficient energy to sustain themselves through the long cold season.

In Canada, the majority of honey production and beekeeping occurs in the west, with Alberta tipping the scales for the highest honey production. Most of the honey available in Canada is domestic, and last year we exported $51 million of it to other countries.

The biggest threats to honeybees in Canada are a fungus called nosema and a mite called varoa. Between these and the weather, winter losses to bee colonies were as bad as 60 per cent six years ago. In recent years the losses have been less severe thanks to warmer weather and better controls for dealing with nosema and varoa. But they're still considerable.

Unfortunately, that's just where the problems start for Canadian honeybees. They face parasitic infestations in the wild that have spread to some domestic hives in Eastern Canada, loss of habitat and the as-yet-undetermined effects of pesticides on their lifecycle.

Other countries are battling with a more significant and as yet inexplicable problem: colony collapse disorder. That's when a hive's worker bees abruptly go AWOL. According to the Canada Honey Council, scientists from the United States, France, Spain, Britain and China are racing to solve the mystery of why the honeybee is disappearing. "If we can't stop it," the council warns, "all the colour and vitality in our food supply will disappear for good, because the honeybee is the cornerstone of the environment and critical to our food supply."

So this year, as you prepare to dip your apple and warmly wish your friends and family a happy new year, send a silent prayer out to the honeybee, too. The little critters who dance to alert others as to the direction and distance of nectar and pollen are in a vulnerable state these days. We take them for granted, recognizing them more for their sting than for their pivotal role in agriculture. But their fate will certainly change what and how we eat in the years to come. Will our children be dipping their apples into honey? Or will they be forced to substitute with maple syrup and agave nectar? Only time will tell.

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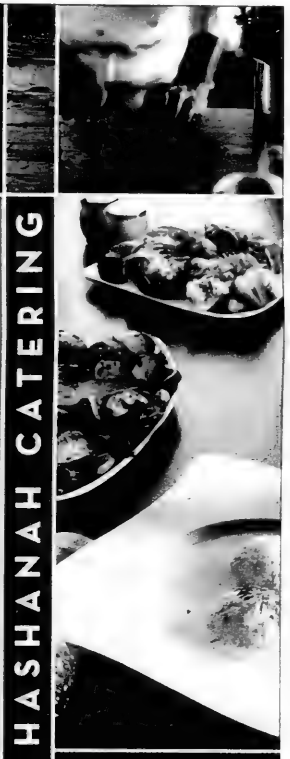

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The sweet season: apples and honey for Rosh Hashanah

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During Rosh Hashanah, we dip apple pieces in honey, a custom that harks back to biblical times.

According to II Samuel 6:15, King David had a "cake made in a pan and a sweet cake" given to everyone. Hosea 3:1 identifies the "sweet cake" as a raisin cake.

Honey may have been used in the cake, but the honey of ancient Eretz Yisrael was made from dates or grapes or figs or raisins, because the land at the time had no domestic bees, only Syrian bees. To extract honey from their combs, they had to use smoke. Still, honey was of importance in biblical times because there was no sugar.

During the Roman period, Italian bees were introduced to the Middle East and bee honey became more common.

The Torah also describes Israel as "*Eretz zvat chalav u'dvash*," the land flowing with milk and honey, although the honey was more than likely date honey, which many Sephardi Jews use to this day.

Today, Israel has some 500 beekeepers. They have about 90,000 beehives that produce more than 3,500 tons of honey annually. Kibbutz Yad Mordechai is the largest producer of honey, filling 10,000 containers a day.

It's been written that the average Israeli eats 125 apples and 750 grams of honey a year, mostly around the High Holidays.

For the blessing, Ashkenazim dip challah in honey instead of sprinkling it with salt; then the blessing for the apple dipped in honey, is, "May it be Your will to renew for us a good and sweet year."

Dipping the apple in honey on Rosh Hashanah is said to symbolize the desire for a sweet new year. But why an apple? In Bereshit, the book of Genesis, Israel compares the fragrance of his son Jacob to a field of apple trees.

Scholars tell us that mystical powers were ascribed to the apple and people believed it provided good health and personal well-being.

Some attribute the use of an apple to the translation of the story of Adam and Eve and the forbidden fruit that caused the expulsion from paradise.

The word honey, or "*dvash*" in Hebrew, has the same numerical value as the words "*Av Harachamim*," Father of Mercy. Jews hope that God will be merciful on Rosh Hashanah as He judges us for our year's deeds.

Some Moroccans dip apples in honey and serve cooked quince, an apple-like fruit, symbolizing a sweet future. Other Moroccans dip dates in sesame and anise seeds and powdered sugar in addition to dipping apples in honey.

Among some Jews from Egypt, a sweet jelly made of gourds or coconut is used to ensure a sweet year and apples are dipped in sugar water instead of in honey.

Not only is honey used by Jews around the world for dipping apples, it's also found in desserts. Some people maintain that in the biblical expression, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet," sweet refers to apples and honey.

The recipes below will help make your Rosh Hashanah sweet.

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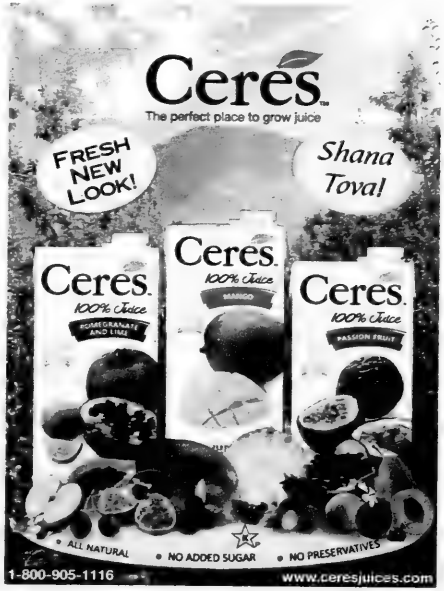

CHICKEN WITH HONEY FRUIT SAUCE

3/4 cup apricot jam
1 1/2 cups orange juice
1 1/2 cups red wine
1 tbsp. ginger
2 tsp. garlic powder
1 1/2 tsp. thyme
2 tbsp. honey
2 tsp. corn starch
2 tsp. cold water
6 oz. apricots
6 oz. prunes
3 to 4 lb. cut-up chicken

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Sweeten your meal with elegant desserts

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Preheat oven to 350. Grease a baking dish. Place chicken parts in dish. Set aside.

Place apricot jam, orange juice, red wine, ginger, garlic powder, thyme and honey in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer to reduce to 3 cups.

Stir in corn starch and water and blend. Add apricots and prunes. Pour over chicken. Bake in preheated oven 45 minutes or until chicken is done. Makes 6 servings.

POPPYSEED HONEY DRESSING

1/4 cup honey
2 tbsp. Dijon mustard
2 tbsp. cider vinegar
1/2 cup oil
2 tsp. poppy seeds

Beat honey, mustard and vinegar in a bowl or shake well in a jar with a lid.

Add oil and poppy seeds and shake some more. Use in a salad with mixed greens and fruit such as grapefruit. Makes about 1 cup.

APPLES AND HONEY CAKE

2 cups flour
2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
3/4 cup sugar or sugar substitute
2 tsp. cinnamon
1/8 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. cloves
3 cups grated, unpeeled apples
2 eggs
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
3/4 cup vegetable oil
1/3 cup non-dairy creamer or pareve whipping cream
1/2 cup honey or honey substitute

Preheat oven to 325. Grease a bundt pan.

In a mixer or food processor, blend flour, baking soda, salt, sugar or sugar substitute, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Add apples.

Add eggs, vanilla, oil, non-dairy creamer or whipping cream and honey and blend slightly. Pour into greased bundt pan. Bake 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean. Cool before removing from pan.

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Rosh Hashanah: a vessel of memory

Lauren Kramer
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When it comes to Rosh Hashanah, I'm a big fan. It's hard not to love a Jewish holiday that's all about spiritual renewal, deep reflection and heartfelt promises to work harder to present our better selves to those around us.

But as I move slowly toward my 40s, I'm realizing there's more than that to the Jewish New Year, more than those deep brown challahs filled with sweet raisins, more than the novelty of dipping apples in golden honey and drizzling them all over the tablecloth before a great meal.

Rosh Hashanah is also a profound vessel of memory, and as I defrost my brisket, hunt for the best-yet new quinoa recipe and knead and shape my challahs, I'll be thinking of the past.

I don't realize, until Rosh Hashanah rolls around, how vividly that past is available, right in a dark corner of my mind. I yank those memories from the recesses and daydream my way back to my days as a 14-year-old growing up in Cape Town, South Africa.

Back then, Rosh Hashanah meant receiving a batch of my grandmother's taiglach, a recipe I'm still determined to tackle and one that will take me, in spirit, immediately and joyfully into her tiny kitchen. It meant hours in synagogue, listening to the deep baritone voices of the Rondebosch Shul choir and the wonderful melodies of the cantor, who we imported from Israel at that time of year.

It meant family discussions on who to invite to our Rosh Hashanah table, and long debates about whether we could tolerate, for another year, the uncle who arrived in his farm-stained overalls and fell asleep on the sofa before the meal was over. Or the aunt who was always asking for recipes (and never using them), and using fingers, rather than salad servers, to select the leafy greens she wanted on her plate.

There were wild cousins whose antics my parents weren't certain they wanted unleashed in the house, and friends whose children my sister and I wanted nothing to do with and campaigned loudly for their removal from the guest list.

In the hours before the festival's arrival, as my mother's culinary activities sent rich aromas wafting through the house, we kids were in charge of setting the table and removing from the dusty cabinet the exquisite glasses my parents had bought while on a Venice honeymoon 15 years earlier. We'd craft name tags and carefully position them around the table, ensuring we occupied the best seats in the house. And we'd decant the wine that an elderly relative had made, pouring it carefully into the crystal decanter that we only used on such occasions.

At the time, I rolled my eyes at the list of chores, grateful for the reprieve from school but unappreciative, as only a teenager with little worldly experience can be, of the treasures at that table – the family members we'd lose as age and cancer robbed them of more time with us, as well as the recipes I'd never have the foresight to record and the hugs and kisses I never cherished long enough.

What I *did* bring with me over the decades that would follow me into married life with children was an unbridled love for Rosh Hashanah and a determination to make it as memory-laden, meaningful and delicious as possible in my home.

It's why this year and in the years ahead, I'll spend hours on dishes I'd never normally prepare: sodium-filled chicken soup with kneidlach, tender brisket that will tempt even the avowed vegetarians among my kids, wafer thin kichel biscuits –perfect with chopped herring – and sweet, sticky taiglach that will require oodles of syrup and hours of careful babysitting.

I'll do all this and more in the name of memory, because it will conjure up my own past a continent and lifetime away so vividly. And I'll hug my kids extra tight, subdued in the knowledge that one day they too will celebrate this holiday with their own families after I'm six feet under, hopefully cherishing the food and love-laden Rosh Hashanah memories of their own long-gone childhoods.

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1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. lemon juice
Mix eggs and sugar. Add oil then honey. In a separate bowl mix flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Add baking soda to the tea. Add the dry ingredients alternately with tea mixture to the egg mixture ending with the dry. Finally, add the vanilla and lemon juice.
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Netanyahu praised Obama for intervening

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"We will continue to keep the peace with Egypt. This is in the common interest of both countries," Netanyahu said. "We will work toward preventing a further deterioration in our relationship with Turkey. We did not choose this sequence of events. To the extent that the matter depends upon us, we shall act to lower tensions and do everything possible to restore relations," he said.

Netanyahu praised the United States for intervening with Egypt in order to rescue the Israelis.

"I would like to express my gratitude to the president of the United States, Barack Obama," the Israeli leader said. "I asked for his help. This was a decisive and fateful moment. He said, 'I will do everything I can.' And so he did. He used every considerable means and influence of the United States to help us. We owe him a special measure of gratitude."

In Ottawa, the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) issued a statement calling on Egypt to reaffirm both its responsibilities under international agreement to protect Israeli diplomats in Egypt, and its commitment to maintaining the Israel-Egypt peace treaty.

U.S. President Barack Obama

"We hope that Canada will use its diplomatic contacts with Egypt to reinforce this expectation, including proper Egyptian supervision over the Sinai Peninsula, which borders both Egypt and Israel. The Sinai must not become a staging ground for terrorist actions against Israel," CIJA CEO Shimon Fogel said.

The CIJA statement also noted that Egyptian state-controlled media "regularly broadcasts material that incites hatred of Jews and Israelis."

Fogel urged Canada to "use its influence" to help change this Egyptian policy.

"The broadcast of anti-semitic and inflammatory material encourages violent incidents like the one we saw Friday," Fogel said.

Meanwhile, security around Israel's embassy in Amman, Jordan, has been increased as a result of the Cairo embassy attack.

More security forces and armoured vehicles have been seen on the main roads leading to the embassy, according to Arab reports cited in the Israeli media.

The increased security comes after the establishment over the weekend of a Facebook page calling for Jordanians to attend a "million-man protest" in front of the Israeli Embassy in Amman on Sept. 15, the Israel Project, a Washington-based think-tank, and *Yediot Acharonot* reported. About 1,000 people have so far indicated that they will attend the event.

Organizers of the protest said demonstrators would try to break into the building, as well as to tear down the Israeli flag.

Jordan signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1994.

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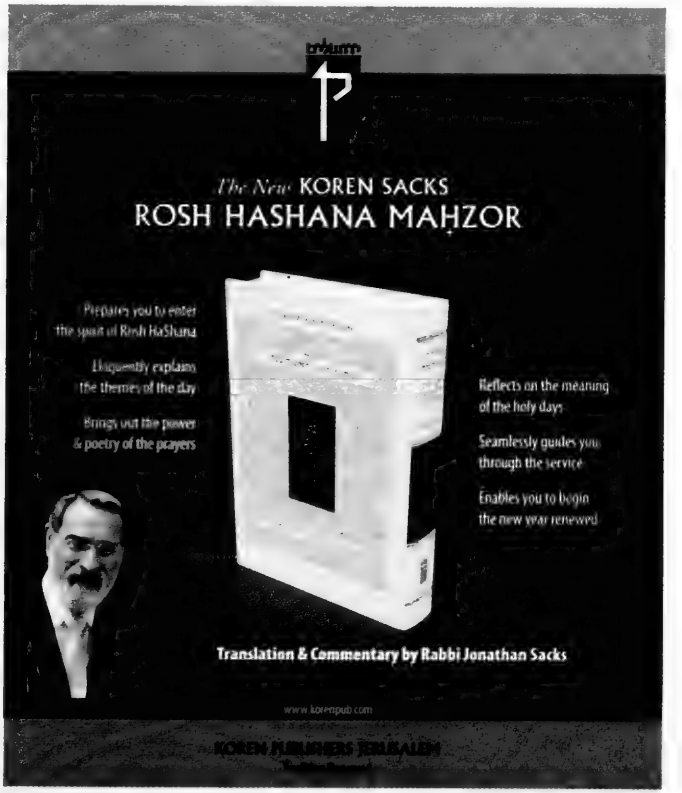
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Basel conference affirms Jews' right to Jerusalem

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

The Jewish people's historic and religious connection to Jerusalem and Israel are widely acknowledged, but what about their legal rights?

Opponents of Israel repeatedly refer to Israel's "illegal occupation" of territories and to "Palestinian east Jerusalem," but are these terms accurate in law?

A group of academics and legal scholars gathered in Basel, Switzerland, two weeks ago to discuss those issues and to affirm "their support for the recognition of the international legal rights of the State of Israel and the Jewish people in respect to the whole city of Jerusalem." They issued a declaration stating just that, along with their support of "a unified Jerusalem" as the capital of Israel.

> *Declaration refers to the international legal documents that form the legal basis for Jews' contemporary claim to Israel*

Organized by the Alliance for International Justice in Jerusalem, the conference met on dates corresponding to the first Zionist Congress in 1897 and in the same location, the Musiksaal.

The conference issued a declaration referring to the international legal documents that form the legal basis for Jews' contemporary claim to Israel, which according to conference participant Jacques Gauthier, includes Judea and Samaria (the West Bank).

Gauthier, an international lawyer who addressed the conference, said his legal research over 25 years led him to the conclusion that Jews had a valid legal claim to all the territory west of the Jordan River, including Jerusalem.

"I came to the conclusion that the legal answer came out of key historical events," he said.

The Basel Conference Declaration cites the legal documents that cumulatively gives the Jewish people title to the lands, including Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations, the San Remo Resolution of the Supreme Council of the Principal Allied Powers of April 25, 1920, and the Mandate for Palestine approved by the Council of the League of Nations on July 24, 1922. "These were the foundational instruments for the establishment of the modern State of Israel," the declaration stated.

It all goes back to the World War I and the defeat of the Ottoman Empire by Britain, France, the United States, Italy and Japan, Gauthier said.

The Ottomans had controlled most of the Middle East, including today's Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the Palestinian territories. Historically, victorious powers simply seize the losing power's territories, but under the influence of U.S. president Woodrow Wilson, a much different approach was taken. The five victorious powers, meeting as the Supreme Council, heard claims to the territories from Arab and Jewish representatives.

Chaim Weizmann led the Jewish delegation.

"The Zionists asked for recognition over Palestine of their historical connection and the recognition of the Jewish People as a legal entity, along with the right to reconstitute what they had once had, enough territory to cover all historical links to the Holy Land," Gauthier said.

The Arabs, "who had not been unified and had tribal territories but no states, presented their claims in Paris," Gauthier said. Led by the Hashemite King Faisal, the Arabs asked for a single giant state that would have included Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, but not the area known as Palestine. They had agreed with the Jewish delegation beforehand that that territory would go to the Jews and that each side would support the others' claim.

No decision was made in Paris in 1919, but in San Remo, the Supreme Council reconvened to determine the disposition of the Ottoman territories. "They said 'yes' to the Arabs and gave them Mesopotamia [Iraq] under a British Mandate [trust] and Syria and Lebanon under a French Mandate."

This archival photo shows Theodore Herzl greeting delegates at the first World Zionist Congress gathering in Basel, Switzerland 1897.

As to Palestine, "they adopted the policy right out of the Balfour Declaration – all the political rights were given to the Jewish People," Gauthier said.

The treaties of Sevres and Lausanne confirmed this and three subsequent treaties created the mandates.

"Those international instruments are binding on all the parties and recognized in international law," Gauthier said.

"The Jewish People are in the city [of Jerusalem] by right. They are not trespassers, they are not there wrongfully," he said.

In 1921, the British severed the east bank of the Jordan and handed it to the Hashemites. "Jews accepted that partition" on the basis that "the rest of Palestine would become a Jewish state."

Asked about Palestinian claims – at the time the Jews were called Palestinians – Gauthier said the Allies dealt with the Jewish people and wouldn't subsequently entertain claims from Jews who said they were excluded, as well as Arab representatives.

"The issue legally involves the Arabs as a whole and they were given rights which were satisfactory, as noted in the documents," he said.

In other words, Gauthier continued, any Palestinian claims were included in the larger Arab claims and were satisfied at that time.

The Jews' claim to Israel is as strong, in law, as those of Syrians, Iraqis and Lebanese to their countries, since all those sovereignties arose from the same documents, Gauthier said.

Israel has annexed Jerusalem, affirming its claim, but has not done the same with the West Bank. That leaves open the possibility of negotiations and ceding by Israel of its rights to some of the land as contemplated in UN Resolution 242, he added.

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U.S. schools warned

An Israeli civil rights group has sent letters to 150 U.S. university presidents reminding them of their legal obligations to prevent the harassment of Jewish students on their campuses. In its letter dated Sept. 8, the Shurat Din-Israel Law Center in Tel Aviv also reminded the administrators that their schools have a duty "to reasonably prevent university funds from being diverted to unlawful activities that are directed against the state of Israel." The centre, which according to one report was credited with mostly shutting down the second Freedom Flotilla to the Gaza Strip this summer, cites specific cases of what it calls anti-Israel hostility and Jewish harassment at Rutgers University and the University of California, Berkeley.

IDF base vandalized

An Israeli military base was vandalized in what is believed to be retribution against the army by Jews from the West Bank. Unknown assailants vandalized 13 military vehicles at a West Bank base by puncturing tires, shattering windows and spraying graffiti inveighing against Israel Defence Forces commanders and the dismantling of structures in the settlement of Migron, according to the Israel Defense Forces. The IDF believes soldiers were complicit in the attack, as it is very difficult to infiltrate a military base. The vandalized base is near Ramallah. It marked the first time settlers have allegedly carried out planned vandalism against army property, *Ha'aretz* reported.

Israel, Greece sign pact

Greece and Israel signed a security co-operation agreement amid declining Israeli relations with neighbouring Turkey. Greek Defence Minister Panos Beglitis, making the first official visit by a Greek defence minister to Israel, and his Israeli counterpart, Ehud Barak, signed a co-operation memorandum on security in Jerusalem last week during his three-day visit to Israel. "I come as my country's defense minister to state our political will as a government, as well as the majority of the country's political forces, for the two countries, the two governments, the two peoples, to work together so that we can further develop and deepen our bilateral relations in all sectors of mutual interest and concern," Beglitis said.

– files from JTA

Jewish legislators lobby against Palestinian statehood bid

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

The International Council of Jewish Parliamentarians (ICJP) gathered at the United Nations last week to warn that a unilateral declaration of statehood by the Palestinian Authority would violate past agreements, endanger the system of international law and potentially lead to a third intifadah.

Nothing good can come of United Nations support for a unilateral Palestinian declaration of independence, said MP Irwin Cotler, an ICJP spokesperson. Instead, direct bilateral negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians should resume with the goal of creating by mutual consent two states living side by side in peace.

That would be consistent with UN resolutions and agreements between Israel and the Palestinians, which were witnessed by a variety of countries, he said.

Irwin Cotler

Cotler, a Liberal MP and former federal justice minister, joined other ICJP representatives at the UN for a news conference outlining the group's concerns.

Although the United States has indicated that it's prepared to veto any resolution on Palestinian independence at the UN Security Council, he said news reports suggest Palestinian envoys are planning to ask the General Assembly to upgrade its status from observer.

That would not actually create a Palestinian state, but it would give the Palestinian Authority additional weapons to wield against Israel. It would give it the power to take Israel to the International Court of Justice, lay charges at the International Criminal Court (ICC), which it currently has no standing to do, and seek sanctions against Israel.

The upshot of such a development would mean continued attempts to deligitimize Israel while doing nothing to promote peace, Cotler said.

The Palestinian proposal requires a two-thirds majority in the General Assembly to pass, and while the Palestinians can rely on the bloc voting of the Organization of the Islamic Conference as well as several Latin American countries, many votes are still up in the air, including those of Britain and France.

In addition, Russia, Poland and Hungary have yet to announce their positions. Hence the ICJP lobbied the ambassadors of those eastern European countries in a bid to persuade them of the negative consequences of supporting the Palestinian proposal, Cotler said.

Cotler credited Prime Minister Stephen Harper for his July 27 statement in which he called a unilateral declaration of independence "a very unhelpful development" and said a two-state solution should be predicated on "mutual recognition, including recognition of Israel as a Jewish state."

Following the ICJP news conference at the UN, the group left for Washington, D.C., where representatives met with U.S. Congressional leaders and were briefed by Israeli Ambassador Michael Oren.

The ICJP last week released a paper titled *Undermining Peace: International Law and Palestinian Statehood.* The paper argued that a unilateral declaration of independence "would undermine all accepted international frameworks for peace such as UN Security Council resolutions 242, 338 and 185; the 'road map' for peace, and various [Middle East] Quartet statements, all of which call for a mutually negotiated and agreed-upon resolution of the conflict while rejecting unilateralism."

"It would violate existing Israeli-Palestinian bilateral agreements, most notably the Oslo II agreements."

And the document warned that such "premature and precipitous recognition "might well precipitate new and violent confrontations… when [Palestinian] aspirations will be frustrated rather than realized."

Cotler said that "the integrity of the international process and agreements is at stake here."

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Turkish-Israeli relations headed downward

Linda Gradstein
JTA

The bad diplomatic news for Israel just kept getting worse.

First, Turkey announced that it was slashing the level of its diplomatic ties with Israel to the second secretary level, giving the senior Israeli Embassy staff 48 hours to leave the country. Turkey also said it was suspending all military ties with Israel.

Next, the Turkish Embassy in Washington vowed that Turkey would pursue legal action against Israeli soldiers and officials who were involved in the deadly 2010 raid on the Gaza-bound Turkish ship the Mavi Marmara. Then, 40 Israeli travellers on a Tel Aviv-to-Istanbul flight were separated from the other passengers upon landing, and subjected to humiliating searches.

Turkey's actions came as the United Nations released the report of its Palmer committee, which investigated Israel's actions during its May 2010 interception of a flotilla that was trying to break its blockade of Gaza. Israeli troops encountered violent resistance when they tried to board the Mavi Marmara, and the ensuing battle left eight Turkish citizens and one dual Turkish-American citizen dead.

The Palmer report found that Israel's blockade of Gaza was legal and that Israeli commandos needed to use force when they came under attack on the Mavi Marmara. The report also found, however, that Israel used excessive force when boarding the ship.

Turkey has demanded an apology for the deaths of its citizens, but Israel has refused.

"We need not apologize for the fact that naval commandos defended their lives against an assault by violent... activists," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his cabinet this week. "We need not apologize for the fact that we acted to stop the smuggling of weapons to Hamas, a terrorist organization that has already fired over 10,000 missiles, rockets and mortar rounds at our civilians. We need not apologize for the fact that we acted to defend our people, our children and our communities."

Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Netanyahu then made a last-ditch attempt to head off Turkey's decision to limit ties with Israel.

"I reiterate that the State of Israel expresses regret over the loss of life. I also hope that a way will be found to overcome the disagreement with Turkey," he said. "Israel has never wanted a deterioration in its relations with Turkey; neither is Israel interested in such a deterioration now."

The crisis in ties with Turkey could have far-reaching implications for Israel. Severing trade between Israel and Turkey – more than $3 billion (US) annually – would have a negative impact on the Israeli economy.

Diplomatically, the crisis could badly affect Israel's relationships with Egypt and Jordan. Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan visited Egypt this week to discuss a deeper strategic relationship with Turkey.

The trip came amid growing opposition in Egypt to the long-standing peace treaty with Israel. Egypt's military leaders could come under increasing pressure to follow Turkey and recall their ambassador from Israel.

"Erdogan will say to the Egyptians, 'What are you doing for the Palestinians?'" Alon Liel, a former Israeli ambassador to Turkey, told JTA. "Egyptians will say, 'Turkey is not even Arab, and they expelled the Israeli ambassador.' It will add to the public pressure."

Liel believes there is even a chance of a military confrontation between Israel and Turkey if, as expected, Israel signs a deal to export liquid natural gas to Cyprus, an island nation that is tensely divided between Greek and Turkish sectors.

"Those vessels will need to go through the Mediterranean, and Turkey will do whatever it can to stop them," Liel said, adding that Turkey has 40,000 soldiers in the Turkish part of Cyprus.

Closer to home for Israelis, the crisis with Turkey could strengthen Hamas, which controls Gaza, and which Israel and the United States see as a terrorist state. Erdogan, an Islamist, has vigorously defended Hamas from those who say it's a terrorist group that should be isolated.

Erdogan has said that he wants to visit Gaza. If Egypt agrees to let him enter Gaza from its territory, it would represent a victory for Hamas and a further challenge to Israel.

Beyond the diplomatic fallout, Israel's relationship with Turkey played an important psychological role. Tens of thousands of Israelis visit Turkey each year with package tours that, even including the one-hour flight, are cheaper than staying at hotels in Eilat. The relationship with Turkey also made Israelis feel connected to the wider Muslim world. Turkey was the first Muslim country to establish diplomatic relations with Israel, in 1949.

"We used to hold up the relationship with Turkey as an example of how Israel can have a relationship with a large Muslim country," a senior Israeli official told JTA. "We're certainly concerned about this now."

In the early days of the state, there were very close ties with Turkey. Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, even studied law in Turkey. Those diplomatic ties intensified in the 1980s and 1990s.

The senior Israeli official said there are two schools of thought in Israel surrounding Erdogan. One says that the deterioration in the relationship is specifically because of the flotilla incident and that if Israel apologized, the relationship would return to what it was. The other school, which seems to be gaining ground, is that Erdogan sees himself as a potential leader of the Islamic world and is moving Turkey toward become more religious and more Islam-identified. If that is true, then the flotilla incident is just an excuse to downgrade ties with Israel.

It seems unlikely that the relationship will improve anytime soon. Liel, the former ambassador, says a similar incident happened in 1980 after Israel passed the Jerusalem Law formalizing Israel's unilateral annexation of east Jerusalem, which was captured in 1967.

Turkey then reacted exactly as it did this week – downgrading ties to the level of second secretary. Liel, then a second secretary, was sent to Ankara.

It took 12 years for Turkey to agree to reinstate the Israeli ambassador. After the 1991 Madrid peace conference, Turkey reinstated the Israeli ambassador and accepted the Palestine Liberation Organization's ambassador. Israeli officials say they hope that this time it won't take 12 years to get their ambassador back to Turkey.

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Bin Laden saw that the West was in decline

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Comment

The 9-11 attacks are linked to a wider moral malaise, including the loss of authority, integrity and family unity

Two things have haunted me since 9-11. The first is the pain, the grief, the lives lost and families devastated, the sheer barbaric ingenuity of evil. The scar in our humanity is still unhealed. The second is our failure to understand what Osama bin Laden was saying about the West. We did not hear the message then. I'm not sure we hear it now.

After the shock and grief subsided, two theories began to be heard. The first was that this was an event of epoch-changing magnitude. The terms of international politics had been transformed. The Cold War was over. Another war had begun. This time the enemy was not the Soviet Union and communism. It was radical, political Islam.

The second was the opposite: 9-11 was terrifying and terrible but it changed nothing because acts of terror never do. Terrorist campaigns have been aimed at other countries. Britain suffered similarly from the Irish Republican Army (IRA) in the 1970s. The most important thing is not to overreact. Terror may bring dividends in local conflicts but it never succeeds in its larger political aims.

There is something to be said for both theories. But there is a third, no less consequential. Why did Al Qaeda attack America? Because it believed that it could. Because it thought the United States was a power past its prime, no longer as lean and hungry as it believed it was.

Former U.S. defence secretary Robert McNamara said that the first rule in politics is to understand your enemy's psychology. As I struggled to understand 9-11, I began to suspect that the answer lay in the events of 1989. That is when the narratives of the West and the rest began seriously to diverge.

In the West, 1989 was seen as the collapse of communism, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the implosion of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War. The western narrative was triumphalist. It saw those events as heralding the victory of its values without a shot being fired. The free market and liberal democratic politics had won for the simplest of reasons. They delivered, while communism did not. They would now spread across the world. It was, said foreign policy expert Francis Fukuyama, the beginning of the end of history.

There was, though, another narrative that few were listening to. It said that the Soviet Union collapsed in 1989 not because of the triumph of liberal democracy but because of the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan earlier that year. It had invaded in 1979 and was forced to withdraw, not because of superpower politics but because of the determined resistance of a small group of highly motivated religious warriors, the mujahedeen and their helpers. That, historically, is the event that captured the imagination of Osama bin Laden.

According to this account, that one event, the humiliating retreat of the Soviet Army, set in motion a series of internal crises that resulted, months later, in the fall of a great power. If one of the world's two superpowers was vulnerable to asymmetric warfare – the war of the few against the many – why not the other, America itself? What 1989 represented was not the end of history but the end of a history dominated by the twin superpowers of Communist Russia and capitalist America.

Both were vulnerable because both were overripe and about to fall from the tree. Much excitement was felt in the West by the failure of communism. Less attention was paid to what sociologist Daniel Bell called the cultural contradictions of capitalism.

Throughout this period, there were voices that few seemed to be listening to. First and greatest was the philosopher Alasdair MacIntyre in his 1981 masterwork, *After Virtue*. He argued that the moral discourse of the West had broken down.

The "Enlightenment project" of a purely rational ethic had failed — not because there was no such thing, but because there were too many. They clashed inconclusively and people were left with a sense that morality is whatever you think it is.

His minatory warning was: "The barbarians are not waiting beyond the frontiers; they have already been governing us for quite some time." That was a scary thing to hear from one of the world's great philosophers. I soon began to hear it from other leading intellectuals also, such as Philip Rieff, Christopher Lasch and Robert Bellah. That is what I heard in the echoes of 9-11: that all great civilizations eventually decline, and when they begin to do so they are vulnerable. That is what bin Laden believed about the West and so did some of the West's own greatest minds.

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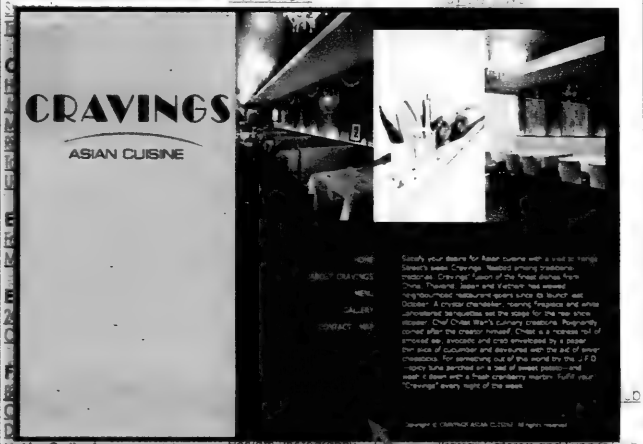

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Antisemitic conspiracy theories about 9-11 persist

Dan Klein
JTA

NEW YORK – Osama bin Laden is dead. A new skyscraper is rising at the site of the old World Trade Center. U.S. troops are withdrawing from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Ten years later, the physical legacies of 9-11 attacks are fading into history. Yet the conspiracy theories about who "really" was behind the attacks seem to be growing.

Like a drug-resistant virus, these fantasies have persisted despite efforts to combat them by mutating over time, taking new forms and finding new modes of transmission. Jews and Israel often are their targets, and they evoke centuries-old myths about Jewish power, allegiances and manipulation of social institutions.

The conspiracy theories began almost as soon as the towers fell. Four days after the attack, the Syrian newspaper *Al-Thawra* reported that 4,000 Jews failed to show up for work at the World Trade Center on 9-11 after being warned by Israeli intelligence, according to a 2007 U.S. State Department document debunking the myth. Another held that five Israeli students were secret Mossad agents who knew about the attacks and allowed them to happen. That myth eventually morphed into the conspiracy theory that the Israelis remotely directed the attacks.

Other myths have followed, spreading around the world and taking root even in the United States. Of 36,000 conspiracy videos recently found on the Internet, 16,000 implicated Jews or Israelis, according to a new report by the Anti-Defamation League titled *Decade of Deceit: Anti-Semitic 9/11 Conspiracy Theories 10 Years Later.*

"What we've seen in the last 10 years is the proliferation of a real propaganda industry surrounding Sept. 11," said the director of the ADL's civil rights division, Deborah Lauter. "Prominent among those theories are those making antisemitism front and centre."

The theories have amounted to more than just pernicious talk. On June 10, 2009, one alleged 9-11 conspiracy theorist opened fire at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, killing a security guard. The perpetrator, James von Brunn, then 88, died before the case could come to trial.

Experts say 9-11 myths that blame the Jews are spreading freely from neo-Nazis and other white supremacists into new areas whose acolytes are not necessarily antisemitic but are unknowingly adopting the tropes of classical antisemitic conspiracy theories: anti-government radicals, young anti-war activists, New Age ideologues, and propagandists and journalists in the Arab and Muslim worlds.

The devastation of the Twin Towers the day after 9-11. *[RNS photo]*

"What's changed is the proliferation of coded rhetoric to refer to Jews internationally and in the U.S.," said Chip Berlet, a senior analyst at Political Research Associates, a liberal think-tank based in Somerville, Mass. "They're unprepared to recognize it even when they see it."

Michael Barkun, a professor of political science at Syracuse University who has studied extremists and their ideologies, said, "They aren't people who are terribly different from the population at large," except that "they are more likely to be attracted to conspiracy theories."

Alan Sabrosky, a columnist for Veterans Today, an antisemitic website, is one of most widely cited sources for antisemitic 9-11 myths, according to the ADL. Sabrosky has declared his mission to "contain" Israel's ambition by exposing Israel's alleged role in 9-11 and maintains that Washington and New York are the centres of "Zionist power."

Citations of Sabrosky's work pop up not just on extreme-right websites but also on pro-Palestinian websites such as Mondoweiss, Arab media sites and the Internet newsletter Dissent Voice, which describes itself as "a radical newsletter in the search for peace and social justice."

"This is a strange world where the right and the left mix, with antisemitism shot through," said Scott Potok, director of the Southern Poverty Law Center's *Intelligence Report.* "On the left, it is shot through with anti-Zionism – on the right, the fear of the international Jew."

A 2008 poll of 17 representative nations by the Center for International Security Studies at the University of Maryland found that only nine of the countries surveyed had majorities who believed Al Qaeda orchestrated the attacks. Most of those who believed otherwise did not implicate Israel, however. Instead, they said they did not know who was behind the attacks or blamed the United States. In Russia, Israel-related conspiracy theories were at two per cent of those polled. In Kenya, three per cent believed in Israel-related myths. In Indonesia, the number was five per cent. In the Middle East, however, the numbers were much different. In Egypt, 43 per cent of respondents blamed Israel for 9-11. In Jordan, 31 per cent blamed Israel. In the West Bank and Gaza, the numbers were slightly lower. In Turkey, however, only three per cent believed Israel was behind the attacks.

Conservative columnist Daniel Pipes, who has written two books on conspiracy theories, says such theories about Jews are a fringe element in the West but are par for the course in the Middle East, where he said "they are spread by the mainstream media, leading intellectuals and politicians." Pipes considers 9-11 conspiracy theories a relatively benign false belief akin to theories about the Kennedy assassination – widespread, but not leading to damaging consequences.

The impact of the many 9-11 conspiracy theories is still not entirely clear.

"We're in a period where the boundaries between the mainstream and the fringe have become quite blurred," Barkun said. "Once they were more distinct. Once most people were not exposed to them, or if they were, it was to have them debunked. Now they move quite readily into the mainstream." Barkun added, "This shift in which these ideas have entered the mainstream is so recent that I don't think we are in a position to know what the social effects are."

Berlet said he worries that 9-11 conspiracy theories are fuelling the rise of antisemitic rhetoric in major public forums.

"It is horrifying. It creates a hunt for an enemy and undermines the very concept of democratic society," he said. "You would think that decent people would stand up and say, 'Enough.' It's spreading and our leaders lack the backbone to confront it."

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Renew moral disciplines

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If so, then 9-11 belongs to a wider series of phenomena affecting the West: the disintegration of the family, the demise of authority, the buildup of personal debt, the collapse of financial institutions, the downgrading of the American economy, the continuing failure of some European economies, the loss of a sense of honour, loyalty and integrity that has brought once esteemed groups into disrepute, the waning throughout the West of a sense of national identity and even last month's riots in Britain.

These are all signs of the arteriosclerosis of a culture, a civilization grown old. Whenever "me" takes precedence over "we," and pleasure today over viability tomorrow, a society is in trouble. If so, then the enemy is not radical Islam, it is us and our by now unsustainable self-indulgence.

The West has expended much energy and courage fighting wars in Afghanistan and Iraq abroad and defeating terror at home. It has spent far less, if any, in renewing its own morality and the institutions – families, communities, ethical codes, standards in public life – where it is created and sustained. But if I am right, this is the West's greatest weakness in the eyes of its enemies as well as its friends.

The only way to save the world is to begin with ourselves. Our burden after 9-11 is to renew the moral disciplines of freedom. Some say it can't be done. They are wrong: it can and must. Surely, we owe the dead no less.

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Staff Reporter

When the space shuttle Endeavour finally lifts off on NASA's penultimate shuttle flight later this month for many Israelis, it will symbolize the continuing journey of astronaut Ilan Ramon.

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A primer on Palestinian statehood

Uriel Heilman
JTA

When the annual session of the UN General Assembly opens next week, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas is expected to ask UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to present a Palestinian request for statehood recognition to the UN Security Council.

The long-anticipated request will kick off a chain of events that some analysts are warning could result in a new paroxysm of violence in the Middle East.

Here is a guide to what might happen, and what it might mean.

What do the Palestinians want the United Nations to recognize?

The Palestinians want recognition of the state of Palestine in the entirety of the West Bank, Gaza and eastern Jerusalem. The West Bank – an area controlled by Jordan from the end of Israel's War of Independence in 1949 until it was captured by Israel in the 1967 Six Day War – includes lands on which Jewish settlements now sit. Eastern Jerusalem was effectively annexed by Israel, but the international community views it as occupied territory. In total, more than 600,000 Jews reside in eastern Jerusalem and the West Bank.

PA President Mahmoud Abbas

What's the legal process for becoming a state?

The UN Security Council's approval is required to become a UN member state. The United States, which is one of the 15-member council's five permanent, veto-wielding members, has promised to veto a Palestinian statehood resolution.

Is there a way for the Palestinians to overcome a U.S. veto?

Not in the Security Council. However, the Palestinians still could seek statehood recognition at the UN General Assembly. While a General Assembly vote in favour of Palestinian statehood would not carry the force of law, the passage of such a resolution would be highly symbolic and represent a significant public relations defeat for Israel.

Is there any benefit short of full statehood recognition that the Palestinians can obtain at the United Nations?

Yes. The Palestinians already have non-member permanent observer status at the United Nations, which they obtained in 1974.

This time, the General Assembly could vote to recognize Palestine as a non-member UN state, which would put Palestinian UN membership on par with that of the Vatican. While being a non-member state wouldn't give the Palestinians much more than they have now as a non-state observer, it would be another symbolic victory.

If the Palestinians can get a two-thirds majority in support of statehood in the General Assembly, they also could put forward a so-called Uniting for Peace resolution. This non-binding, advisory resolution could provide legal cover to nations wanting to treat Palestine as a state – for example, allowing sanctions and lawsuits against Israel to go forward. The Uniting for Peace option was first used to circumvent a Soviet veto in the Security Council against action during the Korean War, and it was employed during the 1980s to protect countries that sanctioned apartheid South Africa from being sued under international trade laws.

Why are the Palestinians seeking statehood recognition from the United Nations rather than negotiating directly with Israel?

The Palestinian leadership has eschewed renewed peace talks with Israel, either because Abbas believes that talks with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu won't produce desired results or because Abbas believes he has more to gain by going to the international arena – or both.

Abbas essentially is gambling that the UN move will give him more leverage vis-a-vis Israel, making it more difficult for the Israelis to stick to their current negotiating positions and establishing the pre-1967 lines as the basis for negotiations.

What tools does Israel have to respond to the Palestinian bid?

Israel's strategy now is trying to persuade as many nations as possible – as well as the Palestinians – that a UN vote favouring Palestinian statehood would set back the peace track. The argument is that it would make it less likely that Israeli-Palestinian negotiations would succeed, forcing Israel to dig in its heels.

Beyond that, Israeli experts have warned, Israel may consider the unilateral Palestinian bid for UN recognition an abrogation of the Oslo accords, which stipulated that the framework for resolution of the conflict be negotiations between the two parties. If the Oslo accords, which provides the basis for the limited autonomy the Palestinians currently have in the West Bank, are nullified, Israel may reoccupy portions of the West Bank from which its forces have withdrawn, end security co-operation with the Palestinian Authority and withhold hundreds of millions of dollars in tax money it collects on behalf of the Palestinian Authority.

What are some of the other possible negative consequences for the Palestinians of UN statehood recognition?

The U.S. Congress has threatened to ban assistance to the Palestinian Authority if it pursues recognition of statehood at the United Nations. That could cost the Palestinians as much as $500 million annually, potentially crippling the Palestinian government.

What's the plan for the day after the UN vote?

It's not clear. The Palestinian leadership doesn't seem to have a plan. The Palestinian public is expected to stage mass demonstrations. Israel is preparing for a host of worst-case scenarios, including violence.

If the United Nations does endorse Palestinian statehood in some form, it will be seen as a public relations victory for the Palestinians. But in the absence of progress on the ground in the Middle East, a UN vote could set off popular Palestinian protests against Israel that could escalate into another Palestinian intifadah.

No one knows what another Palestinian intifadah will look like. It's possible that soon after a UN vote, Palestinians will march on Israeli settlements and military positions much like Palestinians in Syria and Lebanon marched on Israel's borders in mid-May to commemorate Nakba Day – the day marking the anniversary of the "catastrophe" of Israel's founding.

Or a UN vote could unleash a new wave of violence, with attacks and counterattacks that destroy the relative calm that has held between Israel and West Bank Palestinians since the second intifada waned in 2004.

The outbreak of violence, however, could undermine Palestinian interests. In the relative absence of Palestinian terrorism in recent years, the Palestinians have managed to get increased economic assistance, established upgraded diplomatic ties with nations throughout the world, rallied more global support for their cause, and seen a considerable rise in their gross domestic product (GDP) and quality of life in the West Bank. They don't want to throw that all away.

That may leave the Palestinians and Israel back where they started before talk of UN recognition began: at a standstill.

UN secretary general supports Palestinian statehood

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The Palestinian people are "long overdue" in their quest for an independent state, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said on Friday, ahead of a Palestinian push for statehood in the United Nations planned for later this month.

Ban's comments came a day after Palestinian activists launched a campaign for the recognition of a Palestinian state in the United Nations. The move contradicts earlier reports that the Palestinian Authority was the one who issued the request.

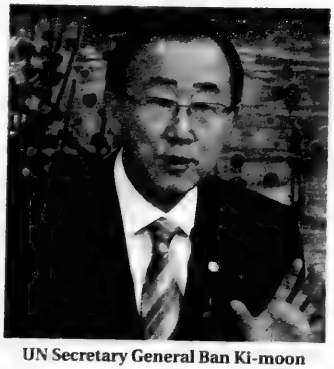
In a letter addressed to Ban's Ramallah office, Palestinian activists urged the leader of the international community to "exert all possible efforts toward the achievement of the Palestinian people's just demands."

Speaking on Friday, the UN chief was quoted by the French news agency AFP as saying he fully supported Palestinian statehood: "The two-state vision where Israel and Palestinians can live... side by side in peace and security – that is a still a valid vision and I fully support it."

"And I support also the statehood of Palestinians, an independent, sovereign state of Palestine. It has been long overdue," Ban told reporters in Canberra, Australia, adding that a "recognition of a state is something to be determined by the member states."

Ban stressed the point further, saying, according to AFP, that it was not a decision to be made "by the Secretary General so I leave it to the member states to decide to recognize or not to recognize."

The UN chief's comments came following following a *Ha'aretz* report, according to which White House Middle East emissaries Dennis Ross and David Hale met Wednesday with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and made it clear to him that a request to the United Nations for recognition in about two weeks of an independent Palestinian state could have serious implications.



UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon

For his part, Abbas said the Palestinian request for recognition of statehood within the 1967 borders had reached a point of no return and he could not retract it. Ross and Hale also met with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Ehud Barak in the course of their visit to the region, but the trip was aimed at applying last-minute pressure on the Palestinian president.

An Israeli source with knowledge of the details of the meeting between the visiting Americans and Abbas noted that this was the first time the Americans had spelled out the full negative implications of the Palestinian request to the United Nations.

Report studies economic concentration in Israel

Nathan Lipson
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JERUSALEM — At the beginning of August, a team of economists at the Finance Ministry finished working on a comprehensive report.

At the time, the public debate on Israel's economic and social future was escalating to new heights, the result of several processes. The first began in October 2010, when Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced the establishment of a committee to improve the Israeli economy's competitiveness, which became popularly known as the "economic concentration committee."

Then on July 14, the first tents began popping up on Rothschild Boulevard; the grassroots protest that would make headlines around the world had begun. About two weeks later, the biggest demonstration ever seen in Israel was held.

On Aug. 10, Netanyahu set up another committee, headed by economic adviser Manuel Trajtenberg. The prime minister also noticed that his economic concentration committee had fallen apart – people had left or resigned. He began taking steps to prevent its utter dissolution.

All these processes put economic concentration smack in the middle of the public discourse and created a yawning need for reliable data, numbers the government, the Finance Ministry, the economic concentration committee and the Trajtenberg committee could use to shape recommendations.

Manuel Trajtenberg

Such information was crucial to the public interest. It was needed to prove whether a problem really exists, what its dimensions are and whether it has weakened or worsened over the years.

And exactly at this critical time, the economists at the economics and research department of the Tax Authority, an arm of the Finance Ministry, finished a report based entirely on empirical data. The report's title: *Activity by the business groups in Israel: Situation report on the state of economic concentration.*

The data on which the report is based is not only comprehensive, it's also the exclusive property of the Finance Ministry, specifically the Tax Authority. It's the database of the annual tax reports filed by all of Israel's companies, private and public. It contains information not only about the companies, but about the wages they pay their employees and managers. There is no better, broader and more up-to-date set of data than this.

The conclusions of the treasury economists are definitive. Foremost, the authors conclude that not only does economic concentration plague Israel, but it grew worse in the period they studied, 2002 to 2008.

They also conclude that economic concentration constitutes a "systemic risk" to the economy: the owners of the pyramidal holding companies manage to channel more and more of the profits made by the group companies to themselves, the "concentration groups" do not create jobs and the wages they pay their workers are lower than at companies outside the great business pyramids.

They found the wage gap between executives and rank-and-file workers stayed the same at companies outside the big conglomerates. The gap widened in them.

A month has passed since the document was finished, but it remained in the hands of a few Finance Ministry people. It did not reach the economic concentration committee. It wasn't sent to the Trajtenberg committee, and it certainly wasn't published in the public domain.

The data in the tables and charts, together with the analysis by the economists of the Economics and Research Department of the Tax Authority, is economic and social dynamite.

The report significantly strengthens the view that economic concentration is afflicting Israel and is causing significant economic damage. It also completely contradicts a report by economist Yaakov Sheinin published in May. Sheinin's report, commissioned by Nochi Dankner's IDB group, the biggest holding company in the land, concluded that economic concentration in Israel is not exceptional.

The treasury report clearly links economic concentration to claims about inequality of income distribution. It states that economic concentration isn't just a main cause of this inequality; it worsens it. The report also underscores the urgent need to find mechanisms that diminish economic concentration for good.

The top people at the Finance Ministry owe an explanation for sitting on the report. If the economic concentration committee and Trajtenberg committee didn't receive access to it before, they may have to stop before releasing their recommendations.

Competition is the cure for what ails Israel

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JERUSALEM — The wave of social protests that has washed over Israel is splitting into two main camps.

Analysis

One wants to fix the economy by making it truly competitive, free of giant pyramidal conglomerates that stifle competition, and free of the powerful labour unions that strangle any nascent competition to the monopolistic infrastructure behemoths.

The other camp envisions a sharp transition from a liberal economy based on values of enterprise to a quasi-socialist economy based on central planning and state involvement at all levels.

The quasi-socialists blur their position with the sobriquet "welfare state." But when they spell out their demands in full, it becomes crystal clear they advocate a return to the socialist era in which the government provided housing services, set product prices and inventory levels, and decided who gets to import what (resulting in a regime of cronyism). The list of areas in which they demand state involvement will just grow longer. That's the nature of that conceptual line.

The conflict between the two streams – advocates of liberalism and free competition, and believers in latter-day socialism – will intensify. In any case, Israel is heading for a crossroads that many economies before it have reached. Israel will have to choose between economic freedom and central planning.

This is not indulging in abstracts. Britain faced the same choices in the 19th and 20th centuries, as did the United States in the early 1900s. They chose freedom, subject to one main constraint – a restriction on the formation of elements that would imperil freedom, namely monopolies and cartels.

Russia went a different way, choosing central planning and dictatorship by the proletariat, which all too soon turned into a dictatorship of cronies.

The results speak for themselves. Not only did the Soviet Union collapse as a regime, its economy was one of the worst ever to arise. The incentives to invest in these economies were completely distorted and the results were awful. Everybody got less, and the economic pie shrank.

Israel must choose. It can choose to fix markets born as monopolies, tear down the bad structures, destroy the dictatorship of the trade unions and the creation of a nation of starving temps employed by manpower companies and working under sweatshop conditions more appropriate to 200 years ago. This would open the bottleneck, creating a competitive stream of businesses, investments and jobs, with growing pay and productivity.

Or, Israel can choose to meet the demands of certain protest leaders who want to help themselves to chunks of the budget. It isn't an indecent demand, but it is astonishing in its sheer superficiality. True economic repair doesn't involve merely redistributing the fruits of the tree. It involves curing the tree of its diseases so it produces more fruit.

If the people advising the protesters remain in the thrall of the "social justice" slogan, they will steer the good ship Protest straight into catastrophe.

That's the state of the protest today. The demands "give us more money" and "give us cheap housing in Tel Aviv" must change into a demand for more competition that lowers the average grocery bill and assures us of what we really need in life: jobs, better productivity and wages that reflect output.

At the end of the day, the people of Israel can't live without hope, without opportunity for their children, without a just, open economy. For all that, we need just one thing: competition.

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Village was the home of *Anne of Green Gables* author

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Forty-five minutes west of Toronto is the blink-and-you'll-miss-it village of Norval: a single set of stoplights, the rippling Credit River, two excellent bakeries, a popular pancake restaurant, two day spas and a country music venue.

Perfect for a day trip, Norval also offers three nature walks, an award-winning heritage garden, trout and salmon fishing, and the calming ambience of Victorian houses surrounded by tall pines. A few new homes crest the hill, yet Norval seems pretty much as it was when Lucy Maud Montgomery lived here.

Lucy who? Kathy Gastle, president of the L.M. Montgomery Museum (located in Crawford's Village Bakeshop), calls the author of the iconic *Anne of Green Gables* "Maud," as all those who revere Montgomery for the years (1929-1935) she spent here, lovingly recording her fondness for the village, photographing her favourite country walks and organizing amateur theatricals. "My grandmother gave me her posters and photographs from the village theatrical and choral societies that Montgomery founded," says Gastle, who has been hooked on Maud since childhood.

The museum, inaugurated in 2008, houses memorabilia Gastle inherited, with more personal items donated by the descendants of a Montgomery relative who married a Norval boy in the 1930s. "Montgomery played matchmaker," says Gastle. Crawford's Bakery sells fruitcake made according to "Aunt Maud's" recipe, and there's an eponymous cookbook, too.

Recent additions include a display of books published on Montgomery in Japan, evidence of that country's continuing fascination with this red-haired orphan and the Canadian author who created her. Gastle has been known to take inquisitive overseas visitors around the hamlet in her car, showing them the exact spots where Maud loved to walk: unspoiled green valleys and pine forests, the straight path where the "radial railway" ran between Guelph and Toronto. Montgomery would board the train in Norval, venturing into the city to attend meetings of the Arts & Letters Club.

Hollyhocks grow in Heritage Garden

The L.M. Montgomery Museum. *[N.Wigston photos]*

Museum visitors can purchase Montgomery's books, Anne of Green Gables dolls and the wonderfully kitschy straw hats with red braids attached; a separate room overflows with period antiques. A rare bottle of "Credit Valley Beverage" (soda), made on the Credit, is for sale on the day of our visit; Gastle purchases it for her memorabilia collection. The museum visitors' book bears signatures from Japan, Sweden and England. Further down the road the L.M. Montgomery Heritage Garden is splendid with hollyhocks and climbing roses; steps away, fans can retrace her favourite country path, crossing a bridge over a bubbling creek that joins the Credit River.

A visitor tries on an Anne of Green Gables hat and braids.

Gastle shows me around the Gazebo commemorating the centenary of the Women's Institute (Montgomery was a member), decorated with plaques bearing quotations from Maud's journals that speak of her love for Norval; nearby, a sundial tells the time. A major force in our literary landscape, Montgomery has become more intriguing with time, a phenomenon perhaps explained by the publication, decades after her death, of the five volumes of her disarmingly honest journals. A diarist since her teens, Montgomery published more than 20 novels and 500 short stories, as well as poetry and autobiography. *The Selected Journals of L.M. Montgomery*, however, tell the story behind the public face.

In her Norval years she suffered depression (emotional and financial), a husband's breakdown, a son's bad behaviour, and the icing on the cake: a fan from hell. (Celebrity stalking was not the familiar term it is today.) These diaries make as gripping a read as anything in her fiction. Norval has become a magnet for Montgomery fans, for scholars heading to the University of Guelph to study her archives, and, says Gastle, a steady flow of "Japanese tourists with layovers at Pearson Airport." Even the recent tsunami has not dimmed Japanese interest in Montgomery; last month, a busload of tourists from Japan arrived in Norval, following a trail that takes them to Prince Edward Island and finally to Halifax, where the writer worked at *The Echo*, a city newspaper.

"I have never loved any place so well save Cavendish," Montgomery wrote of Norval. Still, the chances are slim that one of Canada's most famous writers who wrote and lived in Norval is known to anglers fishing the Credit on a sunny summer's day. And that Montgomery lived with her minister husband in the Presbyterian Manse on Draper Street is not what draws two genial ladies and their cute-as-pie puppy to shady McNab Park. Ditto for the dozen souls sitting rapt at the feet of herb specialist Richard DeSylva, as he discourses on the multitude of local herbs, much less the deer and her fawn exploring the riverbank. Montgomery, cautious about the notoriety her success attracted, would no doubt have approved.

"Norval is so beautiful it takes my breath away," wrote Maud in her journals.

"The pine hills full of shadows – those river reaches – those bluffs of maple and smooth-trunked beech, drifts of wild white blossom everywhere." Whether you come to fish, picnic by the river, hike historic or ecological paths, gather wild herbs, chase butterflies in the garden or gaze at frogs and turtles in the lily pond, explore the Heritage Garden and museum, enjoy homemade Italian sandwiches and cappuccinos from San Francisco Bakery, sample Crawford's sumptuous array of baked goods and jams, or buy fresh produce at Carter Farm Market (on Winston Churchill Road), this village on the Credit rewards visitors with its timeless, easygoing nature.

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SONGS FROM THE LODZ GHETTO EXPLORES UPLIFTING ROLE OF MUSIC FOR DOOMED GHETTO INHABITANTS

Congregation Habonim presents *Songs From the Lodz Ghetto*, a film directed by **David Kaufman** that explores the uplifting role that music and culture played for ghetto dwellers facing the constant threat of death during the Nazi era. 5 Glen Park Ave. (near Bathurst & Glencairn) on Sunday, Sept. 18, 8 p.m. $10 admission, everyone welcome.

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Poetry Readings: Toronto poet **Ron Charach** reads from his new book of poems, *Forgetting the Holocaust at Thin Air*, during Winnipeg's international writers festival, at the Millenium Library, Tuesday, Sept. 20, 11:45 a.m., and the Shaw Performing Arts Centre (Sept. 20, 8 p.m.) Charach also reads at Toronto's Revival on College, 783 College St., Thursday, Sept. 22, 7:45 p.m.

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Names in the News: Elle Flanders may be a familiar name to those of us who followed the Toronto Pride Parade's ugly "Israel apartheid" controversy over the past two summers. Flanders is one of the prime radicals behind that noxious band of local bigots self-styled as Queers Against Israeli Apartheid, who almost destroyed the parade's long-established sense of friendly inclusion. Now she's back in the public eye with *Road Movie*, a "film installation" focusing on her primary obsession of many years, the so-called "segregated West Bank."

An official selection of the 2011 Toronto International Film Festival, *Road Movie* received public funding from the Toronto Arts Council and the National Film Board. Shouldn't these institutions be a tad more selective in the doling out of public dollars? After all, their own fine reputations are at stake. Flanders used an original composition by musician-composer **Dave Wall** in her film installation. Wall, a co-bandleader of the **Flying Bulgars** (formerly the **Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band**), has also worked with filmmaker **John Greyson**, another notorious local anti-Israel agitator. Countless klezmerists of old must be turning in their graves.

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***Einayim G'Dolot*, the classic film screens Sept. 25**

Arts in Brief

• **Rabbi Andrea Myers** reads from her recent memoir *The Choosing: A Rabbi's Journey from Silent Nights to High Holy Days* (Rutgers University Press) in which she outlines her reasons for converting to Judaism. Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m. Admission free, everyone welcome; refreshments. 416-633-5500.

• Active Seniors presents **Prof. Harold Troper**, who discusses his award-winning book *None Is Too Many*, the story of the Canadian government's refusal to accept Jewish immigrants from eastern Europe during the prewar and World War II era. Miles Nadal JCC, Thursday, Sept. 22, 1:30 p.m. 416-924-6211, ext. 155.

• Toronto Jewish Film Society presents *Big Eyes* (*Einayim G'Dolot*), a crisp black-and-white Israeli film classic. The story focuses on a womanizing basketball coach who tries frantically to balance the vagaries of life in Tel Aviv of the 1970s. $15, $10. No advance ticket sales; rush seats on sale 15 minutes before each screening. Free reception in the MNJCC Gallery between screenings. Miles Nadal JCC, Al Green Theatre, Sunday, Sept. 25, 4 and 7:30 p.m. 416-924-6211, ext. 606.

• Television personality and standup comic **Howie Mandel**, formerly of Toronto, appears at the Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts, Brantford, Ont., Monday, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m. Tickets $70. 1-800-265-0710, www.sandersoncentre.ca

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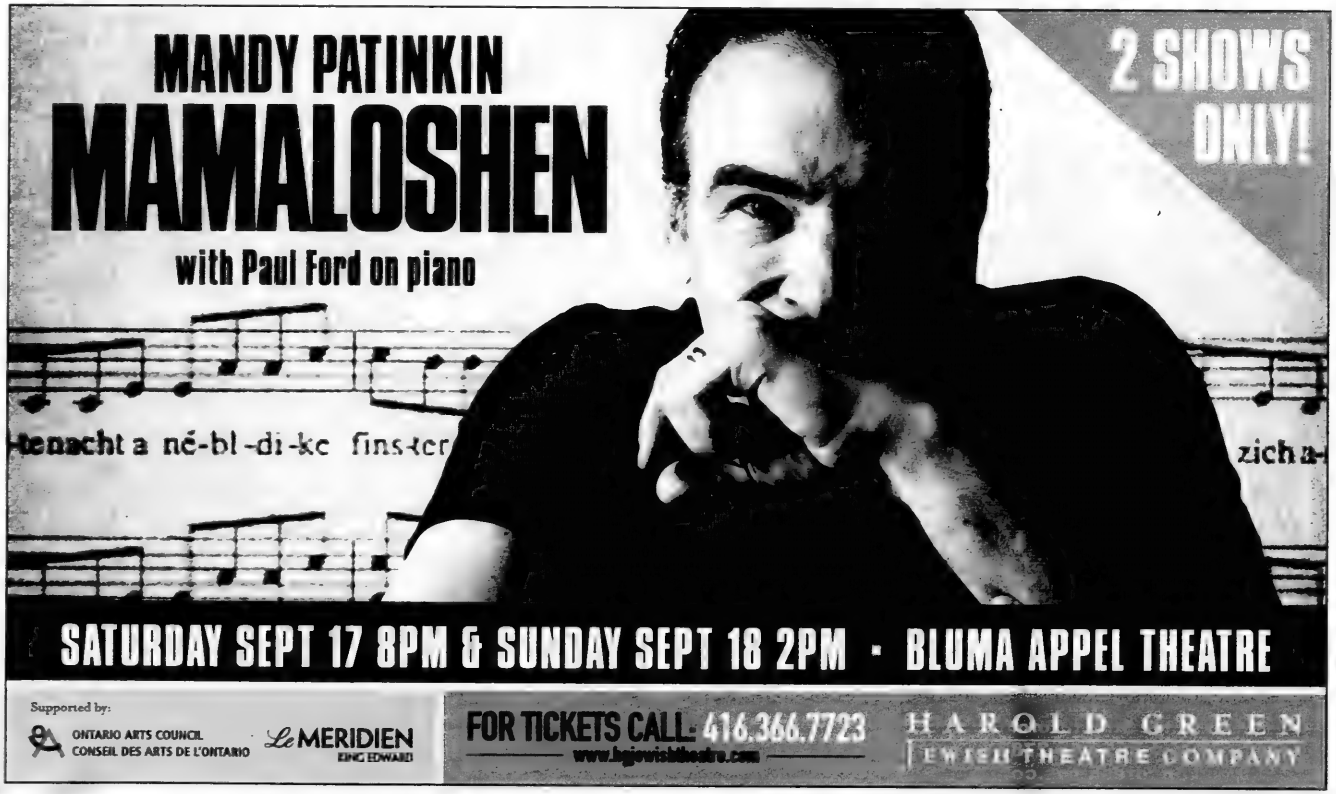
At the Galleries

• *Homestead*, an exhibition by Toronto artists **Rochelle Rubinstein** and **Lanny Shereck**, is on view at the loop gallery, 1273 Dundas St. W., through Sept. 25. 416-516-2581, www.loopgallery.ca

• *Of Music and Paintings*, an exhibition of paintings by **Paul Peregal**, features portraits of musicians and composers as well as cityscapes. Classical music and jazz from the likes of **Ralph Vaughan Williams**, **Gustav Mahler**, **Leonard Bernstein**, **Charlie Parker** and many others have had a great impact on Peregal's work. Peregal's paintings have been described as "visual jazz, painted with thick black strokes that melt enliven the vibrant colour." On view at the Miles Nadal JCC Gallery, Bloor and Spadina, through Oct. 3.



Ofra Harnoy kicks off Mooredale Concerts season

Kathryn Kates
Special to The CJN

Multi-award-winning cellist Ofra Harnoy will give her first Canadian recital after a decade-long sabbatical to launch the 23rd season of Mooredale Concerts on Sept. 25, at Toronto's Walter Hall.

The Israel-born, Canada-raised, Order of Canada recipient will be joined by Mooredale's artistic director, Anton Kuerti at the piano. The two will include Bach's Suite No. 3 for solo cello, Beethoven's Cello Sonata in A Major, Op. 69 and the romantic Cello Sonata by César Franck in their set.

"It's a pretty meaty program," Harnoy says. "I am excited to work on the Beethoven with Anton because he is such a Beethoven expert. The last work on the program is kind of difficult for Anton because the last time he played the César Franck *Sonata* was with his wife, (cellist and Mooredale creator, Kristine Bogyo) before she died of cancer (in 2007)."

Harnoy was at the pinnacle of her musical career, having recorded well-over 40 CDs and performing throughout the world, when she decided to take a break. "When I had my kids, I slowed down right at the beginning, and then I realized, I wanted to do very, very little because I really wanted to spend time with them." Harnoy has a 14-year-old son and a 12-year-old daughter.

"I continued to do a few concerts here and there, and then my mother was diagnosed with leukemia," she says. "I basically cancelled everything to take care of her for five years," Harnoy explains. "It was three years ago that she passed away, and it has taken me awhile to get back into things.

"I still want to spend quality time with my kids, they are getting older—so if I do a concert here and there, I am going to be very choosy and picky. I'm doing the Mooredale Concert as a return favour, because I wanted to do a charity event, and I asked Anton Kuerti to help me out with it, and he asked if I would mind to open up the season for his Mooredale Concerts, and I said, only if you play with me. I love that it happened."

Harnoy is excited about the upcoming concert and so are her musically inclined children. Since committing to the concert, she has elevated her practice schedule, while balancing motherhood duties, especially now that her kids are back at school, and needing pickups and drop-offs.

"People have been asking me if I'm going to bring more into the music after this break. What I say is that it is very important to have life experiences to put into your music. Some of the younger generation of musicians' lives are so narrow, performing and performing, that they don't have time to have real life experiences to put into their music, and music is about communicating emotions, feelings and life and it should never be forgotten. The technique is only the means of achieving that," adds Harnoy.

Ofra Harnoy

Prior to the concert Harnoy and Kuerti will participate in a Mooredale Concerts staple called "Music & Truffles", a one-hour, interactive version of their concert, for children 5-15 and their parents. Harnoy says she used to take her children to these events when they were very young.

Harnoy says she is very involved in the Jewish scene and has done lots of charity work for Jewish agencies. "If you have a Jewish soul, it affects how you play. There is a certain something that you carry-on with your Jewishness. It is almost a maturity before your time because you know of all the history of the Jewish people and in my family you knew it from a very young age and it affects everything you do.

"When I play Jewish music it especially brings it close to my heart, like *Kol Nidre* and modern works by Paul Ben-Haim."

Harnoy and Kuerti kick off the Mooredale Concert series on Sept. 25 at 3:15 p.m. (Music & Truffles at 1:15 p.m.) at Walter Hall in the Edward Johnson Building of the U of T's Faculty of Music, 80 Queen's Park, Toronto. For tickets call: 416-922-3714, ext. 103. Or visit www.mooredaleconcerts.com. Ofra Harnoy's website is www.ofraharnoy.com.

Jewish fraternity inspires band

Laura Fixman
Intern

Isaac Simms and Michael Shapinko said they've gotten closer while playing music together in their band, the Responsables.

Simms and Shapinko met while they were members of the Jewish fraternity Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi) at the University of Toronto, and they discovered they shared a love of music. They formed the Responsables about a year and a half ago with three other members, and they both said their experience in AEPi informs their lives to this day.

"I learned a lot about my life there," Shapinko said. "I feel like it's informed my life and my Jewish culture to this day."

Simms added, "It was a good way to connect to my Jewish culture, and it gave me the opportunity to take a leadership role."

The Responsables got their name from a sign that said "drink responsibly," which they saw near one of the first venues they played at. They perform reggae music and Shapinko, who mostly plays bass for the band, said that every member of the band has a part in creating their songs.

Michael Shapinko, left, and Isaac Simms of The Responsables

"We all respect each other musically," he said. "I recognize that everyone's got a different task, and I'm usually the one who handles the weird stuff in our music."

Shapinko has been in various bands since he was 15. He knew he wanted to join a band after he saw the movie *Almost Famous*. He said the first time he performed it was as much fun as he thought it would be.

The Responsables currently perform at various small venues in downtown Toronto, and Shapinko said he hopes that one day they will be able to make a living from their music. He added that even if they don't, he will continue to perform because he loves music.

"I feel total confidence every time we hit the stage. When we're in the middle of a really good rehearsal or performance we get into this zone," Shapinko said. He added, "I think music is the universal language."

The band is currently working on a CD they hope to release by the end of 2011. In the meantime, their music is available on their Myspace page. They include songs such as *Orange Juice*, which has a classic reggae sound, and *Switch*, which mixes in more of the blues rock that Simms and Shapinko originally played together.

Simms, who usually plays guitar in the band, has been interested in music since he was a kid, and he sees it as an opportunity for personal growth, as well as to step out of his comfort zone when it comes to performing.

"I never thought I could sing before, but the more I try it when I perform, the easier it gets," Simms said. "It's definitely a big rush to show people what you can do. I used to get nervous, but it's really a big adrenaline rush when you go up there."

Shapinko said that one of the best parts of being in the band is the friendships that came from working with his bandmates.

"I'd do anything for these guys, and I think they'd do the same for me," he said.

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Holocaust novel is set in the Sudetenland

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Toronto novelist Alison Pick, whose book *Far to Go* was on the list of 13 contenders for the 2011 Man Booker prize, announced in July, says she has benefited from the honour even though *Far to Go* did not make the three-title short list that the Man Booker jury released on Sept. 6.

"I think at my stage, I have won already, just by getting on the long list," she told *The CJN* in August. "I've sold the book in other countries, and my agents have had lots and lots of interest. I feel the book is reaching readers it would not otherwise have reached."

Far to Go (Anansi), which has just been released in paperback, is Pick's second novel. It won the 2010 Canadian Jewish Book Award for fiction. It is a Holocaust story set in the Sudetenland region of Czechoslovakia in 1938 and 1939, around the time of the Munich Agreement and as the Nazis move in and begin to deport Jews to concentration camps.

Far to Go focuses on the travails of one family, the Bauers, as the Nazi noose begins to tighten. Pavel Bauer is a factory owner, husband to Annaliese and father of six-year-old Pepik. The story is told largely from the point of view of the Bauers' nanny, Marta, who is having an affair with Ernst, a trusted family friend who works in Pavel's factory.

Marta keeps mum about Ernst's plan to gain control of Pavel's assets in case the latter is deported. Naïve and uncomprehending of the Nazi's overall plan for the Jews, she seems indifferent to the fate of the Bauers, except as to how it might affect her. But her attachment to Pepik is genuine.

As secular Jews, the Bauers pay more attention to Christmas than to Jewish holidays. But Pavel still feels a strong attachment to his Jewish heritage and won't consider Annaliese's suggestion to have their son baptized for his own protection.

Nevertheless, Annaliese secretly takes the boy to a priest, who asks: "Water or papers?" In other words, should he actually perform the baptism or just provide the necessary paperwork indicating it was done? Annaliese goes for the full deal.

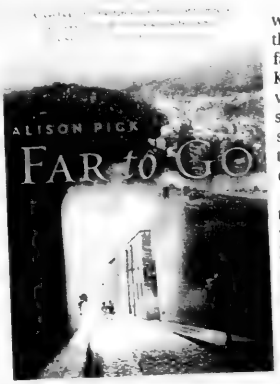
Although described on the book's sleeve as an "epic historical novel," *Far to Go* seems nothing of the sort. For me, that term evokes colossal works such as *War and Peace*, *Gone With the Wind*, and earlier lyrical-heroic counterparts such as the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*, not to mention the Hebrew book of Kings.

By contrast, the action in *Far to Go* seems almost quotidian and routine. Pick's real achievement lies in recreating the mundane everyday world that the Bauers inhabited as political events transform them from ordinary upper-middle-class citizens into refugees fleeing for their lives. This she does with an admirable degree of verisimilitude.

There is nothing particularly heroic or noble about any of the characters in *Far to Go*. They are ordinary people, reduced by circumstances imposed on them to hunted creatures who must give up almost everything they possess to disappear into the night. Perhaps their most outstanding accomplishment is that, despite obstacles, they manage to place their son onto a kindertransport to England, saving his life.

Far to Go generates considerable tragic irony by framing the Holocaust-era story within a mystery tale set in recent times. In the modern story, a researcher uncovers Holocaust documents related to the Bauers and friends that bureaucratically indicate their various fates ("Died Auschwitz 1943"). The mysterious researcher, whose identity is revealed as the story unfolds, seeks out a key figure from the Holocaust tale and explains her special relationship to him.

The framing device is a common feature of Holocaust stories (*Hannah's Suitcase*, *Fugitive Pieces*, *Schindler's List*), but Pick lends it a postmodern flourish by allowing her two modern characters to admit that they have jointly written the novel's central Holocaust story to give it the level of realistic detail it required. It is Pick herself, of course, who has actually invented everything in the novel after careful study of many historical sources. The assertion of these two characters that they wrote much of the book seems to undermine its realism and give it some of the fuzziness of myth.



As historical fiction, *Far to Go* imposes tight limitations on period and character. Most of its scenes are set within the Bauer residence, and we're given few glimpses of the larger society in which the characters lived. This seems a very narrow slice of life in comparison to the expansive canvases of old-fashioned, three-generational sagas such as Isaac Bashevis Singer's *The Family Moskat* or Thomas Mann's *Buddenbrooks*. You might say that *Far to Go* is nicely streamlined in accordance with modern sensibilities.

The novel also seems to touch a chord with modern readers because it satisfies the popular Jewish quest to reach back into time and retrieve, as best we can, our ghosts from the Holocaust. Indeed, Pick says she wrote the book as part of a deep personal quest to learn about her own family's past.

Her grandparents were Czech Jews who escaped to Canada in 1939, settling in Sherbrooke, Que., where her father was born in 1944. Raised in Kitchener-Waterloo, she grew up vaguely knowing of the well-guarded secret of her Jewish roots, but it was something no one in her family would talk about until after her grandmother's death 10 years ago.

"My Dad grew up not knowing that he was Jewish," she said. "He was in the cemetery in Prague when he was a young man in his early 20s, and the tour guide told him that Pick is a Jewish name. He went home and asked his parents and they did tell him they were Jewish, but there was still an atmosphere of secrecy until my grandmother died. She was really the one who didn't want to talk about it. She lost both her parents in Auschwitz and her way of coping with that was just to deny."

In her own life, Pick has turned her family's journey into a circle. Several years ago the author, now in her mid-30s, and her husband converted to Judaism, and are raising their young child as a Jew.

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Wheelchair athlete aims for London Paralympics

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Joel Dembe has been playing wheelchair tennis for 13 years now, but it wasn't until last November that he realized he was getting really good at it. As in, best in Canada.

Since his teen years, he's had pretty good success, even though he's treated the sport as something he did "on the side." But when he finished third at the Canadian Nationals, he thought to himself, "How far could I go if I really took the game seriously?"

Last March, Dembe, 27, took a leave of absence from his job in TD Canada Trust's marketing department to devote himself exclusively to tennis. In doing so, he set some goals that are not particularly modest, at the top of which is representing Canada in the 2012 London Paralympics.

Based on his current status, he's got a pretty good chance of fulfilling that dream.

With his most recent showing, Dembe is ranked first in Canada in the ITF Men's Wheelchair tennis singles ranking as of July 2011, and 46th in the world.

He's played in 14 tournaments so far this year and will have competed in 18 by the end of the year, including the Para Pan American Games in Guadalahara, Mexico, later this fall. Tennis has taken him across the continent and in February he won the Puerto Rico Open, his first victory of the season.

In June he won his second tournament win, the Sacramento Capitals Championship. The victory came one week after a quarter-final finish in the Birmingham Canadian Classic in Mississauga.

In May, he finished second in the Texas Open in Dallas, and in August, he won the PoCoMo Wheelchair Tennis Classic in Coquitlam, B.C. Dembe didn't drop a set in that event and convincingly beat fellow Canadian Philippe Bedard in the finals by a score of 6-3, 7-5.

Joel Dembe has his sights set on Top 30 ranking

The win in Sacramento was particularly memorable. "I played a lot of Americans, the top-ranked players," Dembe said.

His success can be attributed to hard work and an ultra-competitive nature. "I'm playing every day or training every day," he said. His regimen includes working on his strength and cardiovascular endurance, and "it's paid off for me," he said.

Working with coach Ben Armstrong, who also trains tennis pro Sharon Fichman, Dembe has managed to improve his first serve. "It's a weapon now," he said, "and my speed on the court is better as well.

"I've gotten stronger in the last few months, so I hit the ball harder throughout the game," he added.

At 46th in the world, Dembe believes he has a shot at the Paralympics, but it's far from a sure thing. "Right now I'm on the cusp. I have to hope that I can maintain my progress. I think I can."

Dembe was born with teratoma, a benign tumor in the abdomen that migrated to his spine, compressing it and causing nerve damage. He began playing as a teen, describing it as "something I've done on the side, never giving it my full commitment."

Over the years he took "baby steps. It's been a slow progression to get to where I am now.

"I've had the opportunity to continue improving year after year. I've never stopped wanting to get better."

"I'm probably one of the more competitive players."

Now that he's at the top of the game, at least as far as Canada is concerned, he remains unsatisfied.

"It's not enough," he said. "I want to be in the Top 30 in the world."

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Bengal free safety cites bar mitzvah as milestone

Harvey Rosen
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WINNIPEG — And so it has come to pass that the lockout is over and indeed there will be a National Football League (NFL) season in 2011, which means it's time for *The CJN*'s annual survey of Jews in North America's premier pro gridiron circuit.

A good place to start would be free safety Taylor Mays, 23, a second-round pick of the San Francisco 49ers in 2010.

After starting with the Niners last year, Mays was traded to the Cincinnati Bengals on Aug. 24 for an undisclosed draft pick. He had apparently been on the trading block for close to three weeks following the late signing of free agent veteran Donte Whitner.

Mays is an African-American Jew whose dad, Stafford Mays, was a one-time NFL defensive lineman. His Jewish mother, Laurie Mays (nee Black), is a Nordstrom executive.

Born in Seattle, Mays was raised Jewish and had a bar mitzvah. The six-foot-three, 230-pounder, who won All-Pac10 honours twice for the University of California and was a three-time All American in college was, interestingly, quoted in his college yearbook as saying that the aforementioned ceremony was a key event in his life.

He added: "I don't think at the time I really understood what it meant. Now that I am looking back on it, I feel like I have come a long way in regards to maturity and becoming an adult."

Mays, who was chosen in college as one of the top three finalists for the Jim Thorpe Award, given to the nation's best defensive back, played in all of the 49ers 16 games last year, starting in six. He recorded 31 tackles and assisted on seven others.

Taylor Mays was traded by the San Francisco 49ers to the Bengals

Then there's Antonio Garay, 32, a Boston College grad whose mom is Jewish and whose dad is Catholic. Drafted by Cleveland in the sixth round in 2003, Garay is a former national wrestling champion. A defensive tackle who went on to play for the Bears and later was plucked off the New York Jets practice roster by the Chargers, Garay comes in the large economy size at six-foot-four and 320 pounds.

In San Diego, Garay won the job as starting nose tackle for most of the 2010 season and finished with an impressive 48 tackles and five sacks, leading all defensive linemen on the roster. That performance earned him a new two-year contract with the Chargers.

Anything in the world of sports can happen, but it appears that Sage Rosenfels, at age 33, will remain a backup quarterback in his final gridiron years. The son of a Jewish father was taken in the 2001 draft by Washington and has also had stops in Miami, Houston and Minnesota after playing college ball at Iowa State.

His best shot was perhaps with the Vikings until a guy named Brent Favre showed up. Now Rosenfels is on stage with the Giants in New York where, naturally, Eli Manning will start. The only action the six-foot-four and 225-pound signal-caller saw last year was in a single game in the fourth quarter of a victory at Seattle. Not counting that brief fling, he was also the team's holder for field goals and extra points.

Two years ago, a pair of Jewish behemoths met at practice on a gridiron in Dallas and developed mutual respect for one another – Cowboys Igor Olshanski, a 29-year-old defensive right end who stands six-foot-five and tips the scales at 315 pounds, and Kyle Kosier, 32, an offensive guard at the same height and six pounds lighter. Interestingly, neither knew of each other's ethnic background.

Olshanski holds the distinction of being the first Russian to make it in the NFL. Taken in the second round (35th overall) in 2004 by the Chargers, he played football at the University of Oregon. After five seasons with San Diego, he signed a four-year contract as an unrestricted free agent in 2009 with Dallas.

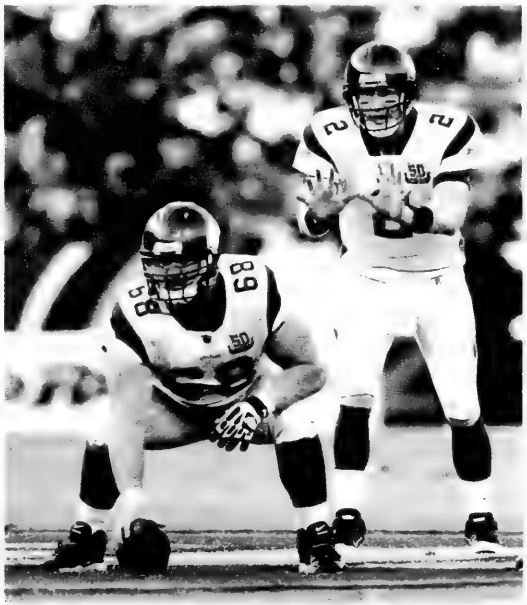
He and his wife, Liya Rubinshteyn, still live on the West Coast. In his youth, he attended the Hebrew Academy of San Francisco, and among his many tattoos are a pair of Magen Davids.

Last season Olshanski recorded 38 tackles and 21 assisted take downs while appearing in all 16 games.

Kosier, a left guard, hails from Peoria, Ariz. The big man, who is Jewish on his mom's side, has been with Dallas since 2006 and was re-signed in 2011. Kosier was taken in the 2002 draft by San Francisco. He played three years with the 49ers before moving to the Lions for a single season. He lettered at Arizona State University in football, basketball, baseball and track and field.

According to Jonathan Bales of the *DC Times*, Kosier offers pass protection deluxe and didn't allow a single sack all season in 495 plays. Small wonder Kosier was inked for another three years.

David Binn, 39, long snapper with the Chargers for the past 17 years, has been on injured reserve since September 2010. He's the last remaining San Diego player from their Super Bowl cast and leads the team in career games played. The son of a Jewish father, at



Quarterback Sage Rosenfels when he was with the Vikings

six-foot-three and 228 pounds, he severely injured his hamstring during a punt return. He is considered by many to be the best at his position in the NFL. His return date is unknown.

After four years with Jacksonville, punter Adam Podlash, 28, signed this summer with the Bears. The former Maryland Terrapin had a superb season with the Jaguars in 2010, when he recorded a career-best 43.8 yards per punt and 26 punts inside the 20.

In the off-season, the 2007 fourth-round selection had a scare when he was diagnosed with salivary gland cancer. Following surgery, he learned that neither chemo nor radiation would be necessary.

Julian Edelman, 25, is a wide receiver and punt returner with New England, yet in college, at Kent State, the seventh-round pick of the Patriots in 2009 was a three-year starter at quarterback. He saw limited play in 2010, managing only seven receptions for 86 yards in 15 games after an impressive rookie season in which he snared 37 for 359 yards in only 11 starts. Playing quarterback in the NFL was probably unrealistic at just five-foot-10 and 198 pounds.

Perhaps he'll return to his earlier position, as this summer he has been working out in California with Patriot QB Tom Brady.

Lastly, watch for offensive guard and tackle Geoff Schwartz, 25, who stands six-foot-six and weighs in at 331 pounds. He's in his fourth year with the Panthers and played his college ball with the Oregon Ducks where he was a three-year starter at tackle. He started all 16 games last season with Carolina, which drafted him in round seven in 2008. An all-round athlete who excelled in baseball and basketball, Schwartz is described as "nasty and finishes his blocks."

Schwartz started the season on the injured reserve list after hurting his hip.

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Israeli website helps travellers connect worldwide

Cara Stern
Special to The CJN

The best way to see a city is by meeting the locals. That's the idea behind Jewgether, a website that connects Jewish travellers with Jewish locals around the world.

"Local people know the best places so it's nice to go with them and really get to know the place," said Boaz Albaranes, one of three Israeli co-founders of Jewgether.

The Israeli-based site allows travellers to create profiles and search through a database of people who could host them while on a trip abroad.

Hosting could be anything from inviting the traveller for a Shabbat dinner, showing them around the city, or giving them a space to sleep.

It all began after two of the founders travelled to the United States to attend two different Jewish summer camps. After spending weeks at the camp, they travelled around the country visiting their new friends.

If the two of them enjoyed this type of travelling so much, why not spread it around the world, said Albaranes, who runs the site along with fellow co-founders Doron Samish and Tamir Einy.

The project began as part of a year-long Stand With Us fellowship in 2007-2008. In it they learned about Israel advocacy, the media and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

It was a program for leaders in the Jewish world, said Einy. "They would like to empower people to be the next leaders of Israel."

The final assignment had students, in groups of 20, create a project that somehow relates to the Jewish world, Albaranes explained.

When the fellowship ended, the three students decided to continue with the project, opening it to the public in the summer of 2009.

To ensure the safety of its users, profiles require everybody to post a photograph that makes their face clear.

When a new person registers, they undergo an approval process, in which the co-founders work to determine if the applicant appears safe. Einy described the process as quite a long one, taking up to 24 hours per applicant.

"We [also] suggest people to meet in a public place, or they can ask for a password from the guest," Einy said.

Additionally, users can write reviews of either their guests or hosts, vouching for the user or explaining to others what to expect from a visit with that person.

"People write their profiles including where they live, their kosher level, if they keep Shabbat or not, and they tell about themselves," Einy said. "They also mention their family members and there are many pictures."

While the co-founders receive notification when a host accepts a meet-up request, many make the initial connection on the site and then move to e-mail or telephone to come up with the details of their plan, explained Albaranes, so they can only speculate about the number of meetings that the site has led to. However, he estimates the number to be several hundred.

Someone interested in making a connection can register with the website. After approval, they can specify which continent or country they would like to visit and then get a directory of users in those places, with the option of contacting them to arrange a connection.

So far, about about 1,500 users from around 40 different countries have been approved. Much of the advertising has come through Facebook and other websites, as well as through word of mouth.

Mike Klein is one user who has hosted a family he connected with through the website. He described the guests as a young couple who had probably been couch-surfing throughout most of their travels around the United States.

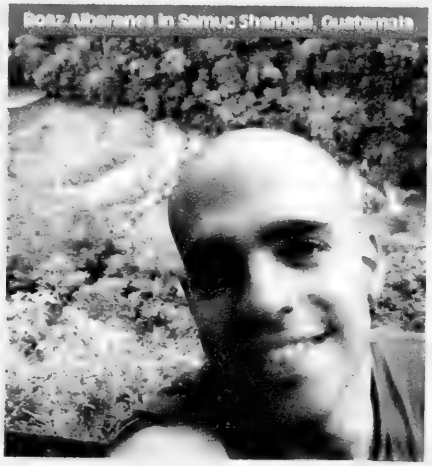
He said he would typically give them freedom to do whatever they wanted, but might meet for dinners and spend some time together in the evenings.

He had also hosted Einy and several other Israelis through the mishlachat program at the Reform movement's Camp Newman in California, in which Israelis, generally after serving in the army, attend as staff to teach campers about Israel.

"It brings a little bit of Israel to our local communities," said Klein, who is based in Monterey County, Calif.

The Jewgether website also features blog posts and columns by Albaranes and Teddy Weinberger, a columnist on Jewish life who also helps with fundraising and English-language materials for Jewgether.

Doron Samish traveling in Israel



Boaz Albaranes in Samuc Shampel, Guatemala

The organization recently gained non-profit status, allowing them to accept donations to maintain and further develop the website. Additionally, they recently received a grant from the ROI Community, an organization that supports Jewish innovation.

All of the founders have made connections through the website. Albaranes said he met a family when he visited Guatemala who spent some time teaching him about the city and the country, and what it's like to be a Jew in Guatemala.

He learned that it's very different from living as a Jew in Israel, where being Jewish is the norm.

It takes a lot more to be Jewish as part of such a small minority, he said.

"If you speak logistically, they have to bring their kosher food from Mexico City every week," he said. "It was a different Judaism."

He said that's part of what makes Jewgether so special. Not only do you get to connect through religion and culture, but also get to know the country you're visiting.

"We have many members who are religious, but it's not necessarily for religious things," said Einy, who pointed out that only about 27 per cent of the site's users observe Shabbat. "It's for people to meet on Friday, but also on Tuesday and on Sunday. It's not just for Shabbat, but every day."

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'I hate penny pinchers'

"It's time you met new people," Meir says, as he looks sadly at our ex-friends leaving our house, smiling, unaware of their new status.

"After I bought her china, a perfume and earrings," I shout, "all she brings me are some lousy buns! Homemade buns! I wanted to punch her in the nose."

Meir cut me off.

"Maybe," he says, "maybe I'll register you in a nice therapeutic group so you'll meet nice people? Say, an anger management group?"

"How about positive thinking instead," I say, ending the conversation.

The lecturer gets on my nerves right from the start. Rosh Hashanah dinner is ahead, I'm hosting, and she expects me to be all jolly and cheerful because it's sunny today. (I hate the sun!)

After telling everyone our names, we're asked to say two things we love and two things we hate.

"Anyone care to start?" asks the lecturer, a synthetic smile plastered on her face. Luckily, Jeffrey, and another 10 other people, are more than willing to start (a bunch of narcissists, every one of them).

Jeffrey: "I love my wife [who's Mamma's flunky boy?], yeah... and I love my great job [who wants to make Nina furiously jealous?], and I hate... gosh, what do I hate? Hard to say [then why did you raise your hand and didn't let other people, say, me, talk?]. OK, I hate it when people judge me [I'm afraid the lecturer's neck is about to break from nodding], and especially I hate it when my wife criticizes me. Ha-ha." [Laughter? Why are you all laughing?]

Lecturer: "Thank you so much, Jeffrey. Who's next?" (Excuse me? The man's just admitted he hated his wife? There's a problem here. Anyone?)

Natalie (Bursting into someone's turn. I believe it was mine): "I love open fields, blooming flowers, the sunset [give me a break, Pollyanna!], I love my good friends, I love my art [Hey! She said two things. Two. Give someone else a shot!], and I hate petty people [why are you looking at me, Polly?] and... and that's it." (Praise the Lord).

David: "I guess I'll be next? If it's OK by you? [He smiles to the lecturer. Who's the teacher's pet?] I love the way I look [way to go, Dave. I love your pot belly, too] What? Wasn't I suppose to say that? [The lecturer's going to need a neck brace soon.] I love funny, light-headed people [we might get along], and I hate my inner self." (Wow, some respect here people, please.)

Lecturer: "Well, David, we'll discuss it as soon as we finish the round." (What round? The man admitted he hated his own guts! That's it. I'm outta here!)

Lecturer (sweetly, to me): "Would you like to go next?" (I sure would like to go. Next!)

Me: "I hate skinny models. I hate self-centred people. I hate penny-pinchers [Buns! Homemade buns!]. I hate loaded, successful artists. I hate summer. I hate nature. I hate..."

Lecturer (calmly cutting me off): "And what do you love, Nina?"

What *do* I love?

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The synagogue in the town of Sfax in Tunisia was recently plundered, the Torahs stolen and most of the interior damaged or destroyed.

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CJN web reporter Masada Siegel takes in Israel's opera company and tours around Jerusalem.

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Israeli parents in Canada face an ongoing dilemma at this time of year: Do they choose Jewish or public school for their children?

Also on the web

The unprecedented erection of "tent city" encampments in Israel as a gesture of social protest and solidarity among an increasingly alienated middle class also mirrors the "broadening mandate" of the country's Rabbis for Human Rights organization, Rabbi Arik Ascherman, its director of special projects, said.

The summer of 2011

In the summer of 2011, I painted another picture, one that reflects three trees whose branches are intertwined. Why three? It's the number I'm most comfortable with. One makes me feel insignificant. Two makes me feel edgy – too much intimacy.

In the summer of 2011, a famine in the Horn of Africa came to light. Images of emaciated children challenged us once again. The economy continued its byzantine journey and America confirmed its status as a debtor nation.

Amy Winehouse died. An earthquake reverberated throughout Ontario.

This summer my nephew, Shragi, got married. His wedding was a *simchah* plus.

I went to Christian Island, Eli's cottage, with my boy, Noah River. He kept asking me, as we passed through cities such as Barrie, Elmvale and Lafontaine, if we were still in Canada. Noah steered the ferry. We canoed.

In the summer of 2011, Roberto Rotherham continued to surf the waters off El Salvador, as he has been doing since the 1970s. Ladies walked Pomeranians on the east side of Manhattan, and scooters and BMW convertibles were the rage.

This summer, Moses was told he would not be allowed into Israel. Scholars grappled with that justice. My mother was distraught one more time, because she had grown once again to love Moses and his siblings, Aaron and Miriam.

Urban Writer

Avrum Rosensweig

This summer, Gilad Schalit was still in jail and so was Jonathan Pollard. Nicole's dad died and was buried in Jerusalem. Terrorists began bombing southern Israel once again, and more Israelis are dead.

This summer, I felt as if I lived in paradise. My niece told me paradise can be boring. I told her that might be why Adam and Eve ate the fig.

In July 2011, I met a man who needed $20 for food. Weeks later, I met someone who worried how he would keep his wealth. In July and August, Ve'ahavta held its second Street Academy for the homeless and near homeless. Amanda, a student, cried after receiving gifts from the academy. She couldn't remember the last time she had been given something.

In the summer of 2011, my friend, Bernie Farber, stepped up his campaign to become a politician. Toronto's mayor missed Gay Pride. NDP leader Jack Layton passed away and Prime Minister Stephen Harper said he would "miss that jam."

This summer, I sold my condo and a man dented my car. I bought a stuffed cat for Noah named Cordio, and I watched Eric Clapton's *Crossroads* over and over. This summer, I played more blues on my guitar. I bought a new CPAP mask, and my friend Jon, solidified his place as one of the finest Jewish reggae singer-songwriters on the planet.

In the summer of 2011, I'm sure a boy and girl fell in love in some distant province in India, and no doubt a mayor in a forsaken town in Guatemala brought electricity to his constituents.

The weather was hot and rainy, and never before have I seen Toronto so lush. For the first time, I actually fell in love with our city. Maybe next summer I'll see its spirit and fall in love with that.

In the summer of 2011, our First Nations people still suffered terribly and school leaders failed once again to include our country's real past in its history books.

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Abbas rejects last minute compromises

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JERUSALEM — The Palestinian Authority has rejected several attempts to sway it from its statehood bid at the United Nations and have it move toward resumed peace talks with Israel, *Ha'aretz* learned on Sunday.

Sources said Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas rebuffed recent proposals that included compromises by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Representatives of the Quartet on the Middle East – the United States, Russia, the European Union, and the United Nations – met in New York Sunday to draft a statement calling for direct peace talks to resume.

Netanyahu reportedly agreed to several compromises in the Quartet proposals, specifically on issues such as the recognition of Israel as a Jewish state, among others.

Regarding the proposed borders of a future Palestinian state, Netanyahu reportedly agreed to vague wording concerning the West Bank's main settlement blocs. Netanyahu consented to a more ambiguous wording in order to give the Americans and special envoy Tony Blair some leeway with the Palestinians.

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Palestinians wave national flags during a protest at the Qalandia checkpoint near Ramallah. They were demonstrating their support for Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' initiative this week to obtain UN recognition of Palestine as the 194th member of the United Nations. [*Flash 90 photo*]

'Canada is our best friend in the world'

Mordechai Ben-Dat
Editor

"I am here to express our appreciation to Canada, its government and its people," Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman told *The CJN* on the weekend. "Canada is our best, most reliable friend in the world. And it is necessary to prove friendship by expressing appreciation to your friends."

During a brief stopover in Toronto at the beginning of a busy itinerary, Lieberman met for 10 minutes with *The CJN* for an exclusive interview before a private meeting with lay and professional leaders in the community.

From Toronto, Lieberman flew to Ottawa for bilateral talks with his Canadian counterpart. Lieberman had met John Baird when the Canadian foreign minister served in a previous capacity. Lieberman was looking forward to renewing the relationship, he said.

He was also scheduled to meet with interim Opposition leader Nycole Turmel, interim Liberal party leader Bob Rae and Jewish community leaders there. After Ottawa, Lieberman was scheduled to head west to Vancouver to fulfil a promise he made to meet with members of the community there.

"Every visit, we try to strengthen and deepen our relationship. We must make even more efforts to strengthen relations in the political realm and in the realm of people to people," he said.

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Avigdor Lieberman

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Convictions Upheld

TORONTO — Theatre impesarios Garth Drabinsky and Myron Gottlieb were ordered to jail last week after the Ontario Court of Appeals upheld their 2009 convictions for fraud. The judge reduced Drabinsky's sentence to five years from seven and Gottlieb's to four from six for misstating the financial position of Livent, which they steered in the 1990s to become North America's largest theatre company. Their lawyers are considering whether to seek leave to appeal to the Supreme Court, their last chance to avoid prison.

WORLD

Jew App Removed

PARIS — A made-in-France iPhone app called "Jew or Not Jew?" was removed from the French app store, its creator, Johann Levy, told JTA. The application had been under fire for stigmatizing Jews. French Jewish and human rights groups said the application, which came out last month and allows users to guess whether public personalities are Jewish or not, violates French law forbidding the collection of personal data such as a person's religion or ethnicity without permission from the individual. The law was largely founded on the principle that Nazi occupiers used similar methods to round up Jews in World War II and send them to death camps. Levy said he intended to show "pride" in being Jewish.

Divestment Urged

NEW YORK — A committee of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has reopened controversy by urging the church to divest from three firms doing business with Israel. The Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment released a report Sept. 9 urging the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to divest from Motorola, Hewlett-Packard and Caterpillar. It provoked criticism from Presbyterian and Jewish groups, and the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League condemned the report. Rabbi Noam Marans, AJC's director of intergroup and interreligious relation said that "threatening divestment undermines those who are truly committed to Israeli-Palestinian peace." In 2006, the church replaced a 2004 policy that called for "phased selective divestment" from firms operating in Israel with one that called for investment in Israel, Gaza, east Jerusalem and the West Bank "in only peaceful pursuits." In 2008, the church's General Assembly instructed Presbyterians to avoid over-identifying with one side on the Israel-Palestine conflict. The report will be voted on at the church's General Assembly next year.

Labour Dispute Postpones Concerts

TORONTO — Two concerts by singer Mandy Patinkin that sparked controversy in the Jewish community because of his support for a boycott of a Jewish theatre in the West Bank were postponed due to a labour dispute at the venue where he was scheduled to perform.

Toronto's Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company announced that Patinkin's Sept. 17 and 18 performances of his critically acclaimed Broadway theatre concert *Mamaloshen* have been postponed until June.

"Due to complications associated with the labour dispute at St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts that are beyond our control, we are rescheduling the Mandy Patinkin *Mamaloshen* concert to June 16 and 17, 2012," the company said, adding that "we look forward to closing our fifth anniversary season of stars with this wonderful concert."

The labour dispute is unrelated to the controversy surrounding the concerts. Some in the Toronto Jewish community wanted them cancelled because of Patinkin's outspoken support for a boycott by Israeli performers of a new theatre in the Israeli community of Ariel in the West Bank. The Jewish Defence League had planned to protest outside the Sept. 18 show.

Patinkin is a longtime supporter of Israel.

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Professor's comment raises tensions at York

CIJA calls incident 'an unfortunate misunderstanding'

heri Shefa
taff Reporter

An apparent misunderstanding of a tatement made by a York University pro- essor has given way to a debate about hether members of the Jewish commu- ity have become hypersensitive around he issue of antisemitism on campus.

It took mere hours for fourth-year York tudent Sarah Grunfeld to circulate on logs, Facebook and the mainstream me- ia what she felt was an antisemitic state- ent made last week by York professor Cameron Johnston.

Grunfeld claimed that Johnston told nearly 500 students in his first-year "Self, Culture and Society" social sciences class that his course would be evaluated solely on opinion and that in his opinion, "all Jews need to be sterilized."

Zach Liknaitzky, president of Hillel at York, said that within hours of the incident, a distraught Grunfeld came to the Hillel office with her complaint.

"Our first approach was to calm her down and make sure she didn't do anything rash," Liknaitzky said.

"We thought to ourselves, 'There is probably more to this story than we know at the moment.'"

He said he encouraged Grunfeld to go through the proper channels – to contact York's administration and the head of his department.

Shimon Fogel, CEO of the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, said his organization also reached out to Grunfeld once it learned about the incident.

"Part of what motivated us was that when first hearing about the story, it tested our credulity, and when something seems too bizarre to be true... it really does demand some serious inquiries," Fogel said.

After contacting York and Johnston, CIJA released a statement that called the incident "an unfortunate misunderstanding" that "without ill intentions, [was] taken out of context."

After initially agreeing to talk to *The CJN*, by late last week, the professor said he was declining further interviews on the matter.

But attached to the CIJA statement was a clarification written by Johnston, who has been teaching at York for more than 30 years.

Zach Liknaitzky

He explained that during his introductory lecture, he told his students that the course would focus on texts, not opinion.

"In fact, I stated that for this course opinions are not relevant, and I questioned the common idea that everyone is entitled to their opinion."

Johnston added that an example of how someone would not be entitled to an opinion would be if they made an antisemitic statement.

"For the record, I am also Jewish, which undoubtedly influenced my choice of this example of a reprehensible opinion."

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Dishonest modus operandi

Relations between the Palestinian Authority and the government of Israel hover before a precipice. So, too, does the possibility of a peaceful resolution in the relatively near future of the conflict between the two peoples.

By this time next week, when Jews all around the world welcome the New Year 5772, we should know whether those relations fell beyond reach, far into a dark chasm, or whether, they were rescued from the brink, to a point of greater bilateral safety, if not quite mutual respect and trust.

As of this writing, as the weekend came to an end, merely five days away from the much anticipated fulfilment by PA leader Mahmoud Abbas of his promise (threat) to seek recognition of an independent Palestinian state from the United Nations, the Jewish world was filled with anxiety.

From the editor's desk...

The diplomats of the West are also worried over an outcome whose dimensions are unclear, the fallout from which could cause far-reaching, long-lasting harm to the theatrical charade euphemistically called the peace process.

As of last Friday, however, certain aspects of Abbas' impending unilateral action were made clearer.

In a speech to the Palestinian people last Friday from Ramallah, Abbas announced that he would directly engage the UN Security Council, rather than the General Assembly, for the nod of full sovereign recognition.

The significance of the announcement cannot be overstated. Originally, it was assumed that Abbas would place the independence resolution on the agenda of the General Assembly because he was assured of a majority in support of his request.

By bringing the matter to the General Assembly, Abbas would gain a major symbolic victory without actually breaking the back of possible diplomatic advancement since it has no mechanism to enforce the resolution.

Only the Security Council has the authority to enforce an independence-recognizing resolution.

But the United States had already publicly committed to vetoing such a resolution at the Security Council.

Thus by announcing his intention to bring the vote directly to the Security Council, Abbas, in effect, is publicly challenging the United States, uncaring about the ensuing embarrassment to the State Department and the overt public display of contempt for U.S. President Barack Obama.

He has chosen to "confront" Washington in so brazen a manner even though the Americans have pleaded with him not to do so, even though they annually give the PA hundreds of millions of dollars in aid, even though Obama has publicly remonstrated against Israeli housing policy in the West Bank and in Jerusalem, and even though he knows that setting up such an artificial conflict with the Americans could well lead to violence against American interests throughout the Middle East.

Could there be a louder, more resoundingly derisive slap to the face of the American president?

In his Ramallah speech, Abbas offered his trademark prevarications and over-weaning entreaties of victimhood. "What I will take to the UN will be the suffering and concerns of our people that have been taking place over 63 years living under *the* occupation," Abbas said. (My emphasis)

It may have been a Freudian slip or a calculated restatement for internal Palestinian purposes of his credential to lead. But his reference t 63 years of "the" occupation – name ly, Israeli occupation – brings hin squarely alongside the rejectionist of Hamas.

After Israel's War of Indepen dence, that is to say, 63 years ag neither Gaza nor the West Bank wer under Israeli control. Israel did no "occupy" those territories until afte the Six Day War.

Abbas also hailed the Cairo agree ment earlier in the year that brough about a theoretical, but not yet func tional, unity between the Palestin Liberation Organization and Hamas "There is nothing better than nation al unity between the West Bank an Gaza, and we will do everything w can to maintain this unity," he said.

Proving the utter unreliability o anything that Abbas tells the weste world was the subsequent statemen by Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh amplifying his group's views of th Abbas initiative. "We repeat toda that we are with the establishmen of a Palestinian state on any liber ated part of Palestinian land tha is agreed upon by the Palestinia people, without recognizing Israe or conceding any inch of historica Palestine."

Haniyeh emphasized there coul be "no mandate for any Palestinia leadership to infringe on Palestin ian national rights, nor is there a mandate for any Palestinian acto to make historic concessions on Pal estinian land or regarding the right of the Palestinians, foremost among them the right of return. Given this position, we reiterate our rejectio of this [Abbas UN effort] bid."

Of course, Abbas hopes that no western countries will pay attentio to Haniyeh's clarification. That has been his unwise, dishonest modus operandi from the very start.

– *MBL*

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JEWISH COMMUNITY HELPS JAPAN: In the months following the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan in March, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's overseas partner, IsraAID, an international humanitarian relief coalition, has been providing relief throughout the country. Just days after the earthquake and tsunami, IsraAID was on the ground assessing the situation, building partnerships and providing relief items to communities in the north. Pictured are schoolchildren in an IsraAID post-trauma program in Shinchi Town, Japan. UJA Federation of Greater Toronto is the largest financial supporter of IsraAID.

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UNRWA aid should be conditional: researchers

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

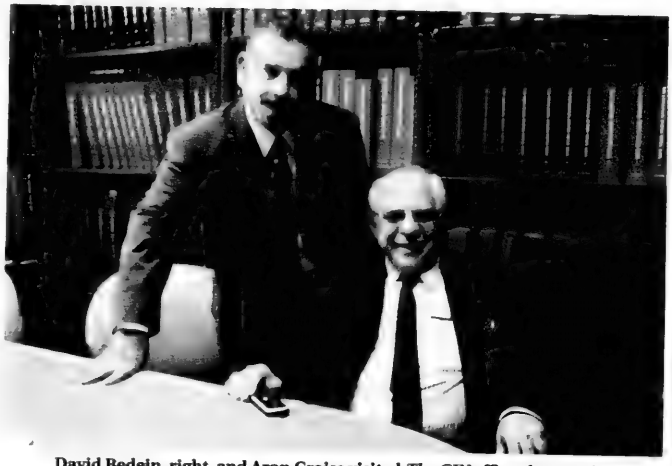
An Israeli watchdog group is urging western governments to make their aid to the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) conditional on changes to Palestinian texts taught in UNRWA schools.

The schoolbooks are rife with "calls for war," and they ignore the existence of the State of Israel and the historic Jewish ties to the Holy Land, said David Bedein, head of the Center for Near East Policy Research, and Arnon Groiss, director of research for the Institute for Monitoring Peace and Cultural Tolerance in School Education.

Twenty-five per cent of Palestinian children are educated in UNRWA schools, said Groiss, adding, "You are responsible for what you teach."

"Hundreds of thousands of children are in [UNRWA] schools, and by a policy of non-involvement in the books, you are responsible for perpetuation of the conflict," asserted Groiss, who has read 150 schoolbooks published by the Palestinian Authority for all grades.

Bedein and Groiss were in Canada last week to publicize their findings and to brief officials in Ottawa. Later, they addressed reporters at the United Nations and met congressmen as well as State Department officials and White House staff in Washington.



David Bedein, right, and Aron Groiss visited *The CJN* offices last week.
[Paul Lungen photo]

In Canada, they presented the government with a report on UNRWA, which is mandated to provide humanitarian aid to Palestinians. Unlike a second UN refugee agency, UNHCR, which is responsible for all the world's other refugees, UNRWA rejects the most common solution for refugee populations – permanent settlement elsewhere, sai Bedein.

The report, titled *Update: UNRWA fo Palestinian Refugees*, states, "UNRW for more than six decades has made th notion of 'return' the focal point of it operation.

"The refugees themselves pay a pric for this policy, for they are maintained i a stateless limbo situation, unable to fin permanency and get on with their lives. The reality is they are political pawns forced to live with uncertainty when thei problem might have been resolved, s they might be used to pressure Israel."

Bedein has long criticized UNRW for perpetuating the conflict an promoting the Palestinian politica agenda encapsulated in the phrase "right of return" – the demand tha refugees who fled Israel in 1948 and thei descendants have the right to return an reclaim lost property. This past summe the dispute heated up when *Arutz Shev* published a Bedein op-ed claimin UNRWA sponsored programs based o implementing the "law of return," eve through violence.

Arutz Sheva published UNRWA response in which a UN "spokesma vehemently denied it."

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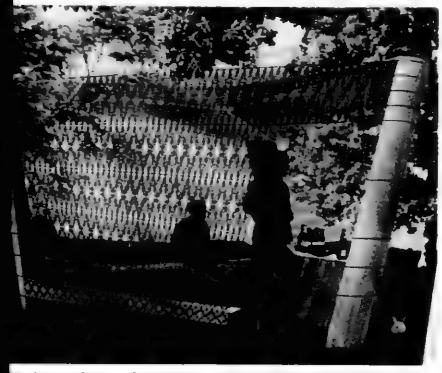
Competition aims to re-imagine the sukkah

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Kehilla Residential Programme's design competition, Sukkahville, which challenged entrants to re-imagine the sukkah, has attracted about 18 design proposals.

The challenge, inspired by New York City's Sukkah City, was sent out to architects, artists, builders and students in related disciplines.

"We tried to inspire entrants to renew the sukkah, a temporary shelter or dwelling, and raise awareness about affordable housing, homelessness and poverty," said Nancy Singer, executive director of Kehilla, the official housing agency of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.



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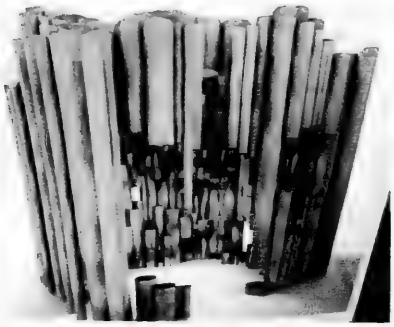

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She said that in Toronto, 76,549 households are on the waiting list for social housing, "and we [want people to know] about the realities of affordable housing issues [in the city.]"

Entrants were asked to adhere to a number of rules, including designing the roof from a natural material that during the day provides more shade than sunlight, and in the evening allows stars to be visible.

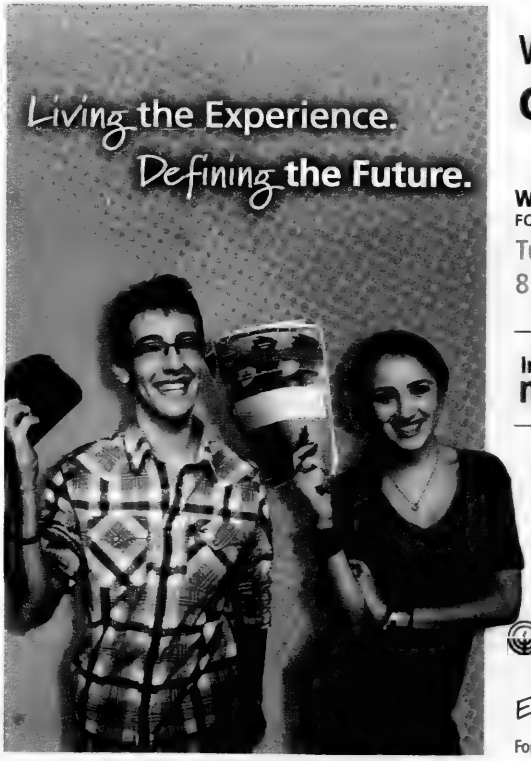
As well, the roof must be fully detached from any tree, branch or plant, and may not be tightly secured with wire.

The sukkah walls must be sturdy enough to withstand a steady wind, and decorative elements can be introduced.

An awards ceremony will be held Oct. 11 at the Lipa Green Centre, and the five final designs, chosen by a panel of judges, will be constructed, and displayed to the public on the centre's grounds on Oct. 11 from noon to 9 p.m., and Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Singer said she hopes the competition will be the first instalment of an annual event, and that the public comes out to celebrate Sukkot and support the project.

Those interested in attending the evening awards ceremony, which includes music by Klezkonnection and a dessert reception, can e-mail sukkahville@rogers.com.



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Abbas' true colours

The mission was moribund from the outset, doomed to fail by the duplicitous scheming and cunning guile of the man whom the august emissaries had been sent to meet. Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas had no intention of being persuaded. Moreover he cared little for the sensibilities of the leader reaching out to him, seeking his co-operation, yet again.

Abbas abjectly rebuffed what *Ha'aretz* described as "a last-ditch U.S. attempt to sway the Palestinian Authority away from its planned statehood bid at the United Nations and toward resumed negotiations with Israel."

Last week, U.S. President Barack Obama sent two special envoys, David Hale and Dennis Ross, to plead with Abbas to set aside his plan, at least temporarily, for UN endorsement of Palestinian independence. Abbas sent the emissaries back to Washington without the slightest sympathy for their pleas, nor, clearly, for the man who had sent them.

Worse, he was quite derisive in dismissing the Americans. "David Hale and Dennis Ross came with a paper that was the last straw that he [Abbas] could take," said Abbas' spokesperson, Nabil Sha'ath.

And worst, Abbas changed what had been the presumed former tack of his plan, namely a resolution in the General Assembly, to one in the Security Council, where Obama would be forced to use his veto against the ostensible wishes of the majority of nations in the General Assembly.

Two days after Abbas rejected the American overture, he also turned down new proposals by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for bringing the Palestinians back to the negotiating table.

According to *Ha'aretz*, Netanyahu agreed to several compromises suggested by the Quartet (comprising the United States, Russia, the European Union and the UN) on specific issues such as the recognition of Israel as a Jewish state, the proposed borders of a future Palestinian state, security assurances and the length of time of future talks.

Ha'aretz further reported that "one U.S. proposal handed to Abbas [was] to ask the UN secretary general and the Security Council that Palestine be accepted as a full UN member on condition that the membership is processed for a period of several months, at which time direct talks between Israel and the PA could resume along guidelines stipulated by the Quartet." Abbas rejected that offer as well.

The pattern is clear.

The PA leader is intent on bringing the conflict to a further crisis. He has raised Palestinian expectations to sky-high levels. He has called for his people to demonstrate their support for his policies with en masse marches. He has not spurned Hamas, nor Hamas' objectives. He has spurned only direct negotiations. He has, in effect, shown his true colours: shadowy and dark.

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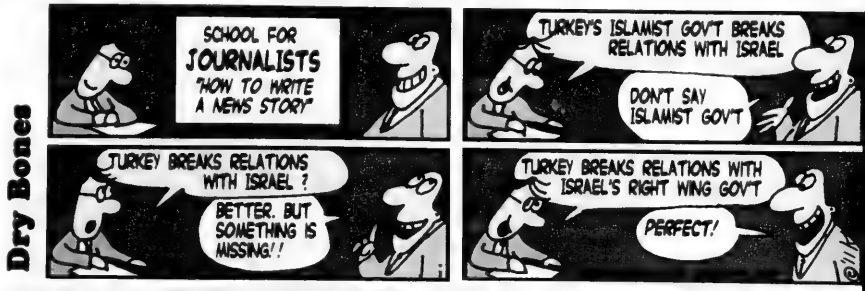
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Comedy relief

Hats off to Peter Farkas for his tongue-in-cheek commentary on Yosef Tastassa's Aug. 25 article, "Israelis will suffer from Palestinian independence" ("Palestinian independence," letters, Aug. 15). Farkas' summation of liberal/leftist "wisdom" on the Middle East situation is one of the more brilliant pieces of satire I've come across, distilling as it does the liberal left's utter denial of reality on the ground (such as the Hamas Charter's commitment to the obliteration of Israel), its insistence that the lack of a Palestinian state is Israel's fault (I had to wipe my eyes on that one) and, of course, all those "road blocks" that wicked Israel keeps throwing up (unlike the roadblock of Palestinian Authority president Yasser Arafat refusing to sign the document he had negotiated that would have created a Palestinian state). I don't normally look to *The CJN* for comedy relief, but this diversion was most welcome.

Stuart Laughton
Burlington, Ont.

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Christian supporters of Israel

The flames of antisemitism are being fanned, once again, and Israel is under siege, yet Rabbi Dow Marmur is concerned about prominent Jews who express their appreciation of the intensely pro-Israel support of Christians United for Israel ("You can't love Jews if you hate Judaism," Sept. 8). Rabbi Marmur is troubled by the motivation of those who want to bring all Jews to their homeland to prepare them to embrace Jesus upon his return. Would that the Christians in Germany of the 1930s and 1940s had that same goal.

Sam Mitnick
Cote St. Luc, Que.

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Day school subsidies

In the article "Day school tuition fees on the rise... again" (Sept. 8), Paul Shaviv, of the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, says that no children are turned away on financial grounds, provided "parents are prepared to allocate an appropriate place for [tuition] in their family budget." In the interest of transparency and honesty, CHAT and the federation, which funds parts of these subsidies, should explain exactly what that "appropriate place" is, as what families have to sacrifice to qualify is often considerable, and heart-wrenching decisions often have to be made. It is disrespectful to cast families who cannot make those sacrifices as basically not valuing Jewish education enough, which is what this terminology does. Also, Eric Petersiel, head of school at Leo Baeck Day School, notes that "parents are delaying entry to day school in favour of sending their children to junior and senior kindergarten at local public schools." It should be explicitly noted that this is because federation and some schools do not offer subsidies for kindergarten.

Aurora Mendelsohn
Toronto

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'We' were not consulted

I read with interest the column "No time to lose confronting many pressing problems" (Sept. 8), by Shimon Fogel, explaining how "we" launched the new Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA). While I personally know and totally respect the commitment of many of our community leaders, I think Fogel's article displays an attitude that is disconcerting. He talks about the grassroots empowerment and how "we" have discerned the best practices for forging a new path. He notes how the estimated 100,000 contributors to federations have made CIJA one of the most representative bodies in the country. I am not sure who are the "we" Fogel refers to repeatedly. I have been a donor to UJA, as I fondly remember it, annually for about 40 years, and between you and me, Mr. Fogel, I don't feel part of the "we." No one asked me who I wanted to represent me or what my priorities are. Maybe if you gave me or the other 99,999 donors a forum to voice an opinion, we would have something to add and would feel more part of the "we."

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Bernie Madoff

To comment that "Madoff has paid the price" is hugely disrespectful of the legions of people who would like a warm bed and a decent meal guaranteed for life ("Madoff doc delves into Ponzi scam," Sept. 8). I'm not implying that prison is a good place to live, but this is an inappropriate, unnecessary comment. As an aside, I'm lucky enough to have not been one of his victims, but I know many who have.

Adrienne Offman
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Competition aims to re-imagine the sukkah

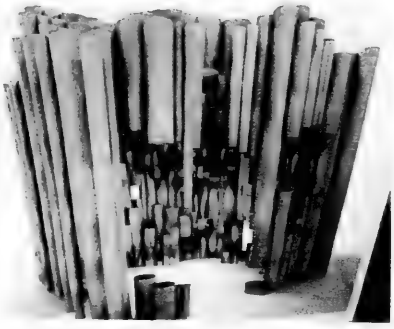
Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

Kehilla Residential Programme's design competition, Sukkahville, which challenged entrants to re-imagine the sukkah, has attracted about 18 design proposals.

The challenge, inspired by New York City's Sukkah City, was sent out to architects, artists, builders and students in related disciplines.

"We tried to inspire entrants to renew the sukkah, a temporary shelter or dwelling, and raise awareness about affordable housing, homelessness and poverty," said Nancy Singer, executive director of Kehilla, the official housing agency of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

Twist and Knot by Kathleen Cayetano and Melissa Lui



Sukkah Shift by Virginia Melnyk

William Lviathan by Stephen Taylor

She said that in Toronto, 76,549 households are on the waiting list for social housing, "and we [want people to know] about the realities of affordable housing issues [in the city.]"

Entrants were asked to adhere to a number of rules, including designing the roof from a natural material that during the day provides more shade than sunlight, and in the evening allows stars to be visible.

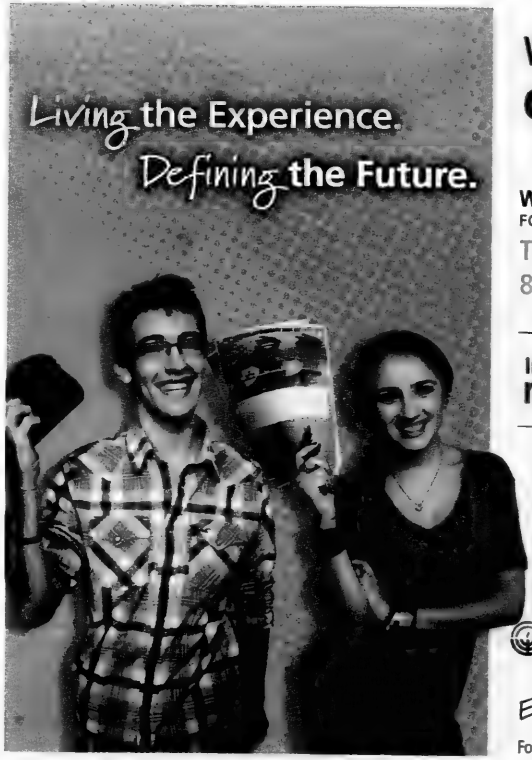
As well, the roof must be fully detached from any tree, branch or plant, and may not be tightly secured with wire.

The sukkah walls must be sturdy enough to withstand a steady wind, and decorative elements can be introduced.

An awards ceremony will be held Oct. 11 at the Lipa Green Centre, and the five final designs, chosen by a panel of judges, will be constructed, and displayed to the public on the centre's grounds on Oct. 11 from noon to 9 p.m., and Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Singer said she hopes the competition will be the first instalment of an annual event, and that the public comes out to celebrate Sukkot and support the project.

Those interested in attending the evening awards ceremony, which includes music by Klezkonnection and a dessert reception, can e-mail sukkahville@rogers.com.



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Embassy attack stokes Israeli fears

Linda Gradstein
JTA

Retired Israeli Air Force pilot Uri Dromi remembers the day 34 years ago when Egyptian president Anwar Sadat landed in Israel to tell the Israeli people that he was ready to make peace.

Dromi, who had flown missions in the 1967 Six Day War against Egypt, had been assigned to escort the Egyptian air crew during Sadat's visit.

"I was standing there on the tarmac, and suddenly there's this big airliner with Egyptian markings being escorted by three Israeli jet fighters," Dromi told JTA. "It turns and lands. The door opens and there stands Anwar Sadat, who until then had been the leader of our greatest enemy. This is one of the moments I will always cherish."

Today, Dromi, who runs the Mishkenot Sha'ananim conference centre in Jerusalem and organizes briefings for journalists, is worried that the historic peace between Egypt and Israel could be unravelling.

The recent attack on the Israeli Embassy in Cairo by a mob of thousands of Egyptians has him worried.

"I think it is serious because there's a lot of energy there," Dromi said. "The anti-Israel sentiment was always there, but it was marginal compared to the problems Egyptians had. Now Egyptians are expressing all of their anger and frustration against Israel."

The embassy attack, during which a mob pulled down the embassy walls, broke into the building and rampaged for several hours while six Israeli security guards were trapped inside, was the latest and perhaps most worrisome in a series of events south of the border that have Israel concerned that it faces a game-changer with the new Egypt.

Most worrisome, some Israeli officials said, was their inability to reach senior Egyptian officials quickly. Instead they had to rely on U.S. mediation.

"There were difficulties in reaching certain Egyptian officials," a senior Israeli official told JTA. "And the real difficulty was that even when they were finally reached, their promises for quick intervention did not materialize as quickly as the situation required."

Egyptian commandos eventually arrived to rescue the trapped Israelis, and Israel sent its air force jets to retrieve them and bring them home. The official said he does not expect the embassy to reopen soon but that there are contacts with Egyptian security officials.

"We are discussing how to ensure that such an attack will never happen again and what is needed to be done to secure the reopening of the embassy," he said. "We are definitely worried. Which way Egypt is going is anybody's guess."

The Egyptian military council running the country quickly condemned the attack, called the rioters "criminals" and said it would launch criminal proceedings against those caught.

"The Egyptian leadership said they are committed to the peace treaty, and so are we," Israeli government spokesperson Mark Regev told JTA. "Anyone over 50 remembers the Egyptian-Israeli wars in which thousands of people on both sides of the frontier were killed. I don't think the people of Israel or Egypt want to go back to that."

The 32-year-old peace treaty between Israel and Egypt is one of the cornerstones of Israel's security doctrine. While it has resulted in few people-to-people ties, the pact made Israel's southern border reliably quiet and freed up Israel's military to focus on threats elsewhere.

"We've always had a saying that without Egypt there's no war and without Syria there's no peace," said Yehuda Ben Meir, an analyst at the INSS think-tank at Tel Aviv University. "Even when relations were cold, the peace treaty was solid."

Under Hosni Mubarak, who ruled Egypt from Sadat's assassination in 1981 until he was deposed early this year, Egypt established military and intelligence co-operation with Israel. Both Egypt and Israel viewed Hamas' growing strength warily, and Egyptian security forces tried to stop the smuggling of weapons and terrorists from the Sinai into Hamas-ruled Gaza. Since Mubarak's ouster, Israeli intelligence officials say, smuggling has dramatically increased.

Many Israelis fear that the peace treaty signed between Egypt and Israel may be rescinded by the new governing Egyptian regime. The photo recalls the storied moment on the lawn of the White House in 1979 when Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, left, U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin embraced after signing the peace treaty. *[IGPO photo]*

Despite a recent poll showing that more than half of Egyptians would support severing ties with Israel, most Israeli experts don't believe Egypt will rush to abrogate its peace treaty with Israel. Most of the Egyptian political factions, including the Muslim Brotherhood, have said they will continue the peace treaty. Cutting off ties also would threaten the $3 billion in foreign aid that Egypt receives annually from the United States.

But Israel is concerned. The attack on the embassy came just weeks after a terrorist attack on the border between Israel and Egypt that left eight Israelis dead. Israeli officials said the terrorists travelled from Gaza to Egypt and then into Israel. Three Egyptian security officers were killed inadvertently in firefights after the attack.

"Peace with Egypt has always been a cornerstone of our strategic position in the region," Dromi said. "Whatever else happened with Lebanon or Syria, we always had that peace to offset everything else. If this falls, there could be a chain reaction. We're already hearing rhetoric from Jordan that we haven't heard in a very long time."

King Abdullah of Jordan, which is the only other Arab country besides Egypt that has a formal peace treaty with Israel, said this week that "Jordan and the future of the Palestinian people are in better shape than Israel today. Now it is Israel that is fearful."

Israeli officials said they are working hard to repair relations with Egypt. But Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last week also ordered Israel to speed up construction on a fence being built between Israel and the Sinai to try to stop smuggling. He said construction will finished by September 2012.

"Israel's border with Egypt is a border of peace," Netanyahu said while visiting the area. "To continue the peace, there must be security and to this end a fence is necessary. Its rapid construction is important for both peace and security."

Israel-Egypt peace treaty to be revised?

Barak Ravid
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JERUSALEM — The Foreign Ministry summoned Egypt's ambassador to Israel to a meeting on Friday morning, in order to clarify remarks made by Egypt's prime minister that the Israel-Egypt peace treaty should be revised.

A source in the Foreign Ministry said that Foreign Ministry Director General Rafi Barak requested clarifications over the remarks, especially considering previous contradictory remarks made by the Egypt's military council that the peace treaty should be preserved.

During the meeting, Barak told Egypt's ambassador to Israel, Yasser Rida, that Israel was not satisfied that the Egyptian youth who took down the flag from Israel's embassy in Cairo last week is being presented as a hero in Egypt, despite the fact that this act is against the international treaty to which Egypt is a signatory.

Tensions in Egypt-Israel relations heightened recently when hundreds of Egyptian protesters broke down parts of a protective concrete wall outside the building housing the Israeli embassy in Cairo. During the attack, a protester pulled down the Israeli flag from the embassy building.

Although 80 Israeli members of staff, including Israel's ambassador to Egypt Yitzhak Levanon, had been evacuated from the building preceding the attack, six security guards and embassy workers were inside the building when the destructive demonstration took place.

It is still unclear when Levanon will return to the Cairo embassy.

Israeli protests herald real change

It's been quite a summer here in Israel. Palestinians, Turks and Egyptians are all in action. We await the UN vote on Palestinian statehood and its ramifications. Israel's ambassadors to Ankara and Cairo have been diplomatically and somewhat-less-than-diplomatically expelled.

Syria's Bashar Assad has his own problems, but won't miss an opportunity to shift hostilities from himself to Israel if he can. Jordan's King Abdullah might yet join the fray. And one wonders how long Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad will remain idle watching Turkey, under Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, as it tries to gain regional and Islamic superpower status, mainly by harassing and threatening Israel.

Yair Lootsteen in Jerusalem

In one of his first public appearances after being appointed head of the Home-front Command, freshman IDF Maj.-Gen. Eyal Eisenberg expressed a doomsday assessment that the Arab Spring will be followed by a winter of radical Islam, increasing the probability of a multi-front war that might include the use of weapons of mass destruction.

The following day, Amos Gilad, director of policy and political-military Affairs at the Ministry of Defence (and himself a retired major general), provided his appraisal that Israel's security situation has never been better.

Neither general got it right – the truth is somewhere in between – and both should have kept their opinions to themselves, allowing political leaders to actually lead. That, however, is something our present government loathes doing.

Given this seemingly dismal state of affairs, it's quite remarkable that for many Israelis, this has actually been a summer of promise and optimism. For the first time in eons, matters relating to how we live our lives and how our children will live theirs are being viewed as on par with those regarding security and foreign affairs.

In mid-June, Itzik Elrov, a 25-year-old haredi cantor from Bnei Brak, went shopping for cottage cheese, a staple in almost all Israeli homes. He was shocked by its price and after doing some research, he discovered the cost of a standard container had risen unreasonably from less than five to roughly eight shekels in just three years. Using Facebook, Itzik initiated a campaign calling for a cottage cheese boycott starting July 1. He was quickly joined by more than 100,000 people.

After Knesset deliberations and a public outcry, the country's three major dairy conglomerates, which together basically monopolize the industry, cut cottage cheese prices back to their 2008 levels.

Soon afterward, Daphni Leef, a 25-year-old video editor from Tel Aviv whose rental lease had ended, started another Facebook page, this one calling on other young people having trouble finding reasonably priced housing to join her in pitching tents on Rothschild Boulevard in an up-market area of Tel Aviv.

What ensued is history in the making. Thousands joined Daphni, in Tel Aviv and in tens of other tent clusters around the country, in what is now called the Tents Protest.

Complaints about food and real estate costs broadened into discussions about the growing disparity between rich and poor, the quality of health care and public education, and the need to limit and better regulate cartels and to reform our tax codes – in short, to make life better for hard-working people.

The Tents Protest broadened into mass demonstrations on successive weekends culminating on a warm Saturday night earlier this month, when almost 500,000 Israelis gathered at rallies around the country demanding basic changes in national priorities and a gentler, more sensitive form of capitalism – real social justice.

The movement has been criticized for being naïve and unfocused. Some say its leaders don't know what they want and aren't representative enough of Israel's divergent interest groups. But the government, understanding the movement's widespread support, has responded by establishing a committee tasked with quickly proposing changes with short- and long-term effects.

Standing with my kids among these young people during several demonstrations, I felt I was participating in protests that might really make a difference – that will succeed. And I felt we have young people who really care about Israel's future and want to do something about it.

At one of these rallies, someone held up a sign quoting the title of the 1980s pop hit *Walk Like an Egyptian*, referring to successful anti-Mubarak demonstrations in Egypt earlier this year.

Given the recent anti-Israel violence in Cairo, I doubt we'll see that sign again any time soon.

The Durban war, 10 years on

Ten years ago, under the façade of universal human rights and anti-racism, 1,500 NGOs (non-governmental organizations) claiming to promote moral values created the foundation for their own destruction. With such human rights stalwarts as Iran, Libya and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, the United Nation's NGO Forum of the Durban World Conference Against Racism targeted Israel as an "apartheid state," guilty of "war crimes" and "genocide." Having failed to destroy Israel through invasions and terror, this delegitimization became the next stage of the ongoing war.

In the past decade, the Durban strategy has expanded the tactics of intimidation, "lawfare" and boycotts that target Israel. Through the façade of expertise and "research," they turned defence against mass terror into "massacres" in Jenin, an "apartheid wall" and war crimes in Gaza, as published in the discredited Goldstone report. Palestinians are always defined as victims, and their terror attacks are patronizingly ignored.

The Canadian government at the time (Jean Chrétien was prime minister) and the diplomats in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) played a major role in the Durban fiasco. These Canadian officials had blind faith in the idea of the United Nations (as distinct from the reality) and in the unelected leaders of powerful NGOs that exploited moral language. Along with the U.S.-based Ford Foundation and the European Union, Canadian taxpayers funded the diplomatic, NGO and youth forums of the Durban conference.

In the decade since Durban, the strategy of political warfare has done significant damage, both to Israel and to universal human rights. In March 2002, following a series of murderous Palestinian suicide bombings, the IDF went to the centre of the terror network in Jenin in Operation Defensive Shield. The propagandists immediately spread false reports of a "massacre," including a high-level official of Amnesty International speaking as an "expert" on the BBC. Human Rights Watch issued "research reports" with false accusations of Israeli "war crimes," and the UN Commission on Human Rights held "emergency" meetings to condemn Israel. Journalists, diplomats, and then academics from around the world repeated the accusations without bothering to check the facts or noticing their absence.

Using this justification, the academic boycott of Israel was launched, immorally invoking and exploiting the South African apartheid analogy that is central to the Durban strategy and political warfare. This was later expanded to the BDS – boycotts, divestment and sanctions – movement. The objective, as stated clearly and repeatedly, was not to support peace through a two-state agreement, but rather to end Israeli "occupation" since 1948 – in other words, to destroy the Jewish nation-state.

This pattern of false "war-crimes" accusations used to justify BDS campaigns and other forms of discrimination against Israel has continued and expanded. The alliance between the Arab regimes that control the UN human rights agenda and the radical NGOs, including dozens of European-funded groups that operate out of Israel but have almost no Israeli supporters, is central. This alliance followed the same script in the 2006 Lebanon war, the Gaza war two years later, and the 2010 "Free Gaza" flotilla provocation.

Gerald Steinberg in Jerusalem

After the Liberals lost power and Stephen Harper became prime minister, Canada largely ended its funding for the NGOs involved in the Durban strategy and disavowed the delusion of the United Nations as a moral force. However, some Canadian ex-diplomats and pundits cling to this myth.

There are some signs that the Canadian-led awakening on the reality behind the UN and NGO human rights façade is spreading, and that the Durban alliance has overplayed its hand. The UN's 2009 Durban Review conference – held in Geneva – did not agree to or fund another NGO forum, and the third Durban conference, on Sept. 22 in New York, will be largely ignored. In both cases, Canada was the first nation to announce that it would not participate, and other nations followed.

The extremist BDS movement is also faltering. Violent boycotters who disrupted an Israel Philharmonic Orchestra performance in London, England, and hooligans in Melbourne, Australia, who blocked customers from entering an Israeli-owned chocolate store, have triggered backlashes.

"Buy-cotts" of Israeli products are more successful than boycotts. On some university campuses, student groups are getting better at exposing crude anti-Israel propaganda. And funding for false-flag human rights groups is decreasing as donors follow Canada's lead. These are important signs of progress in the difficult Durban war.

Germany's ties with Israel remain strong

Israel can count on at least one country, the United States, to veto a Palestinian unilateral declaration of independence and application for full membership when, according to the latest reports, that contentious motion is presented to the United Nations' Security Council later this week by the president of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas.

If the United States vetoes the motion as widely expected, the Palestinians might well take their case to the General Assembly, where a majority of nations favour the Palestinian position. Israel would then expect its friends, including Germany, Israel's chief ally in Europe, to vote against the proposal.

But can Israel rely on Germany? No one can be sure, since Angela Merkel, the German chancellor, has yet to make a final decision. "They've taken a wait-and-see approach," said Asaf Ichilevich, the first secretary and foreign policy advisor at Israel's embassy in Berlin, earlier this month.

Judging by her comments and those of her foreign minister, Guido Westerwelle, Germany is likely to disappoint the Palestinians should the issue ultimately land in the General Assembly.

Merkel, who has firmly upheld Israel's special relationship with Germany, has warned that "unilateral measures" would be unhelpful, and she has urged the Palestinians to return to negotiations with Israel. Westerwelle, while voicing support for a two-state solution and the right of the Palestinians to statehood, has said that unilateral steps "could be counter-productive."

Their views, however soothing to the current Israeli government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, do not appear to coincide with German public opinion. A YouGov survey published on Sept. 12 indicates that 76 per cent of Germans believe that Germany should support a unilateral Palestinian declaration of statehood.

If Germany lines up behind Israel vis-à-vis this motion, it will not be the first time Germany has sided with the Jewish state.

Apparently reacting to a chorus of pressure from the World Jewish Congress and the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Westerwelle recently announced that Germany, in concert with nine other countries, notably Canada, the United States, Italy and the Netherlands, would boycott the UN-sponsored Durban III anti-racism conference, scheduled to start on Sept. 22 in New York City. In explaining his stance, Westerwelle said that it might be misused yet again to propagate antisemitism, and noted that Germany's pullout from Durban was "an expression of our special responsibility toward Israel."

With these succinct words, Westerwelle went to the heart of the matter.

Sheldon Kirshner in Berlin

Ever since West Germany formally established diplomatic relations with Israel in 1965, when the Holocaust was still a fresh wound and a jolting memory, Germany has formed a strong and unwavering relationship with Israel cutting across political, economic, scientific, military and cultural realms and enjoying bipartisan support in parliament.

Horst Kohler, then Germany's president, elaborated on this theme on a state visit to Israel in 2005, saying Germany was committed to "ensuring that Israel can live within internationally recognized borders, free of fear and terror."

When he was Germany's foreign minister, Joschka Fischer said that Israel's security was "a cornerstone" of its policy.

Merkel has continued this tradition. As she once put it, "For us, relations with Israel are a precious treasure that we must preserve. We, and the coming generations, must therefore be aware of our history and the responsibility it entails. We must take a clear and public stand about maintaining close relations with the Jewish community in Germany and, of course, close relations with Israel ..."

Three and a half years ago, in the first speech delivered by a German chancellor in the Knesset, Merkel declared that the Holocaust – conceived and implemented by Germans during the Nazi period – link Germany and Israel "in a very special way."

The ties that bind Germany with Israel are based on shared western values and beliefs and a common historical perspective.

Since signing a landmark compensation agreement with Israel in 1952, Germany has paid out a reported $36 billion in reparation payments to Israel and Holocaust survivors around the world.

Mutual state visits are a regular occurrence, and in 2008, in honour of Israel's 60th anniversary, Germany and Israel launched joint cabinet meetings. Germany is Israel's largest trading partner in Europe. Scientific, educational, cultural and youth exchanges have become commonplace, and two-way tourism is booming.

Military co-operation, dating back to the 1960s, is extensive today. Israel's Merkava tank is powered by a German engine and Germany deploys Israeli anti-tank missiles and Heron spy drones.

The Israeli navy currently operates three German-manufactured Dolphin-class submarines, reportedly capable of firing nuclear warheads. Last May, Israel finalized the purchase of three more Dolphins, which replace Israel's obsolete Gal models.

Last year, the commander of Germany's armed forces, Gen. Volker Wieker, visited Israel, paying a visit to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial, museum and school.

Germany has agreed to sell 200 Leopard tanks to Saudi Arabia, but Israel does not object to the sale, as it did when the transaction was first mooted in 1981. "It's not seen as a real threat to Israel," an Israeli diplomat said. During the 1991 Gulf War, Germany supplied Israel with Patriot anti-missile missiles.

In recent years, Israel has entrusted German negotiators with the task of trying to find the downed Israeli aviator Ron Arad and working to win the release of an Israeli citizen held by Hezbollah and an Israeli soldier still imprisoned by Hamas.

Germany has been a key player in efforts to deny Iran nuclear weapons. Germany has also condemned remarks by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad that Israel should be destroyed.

Germany is Iran's second-biggest trading partner in Europe after Italy. By all accounts, 1,700 German companies are active in Iran. But Germany's trade with Iran has been shrinking in the last few years and shrank by a further 18 per cent in the first six months of 2011. According to the Israeli Embassy in Berlin, the German government actively discourages commercial relations with Iran and German export controls are stringent.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel meets Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Berlin in 2010. ***[Photo courtesy of German Federal Press Office]***

In the European Union, Germany is a staunch defender of Israel. Germany objected to a EU call in 2002 to impose economic sanctions on Israel. Germany backed Israel's construction of a separation barrier on security grounds.

But in accordance with EU policy, Germany has criticized Israel for building and expanding settlements in the West Bank. Recently, Germany reportedly pressured Deutsche Bahn International to withdraw from a project to build a rail line from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem because six kilometres of it passes through the West Bank.

Germany, too, has called on Israel to lift the siege of the Gaza Strip, controlled by Hamas since 2007.

Last February, in a heated telephone exchange, Merkel accused Netanyahu of failing to take "a single step to advance peace." In response, Netanyahu went to Berlin in an attempt to smooth over their sharp differences.

Germany and Israel fundamentally disagree over this pivotal issue, but their bilateral relations remain as vital as ever and are intrinsically intact.

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Ground broken on Jewish war vet memorial

David Grossman
Special to The CJN

At one time, it was considered a grandiose project.

Cabinet ministers, senators and former Toronto mayor David Miller said a monument to honour Jews who died while serving in the Canadian armed forces during World War I and II and the Korean War would be the most significant memorial to be erected in Canada in 50 years.

Unfortunately, it never happened.

For almost 10 years, there has been aggravation, confusion and disarray for those who wanted nothing more than to honour a group that had gone largely unrecognized.

Finally, this year, on the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, a small group from the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, Toronto Post, broke ground on a project that will commemorate the sacrifices others made for freedom.

Amek Adler, a Holocaust survivor and vice-chair of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, was the first of many to tip his shovel in the soil in a ceremony at the Lipa Green Centre for Jewish Community Services.

The monument is a joint effort between UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and the Jewish War Veterans, Toronto Post. Donations will to help cover the total cost, as will the contribution of ScotiaBank, the major corporate sponsor.

There was some emotion as several veterans reminisced about days past in front of a small group of about 50 people who had gathered to pay their respects.

A larger ceremony that will unveil the actual monument – now under construction at a cost of about $75,000 – is set for the morning of Remembrance Day.

The project is far less expensive than the original one, an ambitious, $7-million work of art that was announced six years ago and was to be built by a renowned architect. Many issues got in the way, including internal squabbles and the big question of who would do the fundraising.

The monument slated to be unveiled Nov. 11 will bear no resemblance to the original, but it will carry a powerful message and may even be more appealing.

About eight feet long and six feet high, it will be an oval-shaped structure made of black granite supported by large rock boulders on each side, with Canadian and Israeli flags.

One side of the memorial will contain the names of 570 Canadian Jewish soldiers killed in action in World War I and II and the Korean War.

In total, 1.5 million Jews, including some 17,000 Canadians, served with the Allies during World War II.

"As a Holocaust survivor, I cry," Adler said. "But I cry just as much knowing that, after all these years, we will finally have a memorial to salute those who gave their lives so we can live in freedom.

"It has been a bumpy road. We have no money. All we wanted was a home to remember those who fought for this country. We were determined to establish a monument to live on – and we are grateful to those who stuck with us – our board, the UJA and those who contributed financially to make this happen."

Joseph Warner, a Jewish war veteran who was a pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force saluted his colleagues.

Jewish war veterans, from left, Jack Cahan, Joseph Warner, Alex Lavin and Amek Adler break ground on the new memorial. *[D Grossman photo]*

"The tenacity of our veterans who would not let this go – it was amazing," Warner said. "Our membership is getting old, and there are times when we have to cross the name of someone off our list. Look, these wars were a long time ago. If someone doesn't do something, who will?

"Our younger generations don't know our backgrounds, and a history lesson is badly needed. I am sure that this will help. Have we not waited long enough to pay tribute to people who deserve it?"

For the past eight months, a Toronto Post working committee comprising Mike Brown, Everett Bluestein and Adler pushed ahead with the support of the federation.

"It's a solemn time and also one of celebration," said Norm Gardner, a former city councillor and chair of the Toronto Police Services board who has served in the Canadian Armed Forces and was a reserve member of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

"It's the culmination of something that should have been done many years ago. When I hear people say Jews never fought in the war, they're being ignorant only because they don't know. This will help change that."

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Members of the eight-team SCOT Sephardic Soccer League received trophies for their participation, which were presented by Toronto city councillor James Pasternak, pictured top right at left, York Centre provincial Conservative candidate Michael Mostyn, centre, and Tiferet Israel Congregation president Sammy Toledano.

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Developer pledges $1 million to Chabad

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Larry Robbins, a real estate developer and board leader of the Erin Mills Development Corporation, recently pledged more than $1 million to Chabad of Mississauga for an endowment fund earmarked for educational programs.

He has promised $1,080,000 in seed money for the Robbins Family Endowment Fund, because, he told *The CJN* in a phone interview, the amount is "six times 180,000. I do everything with chai. Even in business, I try to work it out to chai."

As well, he admires Rabbi Yitzchok Slavin and his wife, Sara, for their hard work in building something "from nothing," and for the services they provide to the Jewish community in Mississauga, Brampton, Hamilton, Milton and Oakville.

By coincidence or serendipity, Rabbi Slavin, who started Chabad of Mississauga in 2003, lives on the first street that Robbins built in the area almost three decades ago.

The two men have a relationship that dates back about five years, when Rabbi Slavin first called Robbins because he had heard that Robbins and his wife, Miriam, who has since died, had a Torah they wanted to donate.

Larry Robbins, left, and Rabbi Yitzchok Slavin in 2008 when the Erin Mills Development Corporation helped Chabad of Mississauga with its second mortgage.

Miriam's father, the late Rabbi Isaac Aronoff, ran a shul in his home, and the Torah had belonged to him.

The couple donated the Torah to Chabad of Mississauga (also known as Chabad in Erin Mills), and the rabbi subsequently asked Robbins for advice on buying a building. Chabad is now located in a 6,300-foot facility on Dundas St. called the Turk Family Chabad Jewish Discovery Centre.

The two men developed a friendship, Robbins told *The CJN*.

Robbins – via the Erin Mills Development Corporation at the time – also helped the congregation when its second mortgage came due. As well, Chabad's Hebrew School is named for Miriam Robbins.

"Above all, our focus is on education," Rabbi Slavin said in a news release.

Likewise, education was important to Miriam Robbins. In large part for that reason, Robbins was a benefactor to United Synagogue Day School last year, and it was renamed Robbins Hebrew Academy.

Rabbi Slavin told *The CJN* that, although Mississauga and Oakville each had a Reform temple when he arrived (a small Conservative congregation was established in the area a year later), there was a large population of unaffiliated Jewish people in the area.

He knew only two people in the community at the time and started running services in his basement.

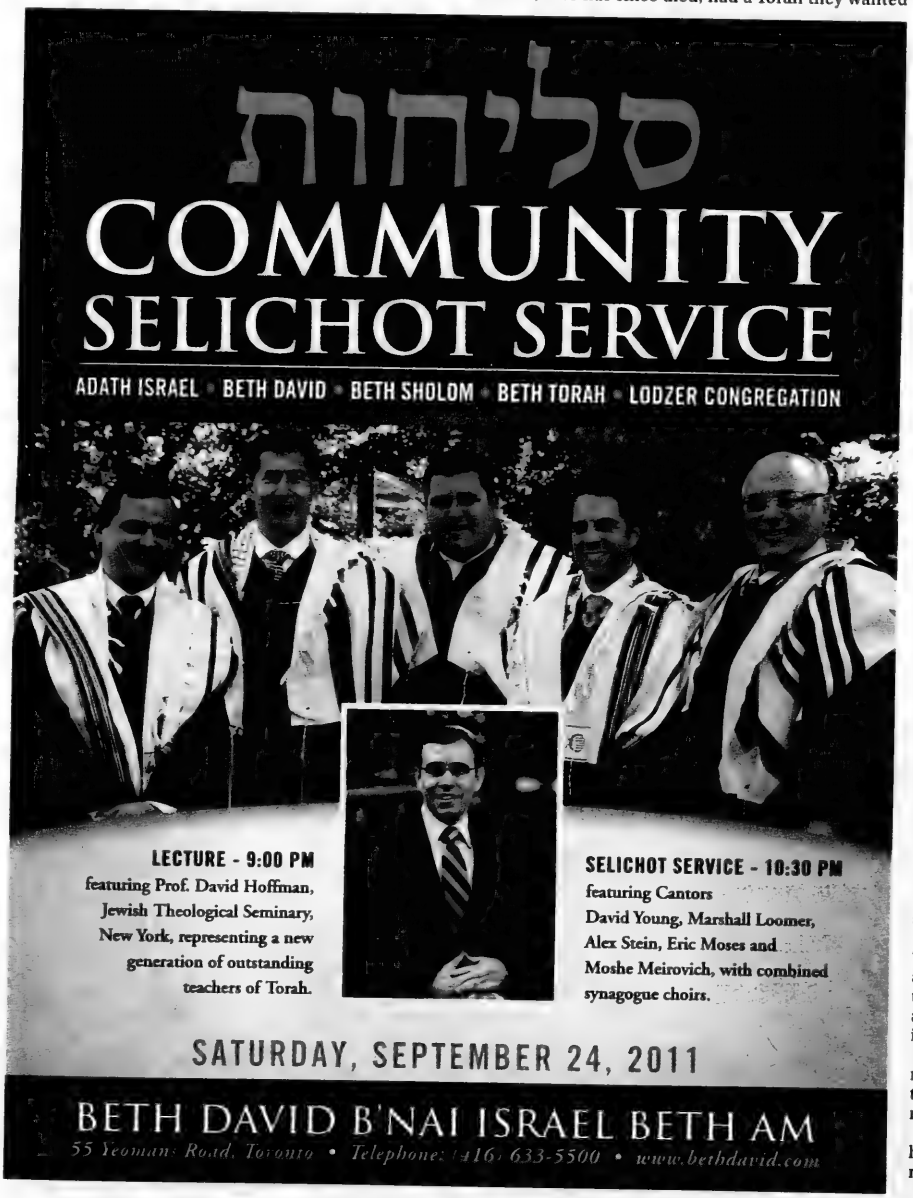
Today, Rabbi Slavin said, Chabad of Mississauga has a mailing list of almost 500 people, and an average Shabbat morning attendance of about 30 people. Last year, between 70 and 95 people attended High Holiday services.

Over the years, hundreds of people have come through his doors, the rabbi said, referring to attendees of Hebrew school, adult education programs, and summer day camp in addition to religious services.

Robbins' gift will put all the educational programs "under one umbrella," Rabbi Slavin said. As well, he added, it will enable Chabad to create more educational options for people of all ages. A new teens' club and a new Mommy & Me program will also offer Judaic-related education.

For Chabad of Mississauga, which doesn't charge membership dues, the fund offers some security, although it will provide only 15 to 18 per cent of its annual budget, Rabbi Slavin said.

A gala dinner to honour Robbins and pay tribute to his wife's memory is planned for mid-2012, when the new institute will be formally dedicated.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Beth Tikvah honours founding rabbi

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Rabbi Avraham Feder and his late wife, Leona, were honoured this past Sunday by Beth Tikvah Synagogue, where the chapel is being named in their honour.

The personable 80-year-old rabbi, who remarried four years ago, still has a strong connection with the synagogue, where he was founding rabbi. Thirty years ago, he made aliyah and went on to lead a congregation in Jerusalem, where he is now also rabbi emeritus. As well, he has headed the rabbinic program at the Schechter Institute for Jewish Studies and taught chazzanut at Bar-Ilan University.

Beth Tikvah's rabbi and chazzan for its first 14 years, Rabbi Feder has been leading the shul's alternate High Holiday services for the past 30 years. Until two years ago, he also returned to Toronto in the spring to lecture and sing in concert.

Merle Goldman, a past president of Beth Tikvah and a member since 1969, told *The CJN* that Rabbi Feder was "like the Pied Piper of that community," shaping the congregation with his love for music, education and Israel.

Rabbi Avraham Feder
[Frances Kraft photo]

As well, she said, he is a "great raconteur" who used to draw adults and children alike to Sukkot services to hear his "Tzaki" stories, three of which are about to be published in book form.

The childrens' stories, which became a Beth Tikvah tradition, can be traced back to Rabbi Feder's first Sukkot service at the shul. Although he had prepared a "very serious" sermon, he decided to ad lib when he saw the number of young children at the service, he recalled in an interview last week. Over time, he developed stories about a boy named Tzaki and his "flying magical sukkah."

A native of New York City, where his father was a cantor, Rabbi Feder worked briefly as a public school English teacher, then served as a cantor at two large congregations before entering the Conservative movement's Jewish Theological Seminary to study for rabbinic ordination. At the time, he was 29 and the father of two young children. A third was born in Toronto.

In addition to his smichah, the rabbi has a BA in English literature and education, a master's degree in Hebrew literature and another in sacred music, and a PhD in educational theory from the University of Toronto.

Rabbi Feder worked for the United Synagogue of America for two years before moving to Toronto to take his first rabbinic pulpit. The fledgling congregation of 100 families appealed to him, he said, and he looked forward to "building something" with them.

Having grown up in a modern Orthodox home, and having served Beth Tikvah, which is a traditional Conservative shul in orientation, before introducing full egalitarianism at his next congregation, Beit Knesset Moreshet Yisrael, it's clear his perspective has evolved.

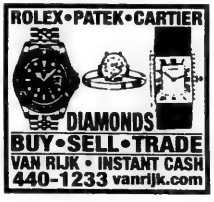
"A person should change," Rabbi Feder said. "I think growth is based on the ability to change."

He believes that egalitarianism is "a vital issue," and said he can no longer buy "all the old reasoning that's been given in defence of the old traditional way."

The outspoken rabbi also stands by a 1977 statement he made, calling it a disgrace that, as he put it, "Orthodoxy [had] been increasingly boycotting meaningful dialogue with the Conservative and Reform."

The founder of MAOR, the foundation for Unity and Diversity in Jewish Life, Rabbi Feder remembers monthly meetings of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform in his early days in Toronto, where "not only major rabbis... but world-renowned leaders" would debate and argue.

A proponent of education, prayer and social action, Rabbi Feder said he would urge his former congregants to "reinvigorate themselves into a renewed commitment to those three areas."



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Organ donation is a mitzvah

Rabbi Yonah Berman

A close friend of mine lost his father, Bob, in 2006, after a long and difficult battle with complications from diabetes. When Bob passed away, his family made the courageous decision to donate his liver, thereby saving the life of another man whose own liver was failing. Bob himself had received a kidney donation some 19 years earlier, thus returning the favour, as it were, at the time of his own passing.

One of the recent points of controversy in the Orthodox community has been the debate over organ donation. There is a widely held – albeit mistaken – belief, that Judaism does not permit organ donation. This is far from true.

Jewish tradition normally prohibits any act that would defile a corpse (*bizui hamet*). We therefore perform funerals and bury remains as soon as possible after an individual's death, and we avoid autopsies, unless they are required by law, such as in the case of a criminal investigation. However, Judaism sees the preservation of human life as one of its paramount values. The principle of *pikuach nefesh* (saving a human life) surpasses the observance of nearly all commandments, with the exception of cardinal sins involving murder, idolatry and certain sexual relationships.

It is clear that when someone's organs can be used to preserve or save the lives of others, Jewish law would not stand in the way of harvesting those organs. Furthermore, there may even be an ethical imperative to donate organs in such a case.

The current controversy does not surround the acceptability – and perhaps the ideal – of organ donation. Rather, it focuses on the issue of defining the moment of an individual's death, and, therefore,

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the permissibility to harvest his or her organs for transplantation at that time. Some rabbis follow the historic medical and halachic definition of death: the cessation of respiration and cardiac function (breathing and heartbeat). This approach limits which organs can be harvested from a donor, since the organs begin to degrade as soon as they stop receiving oxygen.

Other rabbis side with the majority of modern physicians, defining death as the cessation of all brain function, known colloquially as "brain death." This approach allows for many more organs to be harvested, since the donor's body can remain connected to a respirator, maintaining circulation and, therefore, preserving the organs until transplant teams can harvest them. Whichever definition of death one follows, in consultation with his or her rabbi, one has the potential to be an organ donor upon their death.

Let me be clear: while there are questions regarding when organs may be taken from a donor, based on the dispute over the definition of death, *Jewish tradition sees saving a person's life as a paramount mitzvah and an undeniable ethical responsibility.*

I urge you to visit the Halachic Organ Donor Society's website (www.hods.org) to learn more about this important issue. You will see numerous Canadian and American community leaders and rabbis who are card-carrying members of this organization and who encourage others to join as well.

May all of God's children be blessed with long life and good health in the coming year and beyond.

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Resolutions for the New Year

Life seems to get more and more complicated. In our complex society we often lose sight of helpful guideposts for living.

No one knows what 5772 will offer, but here are some resolutions that can bring an added dimension of meaning to our lives.

Cultivate the art of patience: The prayer of modern man runs as follows: "Dear God, I pray for patience and I want it right now." Patience makes for perfection. The great pianist Paderewski declared that if he missed practising for one day, he could tell the difference. If he missed practising for two days, his friends could tell the difference. And if he missed practise for three days, his audience could tell the difference. Patience is the hallmark of a civilized person who knows how to wait for the egg to hatch, the fruit to ripen, for the idea whose time has come.

Believe that you can make a difference: In every person there is something uniquely precious. No two faces are identical; no two sets of fingerprints are alike. Each person has to read his own book, blow his own nose, make his own love and say his own prayers.

It seems to be a law of nature that creative ideas do not arise from groups; they spring from individuals. The greatest argument against the suppression of individuality is that homogenized society doesn't allow the cream to rise.

Bookmarks
Bernard Baskin

Never lose your sense of wonder: Albert Einstein wrote: "The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. He to whom the emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand wrapped in awe, is as good as dead; his eyes are closed."

The larger island of knowledge, the longer the shoreline of wonder. It was Kant, the great philosopher who taught: "Two things fill the mind with every new and increasing wonder – the starry heavens above me and the moral law within." We are all born with a sense of wonder; how quickly most of us lose it.

Seek the wisdom to be found in books: Perhaps the best single test of a nation's culture remains what it has been since the days of Gutenberg – its attitude toward books. A house without books is like a room without windows. A good book is the precious lifeblood of a master spirit. Christopher Morley put it aptly: "When you sell a man a book, you don't sell him just 12 ounces of paper and ink and glue – you sell him a whole new life."

Strengthen your links with your Jewish identity: You share in a 4,000-year tradition. What will you do to keep it alive and vital? A Jew today is a part of a community of the "survival of the fittest." Your ancestors, in an unremitting struggle for Jewish survival, overcame the temptations, the trials, vicissitudes of an often hostile history. Strive to derive from Judaism something of its colour, drama, lore and wisdom that can lend beauty, purpose and spirit to your life.

Mixed reaction to advocacy overhaul

A cluster of recent articles in the *National Post*, the *Toronto Star* and *The CJN* seems to suggest that the transition from the Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy, the old CIJA, to its current incarnation, the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, the new CIJA, has been somewhat controversial and much less seamless than might otherwise have been expected.

Though touted as "a model for any advocacy body in the world" (*National Post*, Sept. 1), the process of CIJA's reconfiguration has left many in the Jewish community with a sense of unease. Though the reasons for concern cover a broad and complex spectrum, depending on whose opinions are expressed, there are certain recurring themes that tend to command particular attention when discussing the changes that are about to become the new reality for Israel and Jewish advocacy in Canada.

One of these relates to the perceived lack of inclusivity as the restructuring began to unfold, while another has to do with doubts about community participation in the selection of the new CIJA's board of directors.

What needs to be addressed is whether there is any basis for these criticisms. So let's first look at the inclusivity issue. Did the Jewish community at large, in all of its diversity, have an opportunity to take part in the revamp? Those orchestrating the process have insisted again and again that this was so – that the "grassroots" was involved – but, in drilling down to the crux of what is defined as "grassroots" participation, we learn that "grassroots" really means, for the most part, "federations" or pockets of leadership in our non-federated communities.

My View

Lawrence Hart

Such leadership, whether federated on non-federated, invariably connotes the self-appointment of boards and committees, since there is hardly ever an election for these positions. Thus, in effect, only a relatively small segment of the community at large actually had access to the so-called *Newco Document*, which was the blueprint for the pending reforms. It's been reported, moreover, that when the media (even *The CJN*) wished to review the document, they were not permitted to do so, at least not until very late in the process.

When turning to the selection of the new CIJA's directors, we're assured that there were "elections" to the board, which, depending on interpretation, may have been the case. What needs to be disclosed, however, is how and when such elections took place, who was nominated and by whom, and what terms of reference govern particular board positions. It might also be explained how six out of the nine members of the CIJA reorganization committee got onto the board, with one of them listed as the "chair designate." More usually, members of such a committee – which in this instance was apparently also the de facto nominating committee – are not eligible to sit on the board that they are themselves proposing.

That the new CIJA seems to have gotten off to a rocky start is unfortunate. But unless the key issues that rile its critics are wisely and sensitively dealt with, more divisiveness is inevitable, and what was intended as a novel and constructive overhaul of our advocacy structure will flounder in a maelstrom of suspicion and unmet expectations.

Pursuing the perfect honey cake

Last time, we looked at why it seems that honey cake, despite being a famous Rosh Hashanah food, can't get no respect – at least from many Jewish food writers. Today, those same writers take up the challenge in pursuit of honey cakes they would be proud to serve on their own holiday tables.

"Every honey cake I have been forced to try has been wretched (apologies if it was yours)," writes Deb Perelman. So she decided to make things right. She had heard very good things about Marcy Goldman's recipe and decided to give it a whirl. Although the loaves had fallen (which Deb admits may be her own doing), she says, "This honey cake is perfect. It's warmly spiced and crazy moist and soft and plush with a little crisp edge about the corners..."And it most certainly lives up to its title, Majestic and Moist Honey Cake. **[http://bit.ly/hnycake11]**

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Mark Mietkiewicz

Arthur Schwartz did some searching and sampling, and he says, perhaps with a dash of reluctance, that "the one I would most likely bake if I was forced to bake a honey cake is from Levana Kirschenbaum's new book, *Levana's Table*... She is Moroccan and her honey cake reflects her native cuisine's love of lavish seasoning. The cardamom in the recipe adds an exotic aroma. The ginger adds a good peppery bite to the aftertaste." **[http://bit.ly/hnycake12]**

If you'd like to add star power to your holiday kitchen, there is Nigella Lawson's Honey Chocolate Cake. **[http://bit.ly/hnycake13]** And you'd better get going if you'd like to bake Janna Gur's Magical Honey Cake because she advises: "Pay attention: the cake should 'mature' for seven days before serving." **[http://bit.ly/hnycake15]**

To pore over even more recipes, visit the Jewish-food Honeycake Archives, where you can sample 38 variations including Walnuts and Cinnamon, Australian and Almost Fat-Free. **[http://bit.ly/hnycake16]** At the RFCJ Recipe Archives, there's Honey Cheesecake, Alsatian Pain d'Épice, and Honey Blueberry. **[http://bit.ly/hnycake17]**

Although those recipes may be delicious, they still may not be right for all households, especially if you are baking for someone with a food allergy or sensitivity. Here's a recipe that calls for ghee, rice milk and an egg substitute. **[http://bit.ly/hnycake18]** And the Gluten-Free Bay website has a recipe for people who cannot tolerate gluten. **[http://bit.ly/hnycake19]**

Sometimes what makes a honeycake recipe truly special are not the eggs, the wheat or even honey but the memories that have gone into it. For Penny, those memories are definitely found in her Zadie's Orange Honey Cake.

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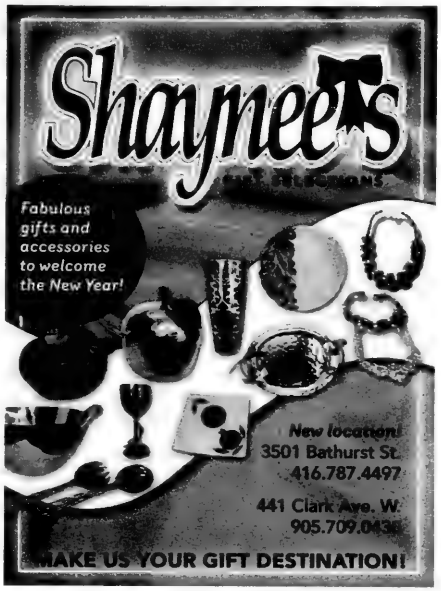

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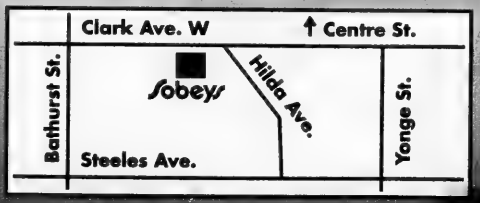

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Temple Har Zion celebrates 40 years

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

Temple Har Zion will kick off its year-long 40th anniversary celebrations this weekend with a nostalgic Shabbat service officiated by the synagogue's spiritual leader Rabbi Cory Weiss, emeritus Rabbi Michael Stroh and cantorial soloist Tara Abrams.

The service will incorporate all four prayer books that have been used throughout the temple's history, and will include current tunes as well as tunes used in the past, Debby Kaplan, chair of the 40th anniversary committee, told *The CJN*.

The synagogue will use its new multimedia system to project the liturgy.

Torah study with Washington-based Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Union for Reform Judaism's Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, will precede the service.

The day will also include a 3 p.m. reunion with activities for children, and an evening barbeque.

Ellen Morrow, chair of the reunion and a longtime member whose bat mitzvah was part of the temple's first service, said she is excited about the reunion. "We thought it would be such a nice way to start – to see old friends and celebrate how far we've come."

Pictures will be on display, and Morrow noted that a scanner will be on hand to make copies of memorabilia that people bring.

Over the years, the congregation has grown to almost 600 families from a core group of eight families in 1971. At the beginning, services were held in rented space in a local church.

In time, the synagogue bought a house, where Morrow – whose father Art Benjamin was the first director of the religious school – attended confirmation classes in Rabbi Stroh's study.

The founding families belonged to a young congregants group at Holy Blossom Temple who had moved north, Rabbi Stroh said. Originally, they asked Holy Blossom to consider opening a northern branch school for their young children, but the board advised them that they needed a new synagogue, not just a school, he recalled.

The founding families asked Rabbi Stroh, an associate rabbi at Holy Blossom at the time, to go with them and help start the congregation.

Holy Blossom provided financial assistance to get them off the ground, he said.

Retired since 2005, Rabbi Stroh said he had "a terrific 35 years."

He takes pride in the temple's longstanding adult education program, in which he still teaches. He credits congregants "who wanted to study in a very sophisticated way and were willing to stretch their heads."

As well, he mentioned Har Zion's social action programs including its ongoing hosting of homeless people through Out of the Cold.

In 2004, the temple and its neighbour, the Islamic Ja'affari Centre – known for their shared parking lot – won an award for their mutual respect and understanding.

Rabbi Weiss, who became rabbi of the temple five years ago, is particularly excited about the 40th anniversary Torah writing project, which kicks off Oct. 16.

He said that in addition to its adult education including weekly Shabbat Torah study, Har Zion is known for its music.

"We're a real learning congregation… And we're a very musical congregation," Rabbi Weiss said.

The rabbi, who has a bachelor of music and plays three instruments, added, "We love to incorporate music. It's a singing congregation."

A few of the year's events reflect that love of music: a Nov. 25 and 26 Shabbat with performer Josh Nelson as musician-in-residence, Shabbat Shira weekend Feb. 3 to 5 with Har Zion alum Alan Goodis as musician-in-residence, and a Daniel Pearl World Music Day event on Oct. 28, which will feature young musicians from the congregation.

Of the reunion events this weekend, RSVPs are required for the barbeque only, by Sept. 21, at 40threunion@templeharzion.com.

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NCJW panel to discuss organ donation

Carolyn Blackman
Staff Reporter

The myths and misconceptions surrounding organ and tissue donation will be discussed at a panel sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m. at Council House.

The forum features Rabbi Reuven Bulka, chair of the Trillium Gift of Life Network, and Rabbi Aaron Flanzreich, spiritual leader of Beth Sholom Synagogue, who will also answer Jewish questions surrounding organ and tissue donation.

Ronda Hecker

Also featured will be the premier showing of Frank Bialystok's video, *My Second Bar Mitzvah*, filmed 13 years after his liver transplant, and the personal stories of organ donors and recipients.

Ronda Hecker, chair of NCJW's Gift of Life Organ and Tissue Donation Program, said her organization partnered with Trillum about 2-1/2 years ago after she and past president Paula Frisch decided it was an important issue to pursue.

"We want people to realize that saving a life is the biggest mitzvah you can perform, and 'yes you can' donate an organ. This is a project that touches my heart. People do not have to die," Hecker said.

She said that people generally have several common questions about tissue and organ donation. "They want to know if all movements within Judaism agree with it; which parts of their body can be transplanted and whether Judaism requires us to be buried with our bodies intact.

"I always tell them that all movements agree with organ donation, and with regards to be buried intact, that Judaism clearly draws a distinction in the case of donating organs and tissues in order to save a life."

Everyone is a potential organ and tissue donor regardless of age, she said. "Age is less important than the health of the organs and tissues. Even a person with a serious illness can sometimes be an organ or tissue donor. Leave that decision to health professionals."

Hecker said that she knows the topic scares many people, "but we have to make the issue bright and alive. People live because of it. I'm expecting it to be an emotional evening."

Mentorship program helps new grads

Frances Kraft
Staff Reporter

The TanenbaumCHAT Mentorship Network was slated to hold its first event this week at Scotia Plaza.

The program, which now has 75 mentors and 40 mentees, was set up a couple of years ago to help alumni of the Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto embarking on or looking ahead to their careers.

Mentor Lauren Friese, 28, who did not attend the school, became involved after she was invited to speak at a TanenbaumCHAT career day.

The founder of Talent Egg, a three-year-old website and career resource for students and new graduates, Friese was mentored herself. "I think it's so important."

She compares mentoring to the feedback that companies get from outside consultants who are objective because they "understand your vision but aren't involved in your day-to-day life."

The relationship she has with her first mentee is "more of an e-mail thing," but they initially met for coffee and "had a great chat."

Lauren Friese

The network has no set guidelines about the amount of obligation a mentor is taking on. "Some are time-specific and some are much more ongoing dialogue," Ben Mogil, chair of the mentorship network, said. "We assume mentees will be proactive and know the balance between being proactive and not being a *noodge*."

For more information on the program, contact Heather Gutmann at 416-636-5984, ext. 333, or at hgutmann@tanenbaumchat.org.

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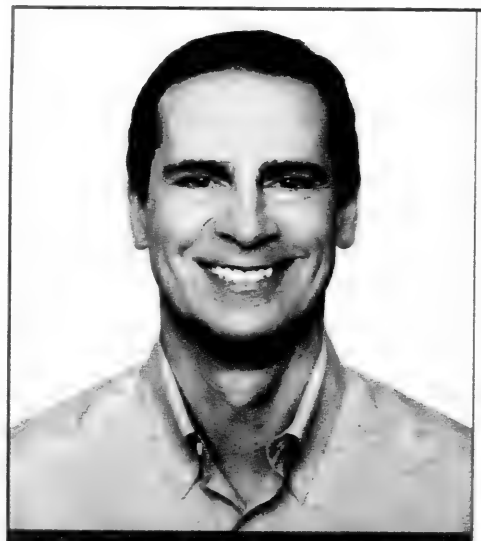

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Cancer survivor, 24, gives back

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

It was a journey he never expected to go on, but one that taught him the importance of giving back.

At just 24 years old, Mark Benmoise of Thornhill, Ont., is a cancer survivor who is committed to raising funds and awareness about the disease, and providing support to those who are also battling cancer.

On Oct. 5, Benmoise will be joining hundreds of Torontonians on the Light the Night Walk run by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada, an organization that raises funds for Canadian researchers who focus on leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma and Hodgkin's disease.

Benmoise, a child and youth worker at a non-profit mental health organization called Kinark Child and Family Services, said he became one of the 90,000 Canadians living with, or in remission from blood cancers about five years ago. He said his battle began when he went to visit his girlfriend who lives in New York City.

After getting "really sick, throwing up, spending a lot of time in the bathroom," his doctors chalked it up to food poisoning, but when it happened again, he convinced his doctor to run some tests.

When his ultrasound came back "abnormal," revealing swollen lymph nodes, he was referred to an oncologist.

Over the span of three years, Benmoise underwent a series of CT scans, blood tests and biopsies, but the tests continued to return inconclusive.

He said when he followed up with the oncologist months later, they discovered the lymph nodes in his abdomen had grown even more. His doctor suggested that rather than do another biopsy that may come back inconclusive, he should undergo surgery to completely remove a lymph node so they could come to a definite conclusion.

Mark Benmoise with his niece Aliya.

"At that point, I had been chasing it for three and a half, four years. I thought, let's find out if it's something or nothing."

He soon learned it was something. He was diagnosed with nodular lymphocyte-predominant Hodgkin lymphoma (NLPHL), an uncommon subtype of Hodgkin lymphoma.

"The good news was that it was in the early stages, really treatable, a really good cure rate," Benmoise said.

Earlier this year, after successful rounds of chemotherapy, Benmoise is now in remission. He said what makes his blood cancer different from others is that when another cancer patient is cancer-free for five years, they are considered cured, but NLPHL patients are never considered cured, because it has such a high recurrence rate.

Benmoise, who realizes that although he beat the cancer it will always be a part of his life, said the support he received from his family and friends throughout the process really helped him stay positive.

He said his family and friends often prayed for him at shul and a friend who had made aliyah prayed for him regularly at the Kotel in Jerusalem.

"Now I want to give back. I want to raise money and participate in Light the Night."

Benmoise, who initially only shared his condition with a select group of family and friends, said he didn't decide to go public with his disease until he chose to join the Light the Night walk.

Benmoise created a Facebook page about his goal to raise money for the cause and briefly described his experience fighting cancer.

"I got a lot of responses from people who either had someone connected to them who had Hodgkin lymphoma, or who had Hodgkin lymphoma or another type of blood cancer," he said.

Each walk participant is required to raise a minimum of $250 which will go towards blood cancer research, local programs and support groups and peer-to-peer counseling.

According to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada, leukemia remains "the number 1 disease-killer of children under 19 and alarmingly the incidence of non-Hodgkin lymphoma in adults has doubled since 1973."

He said since he announced his goal to raise funds for the walk, he's put together a team of seven people, and together they've raised about $4,000. Benmoise said he hopes his participation in Light the Night will become an annual tradition.

"I want to do this every year. I want to raise money for it, and I'm going to participate in the walk because this is something that is important to me."

But his plans for giving back don't end with the walk. He said he also aspires to volunteer with children at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

"I've also been looking at attending support groups – not really for me because I feel mentally and physically healthy… I want to offer my positivity to other people and show them the other side of the coin."

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University met with student, prof

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Although Johnston's clarification was released less than 24 hours after the initial blog and Facebook posts went up, the story was already making the rounds to Toronto's major newspapers, including the *Toronto Star* and the *National Post*.

Grunfeld – who declined to comment to *The CJN* because she feared she would be misquoted, as she claimed to have been by *The Star* – released a statement through B'nai Brith Canada saying she stands by her claim that Johnston made an "abhorrent statement" and that "he failed to qualify the statement clearly as an unacceptable opinion held by others."

She said that since she went public with her complaint, "I have since been grossly misquoted and ridiculed by the media, and attempts have been made to assign blame to me with the false claim that I simply 'misheard' or 'half heard' what was said."

Grunfeld added that she was assured by York administrators that Johnston would be encouraged to issue an "unambiguous in-class apology.

"I have not heard even minimal expressions of regret by Prof. Johnston," she wrote.

"I understand that there may have been a miscommunication, but any miscommunication was on the part of the professor, not me. The media has been complicit in allowing a false interpretation of my actions to be circulated widely, which can only have a chilling effect on the ability of students to have any kind of a voice on campus."

Johnston told York's *Excalibur* student newspaper that he had met with York's dean of social sciences and would not be punished for the statement.

University spokesperson Wallace Pidgeon said York officials met with both Johnston and Grunfeld. He said Johnston's public statements "stand for themselves" and "the university is moving forward and considers the matter closed at this time."

Liknaitzky also feels an apology from Johnston to his students is in order.

"If I were one of the students in the class, I know I would appreciate an apology from the professor to whomever was offended," he said.

"What he said… wasn't the cleverest thing to do, so without providing proper context, I can completely understand why [Grunfeld] would react the way she did."

Commenting on the incident, Eric Lawee, associate director of York's Centre for Jewish Studies, said that "regrettably, the case that certain events of genuine concern to the Jewish community that occurred at York in the past, some of them, but not all of them, blown out of proportion, have predisposed people to rush to judgment about claims of disturbing developments on campus."

He added: "This latest incident serves as a reminder that each case must be judged on its merits, after a full and careful investigation. In this case, the Jewish community did this successfully, helping to clarify and calm the situation."

Fogel said that "bitter experience" has made the community sensitive to campus issues. "In that regard, I think the heightened sensitivity is absolutely justified, and we would be negligent in our responsibility if we didn't approach it like that."

But, he reiterated, one must be certain that a charge of antisemitism is legitimate before lodging a complaint.

"I wish that… instead of leaving the classroom, which is what [Grunfeld] did by her own admission, she had stayed. Even if she had not heard his context and explanation, which apparently came right after he had expressed the statement, she could have at the very least challenged him on it."

But Fogel also sympathized with Grunfeld.

"It's an issue of having lived on a campus for three years where there have been endless examples of antisemitic, anti-Israel vitriol, students being intimidated, professors who have been less than supportive. So I understand the sensitivity that she comes into the situation with. I certainly don't judge her or criticize her for having that uppermost in her mind."

B'nai Brith president Frank Dimant took his defence of Grunfeld a step further when he told the *National Post* that Grunfeld "felt marginalized and targeted by the way subject matter relating to odious opinions was presented."

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York, Al-Quds sign academic deal

Mamdouh Shoukri

Sheri Shefa
Staff Reporter

York University and Al-Quds University in Jerusalem signed an academic agreement earlier this year at a ceremony held on York's Keele campus.

"We are excited about this agreement and welcome the opportunity to strengthen our relationship with Al-Quds University," York president and vice-chancellor Mamdouh Shoukri said in a statement.

"York recognizes the value that these agreements have in enhancing the teaching, research and educational experience for faculty and students."

The agreement with Al-Quds involved the signing of a student exchange protocol and a commitment to collaborate in establishing a public policy and administration program, including a school of public policy and administration at Al-Quds.

York also boasts a number of scholarships, partnerships and exchange programs with Israeli universities, including Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University and Bar-Ilan University.

According to York's Centre for Jewish Studies director Sara Horowitz, York is also working to establish ties with the University of Haifa.

"Regarding Al-Quds, I think ties with western institutions, fostering education, is in everyone's best interest," Horowitz wrote in an e-mail from Jerusalem.

Brandeis University administrators must have felt the same way when the school partnered with Al-Quds in 1998.

In 2005, after a decision by Britain's Association of University Teachers (AUT) to boycott Israeli universities, Hebrew U also signed an agreement with Al-Quds.

Bilingual program honours Richler

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Of all the ideas that were tossed around to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Mordecai Richler's death, McGill University's to create a program that would encourage collaboration between English and French seemed the least likely to succeed.

Louis Hamelin

But, the McGill Mordecai Richler Writer-in-Residence Program has been launched, while it will be another year before the City of Montreal's project to renovate and rename the gazebo on the slope of Mount Royal after him is completed.

Two distinguished Canadian writers, one francophone and one anglophone, have been appointed as the first residents. Louis Hamelin's first novel, *Le Rage*, won a Governor General's Award in 1989, and his latest, *Le Constellation du Lynx*, about the 1970 October Crisis, is this year's winner of the Prix des libraires du Québec.

Kathleen Winter

He is also a regular contributor to *Le Devoir*, a newspaper that Richler attacked for its antisemitism in the 1930s, and which criticized him decades later for perceived prejudice against French Quebec.

Hamelin's anglophone counterpart is Kathleen Winter, whose 2010 novel, *Annabel*, was a finalist for the Giller Prize, Governor General's Award and other citations. Formerly of Newfoundland, she now lives in Montreal.

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Kwinter facing tough challenge

Ron Csillag
Special to The CJN

Monte Kwinter doesn't mind being called a warhorse. In fact, one of the first things he points out is that he's the second-longest serving MPP in Ontario's legislature (after fellow Liberal Jim Bradley), and, if re-elected, he'll surpass the previous record of the oldest one (81; Kwinter is now 80).

Ontario Votes
York Centre

He's been at Queen's Park since 1985, he also notes, and this is his eighth election. And he stresses that at no time did anyone discourage him from seeking another term.

"I'm still going strong," he said.

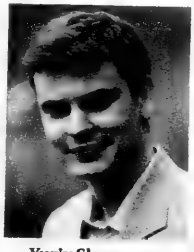
Long a visible presence in the Jewish and political arenas, Kwinter is again the Liberal candidate in York Centre. In the 2007 provincial vote, he polled 16,648 votes to his Conservative rival's 11,023. But Kwinter's support fell by nearly 11 per cent over the previous election, while the Tories went up seven per cent.

Monte Kwinter

Kwinter now faces Progressive Conservative Michael Mostyn, who has run in two federal elections; NDP hopeful John Fagan; Green Party candidate Yuriy Shevyryov; and Libertarian David Epstein.

Michael Mostyn

York Centre runs north-south from Highway 401 to Steeles Avenue. Its approximate eastern boundary begins at Yonge Street in the north, then cuts west north of Finch Avenue to Bathurst Street, where it continues to the west branch of the Don River. The western edge begins at Keele Street in the north, then follows Grandravine Drive to Black Creek, down to Sheppard Avenue, where it cuts west and then south down Jane Street.



Yuriy Shevyryov

It has one of Ontario's highest proportions of Jewish residents, at 24 per cent. There's a strong concentration of Jewish voters along the traditional Bathurst Street corridor, many of them immigrants from former Soviet republics.

Over the years, Kwinter has served in cabinet in four different ministries. Most recently, he was parliamentary assistant to the minister of economic development and trade.

Kwinter notes that Premier Dalton McGuinty has developed deep ties to Israel, with scientific and trade deals cemented last year with a visit by the premier. But Kwinter also concedes that the "Stephen Harper effect" may help Ontario's Conservatives among Jewish voters.

The MPP cited a recent Toronto Star/Angus Reid poll that showed Ontarians' main concerns in this election are the economy (27 per cent of respondents), health care (20 per cent), government spending (12 per cent) and tax relief (eight per cent).

With senior citizens comprising about 40 percent of York Centre's residents, "I would say that health care is the number 1 issue in the riding."

The Liberals have delivered in that area, and in others, he said, ticking off several accomplishments: the recovery of 125 per cent of jobs lost in the economic downturn, the best record in Canada; the best schools in the English speaking world (according to one study); and having gone from the longest surgical wait times in the country to the shortest.

Asked whether all that was done by increasing government spending by 70 per cent over the last eight years, as the Tories allege, Kwinter said, "I don't know if that's the number."

But, "there's no question we've increased spending," he said, perking up. "I don't know the number. But the whole point is that we've increased spending to provide services that people have been demanding. [The Conservatives] can yell all they like. I have found over the years that people don't mind paying taxes as long as they get something for it. What they don't like is money that's spent that they get no benefit from or they think is misspent."

Future Liberal promises include 50,000 new jobs in clean energy; 30 per cent off the cost of college and university tuition; a 10 per cent cut in electricity bills, and 250,000 children in full-time kindergarten by 2014 (and in York Centre, the opening of Humber River Regional Hospital).

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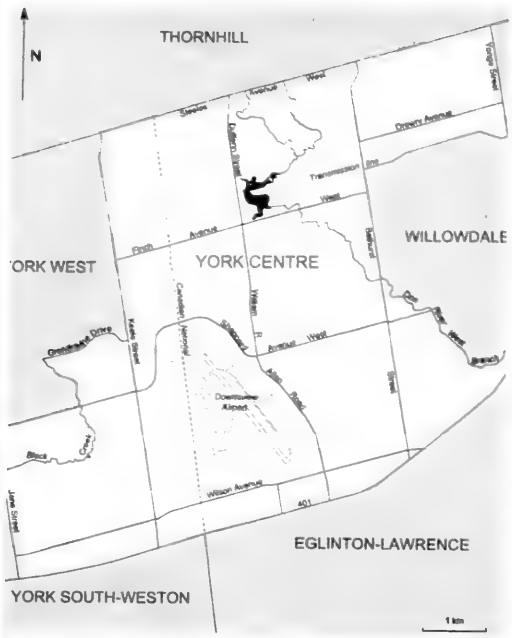
PC Party says Liberals will bankrupt province



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As far as Mostyn and the Conservatives are concerned, the Liberals are on track to bankrupt the province. They charge that since McGuinty took office in 2003, Ontario's debt has ballooned by 73 per cent, to $257 billion, despite bringing in the so-called health tax and the HST.

A 37-year-old lawyer, Mostyn's previous job was as director of government relations for B'nai Brith Canada. He ran for the federal Conservatives in York Centre in 2004 and 2006, losing both times to Liberal Ken Dryden, but boosting support for the Tories to 30 per cent in the riding.

Mostyn said he's knocked on some 15,000 doors in the riding since the last federal vote, and has found that "overwhelmingly" the main issue is cost of living.

The higher-than-average proportion of seniors on fixed incomes and possibly the highest concentration of Holocaust survivors in the country have seen their hydro bills rise by between 84 and 150 per cent.

"People can't breathe," Mostyn said. "It's the overall tax burden. They feel squeezed by government and they're looking for relief – both seniors and young families."

Mostyn points to the Tories' platform, contained in their "Changebook," which calls for "reinvestment" in health care to reach $6.1 billion by the fourth year, and $2.5 billion pumped into education.

Outside those two areas, "we are going to be looking for savings [calculated at] two cents on the dollar." Between McGuinty's "sneaky" eco-tax, the health tax, and the $1 billion e-Health "boondoggle," Mostyn said "people see the waste in government, and it's not hard for [them] to imagine that there are several areas that can be cut."

Running for the Green Party is Yuriy Shevyryov, who was born and raised in Kazakhstan and came to Canada in 2004. His platform consists mainly of promoting physical wellness to reduce health care costs and lowering energy costs through greater efficiency and green initiatives.

John Fagan

In York Centre, the provincial Green Party received 2,206 votes in 2007, up from 1,496 in the 2003 election.

The CJN was unable to interview the NDP candidate, Fagan, who returned calls after the paper's deadline.

Fagan, resident of York Centre for more than 30 years, is a lawyer and workers' rights advocate. His law degree is from the University of Toronto and he has been a lawyer in Ontario since 1975. About half his legal career has been in the private sector and about half with the Ontario government.

In the last provincial election, the NDP received 11 per cent of votes in the riding.

Fagan ran in York Centre's predecessor riding, Wilson Heights, in the 1990 election, and received 6,618 votes, or 26.8 per cent of ballots cast.

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Liberal, PC heavyweights do battle

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Come Oct. 6, voters in the riding with perhaps the largest proportion of Jews in Canada will have to decide which prominent Jewish candidate they want to represent them at Queen's Park.

Ontario Votes
Thornhill

In what's shaping up to be one of the closest races of interest to the Jewish community, Conservative incumbent Peter Shurman is facing Liberal challenger Bernie Farber in Thornhill.

Both come from high-profile, public backgrounds – Shurman was an outspoken radio personality on Toronto's CFRB 1010 from 2004 to 2007, while Farber was the CEO and public voice of Canadian Jewish Congress from 2005 to earlier this year – and both have large followings.

The NDP and Green party are also fielding candidates in the riding – Cindy Hackelberg and Steff Duncan, respectively.

Thornhill comprises portions of Vaughan and Markham and runs geographically east of Highway 400, south of Rutherford Road and a portion of Highway 7, west of Highway 404 and north of Steeles Avenue.

In interviews with *The CJN* last week, both Shurman and Farber discussed their views on community security, health, Israel, faith-based education and transportation.

Hackelberg and Duncan were unable to be interviewed before deadline.

Speaking about what they've been hearing while canvassing the riding, Shurman and Farber both spoke about how traffic gridlock in Thornhill is a major issue, as is the health of the economy.

"People in Thornhill are having the same problems with their hydro bills, like everywhere else in the province," Shurman said. "We will relieve the tax burden... by taking the provincial portion of the HST off electricity and heating bills."

Farber said he's been hearing about health, transit, jobs and security issues while canvassing.

Of particular interest to him is the impending construction of the new Vaughan Hospital, to be built across from Canada's Wonderland, as promised by the McGuinty government.

Bernie Farber

"Waiting times [for surgery] are coming down in the province. Is it perfect? No. But it's getting better," Farber said.

A new hospital in the riding would help increase continuity of care for patients there, he added.

Farber said there's no guarantee a Conservative government would build the new hospital.

Peter Shurman

On the question of provincial trade with Israel, both candidates claimed their parties are best equipped to expand economic ties with the Jewish state.

Shurman accused McGuinty of opportunism when it came to the Liberal's increased business dealings with Israel.

McGuinty went on a Liberal economic mission to Israel in 2010 and refused Shurman's request at the time to accompany the mission, even though he said he'd pay his own way.

"Dalton McGuinty used Israel as an opportunity. That's the way McGuinty uses everything. He saw Jewish voters, so he went to Israel. The fact is, Israel represents no more and no less to Dalton McGuinty than any other country. But to me and the people of Thornhill, it represents a great deal," he said.

"It is Conservative party platform... to continue to support Israel unequivocally. As a government, we will improve and increase trade with Israel and make sure this is front and centre."

Farber insists the Liberals, with his input, will continue to create jobs in Ontario and Israel through his party's Middle East policies.

He defended the premier, saying McGuinty "gets it" when it comes to Israel.

"He's spoken out about how he has more work to do on trade with Israel. He wants to expand it. And I have good connections with the Jewish community and the State of Israel, plus a constituent base that wants to see these good things expand," Farber said. "If elected, I will use whatever advocacy skills I have, whatever connections I have, to work with the premier, who sees Israel as a huge and important trading partner with Ontario."

Farber added that various pending contracts between Ontario and Israeli venture capital firms could all be wiped out if the Tories take power.

"No matter what my opponent may tell you, continuing with existing [Liberal-brokered memorandums of understanding] between Israel and Ontario is not in the Conservative platform. These will come under the Tory chopping block."

As for security for communities at risk of hate crimes, specifically antisemitism, both Farber and Shurman said they would work hard to address this issue.

Shurman said his party would do "anything it has to" to stamp out antisemitism.

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Fighting hate high on candidates' agendas

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"We've seen antisemitic incidents increase. From a provincial perspective, we can be attuned to what's happening on college campuses. We can also take a look at what and who [the province] is funding," he said. "Specifically an event like Pride. Any group that uses public funds should be held to high account for what goes on in that event. That includes fines and being able to recoup the money for the event."

Shurman noted that he put forward a private member's bill in 2009 condemning the Israeli apartheid week on campuses. The bill received all-party support.

Farber noted that in his prior capacity with Congress, he was often in direct contact with police forces around the province to help combat antisemitism. He cited York Regional Police as a "leader" in fighting hate crimes.

But as the Liberal candidate in Thornhill, he's reminding voters that the Liberal government recently gave $400,000 to the Hate Crime Extremism Investigative Team, a province-wide police unit that helps to protect at-risk communities.

"This enables police forces to better resource tools to fight hate crimes. It's something I know about," he said.

When asked to speak about faith-based education funding – the topic that dominated the 2007 provincial election, and which the Conservatives, under then-leader John Tory, used as their main campaign plank, costing them the election – Farber and Shurman had differing views.

According to Shurman, the idea of helping different cultural communities defray the costs of sending their children to parochial schools, similar to how the province funds the Catholic school system, was simply "not on the radar."

"The pronouncement on that policy was made loud and clear by the electorate in Ontario. Our party paid dearly for it [and] it's not something that people in Ontario want. They have made their voice heard," he said.

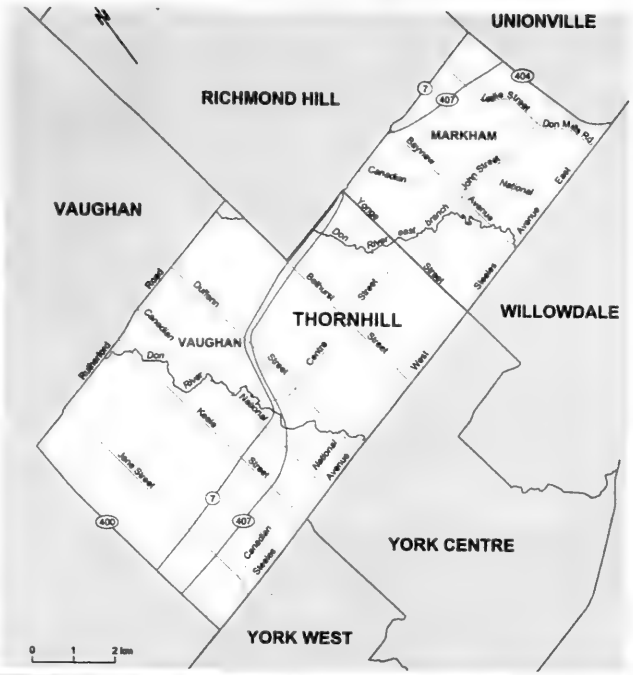
Farber took a more nuanced position.

He said he's had this issue raised to him by constituents, and he tells them all it's an issue he will definitely work on, when the time is right.

While CEO of Congress, Farber was outspoken about the need for funding equality for Jewish and other faith-based communities.

"My values haven't changed," he said. "I've spoken out on this issue for the past 22 years. But the truth of the matter is, right here and now, this is not an issue in this campaign. Not one party wants to or is talking about this, for better or for worse."

However, Farber said, "somewhere down the line" the province will have to "find a way to address this issue, not just for Jews, but for everybody."



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Thinking good thoughts about thoughts

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Life Coach Corner

Judy Siblin-Librach

The theme of a new children's book, *Thinking About Thoughts*, by Leanne Matlow is "you are what you think." In a way that children can understand, Matlow tackles everything from all or nothing thinking to learning how to think more hopefully and how to be your own best cheerleader.

Matlow writes: "Now your brain will listen, when you say, 'Yes I can! I've done this before, so I'll do it again.' So put good thoughts in your head. You will do more, feel glad and your brain will forget all the bad thoughts it had."

The character in *Thinking About Thoughts* finally achieves success by using better strategies to manage his thoughts and learns to change his thinking. This is a fantastic book to help younger children learn how to think in a more positive way. It creates an opportunity for discussion with a child who might not feel as strong as he or she could be. Through this book and discussions, children will discover how incredibly empowered and strong they can become.

How can we all change our thinking from negative and self-limiting to positive and empowering? As Henricks and Devoe write, "If you've been saying, 'I'm afraid of public speaking,' make up a sentence like 'I enjoy speaking in public.' If that feels like too much of a jump, you could say, 'I'd like to learn how to enjoy speaking in public.' The exact sentence you use is up to you, just as long as it has positive quality. Gradually, with time and practice, your thoughts naturally begin to gravitate in a more empowering and positive direction."

Calming the mind is an important part of thinking more positively about things that might feel scary, overwhelming or impossible. In *The Power of a Single Thought*, there is a wonderful exercise called "a seven-minute calming and manifestation process," in which you learn to calm the mind through a series of one-minute exercises.

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Ultimately, as the authors point out, self-control brings you strength and calmness is power. Try to say the word "peace" or "shalom" to quiet your mind and enjoy being in a place of serenity and calm.

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APPLE PICKERS: Nursery students from Netivot HaTorah Day School's south campus had a great time picking apples as they learn all about Rosh Hashanah. Pictured with them are, from left, teachers Esther Ohana and Ariela Vatenmakher, and parent volunteer Miriam Chai. *[Rebecca Ansel photo]*

SCHOOL'S BACK

Nursery students at the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre and middle school students from the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School began their joint bi-weekly programming with the older children showing the younger ones how to use a Smart-Board. Pictured, from left, are Jett Kafka, Aviva Ripstein, Molly Katz and Olivia Winters.

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The Canadian Jewish news

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***SLICHOT* SERVICES**

Temple Har Zion's *Slichot* services begin at 7:45 p.m. with a barbecue. **Rabbi David Saperstein** speaks at 9 p.m. and *Slichot* at 11 p.m.

Slichot begins at 11:15 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. **Rabbi Baruch Weintraub** speaks about "Lessons of the Tallit at *Slichot*," and **Rabbi Dovid Zirkind** speaks about "Bereishit: The Evolution of Repentance."

Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation is screening the movie *Lonely Man of Faith: The Life and Legacy of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik* at 10 p.m., followed by a discussion with the film's producer, **Ethan Eisenberg**. *Slichot* begins at 1 a.m.

Beth Tzedec is screening the film *My Brother* at 9:30 p.m. *Slichot* at 10:45 p.m.

Rabbi Sean Gorman speaks about "A Road Map for Your Machzor" at 10 p.m. at Pride of Israel Synagogue.

Slichot services begin at 9 p.m. at Shaar Shalom Synagogue, followed by the dedication of memorial plaques.

Sunday, Sept. 25

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Children ages 5-12 can make their own shofar at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 2-4 p.m. $10. Call **Leah**, 416-633-3838 by Sept. 23 to reserve.

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PROPHET HOSEA

Aaron Nussbaum speaks about "The Life of Prophet Hosea and Shabbat Shuvah," at 9:15 a.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood breakfast.

YIDDISH FOR KIDS

Yiddish classes for elementary school children with **Ruth Gerlock** begin at Beth David Synagogue 9:30 a.m.-noon. Call **Ester Klimitz**, 416-635-2883, ext. 5189, or e-mail committeeforyiddish@ujafed.org.

Monday, Sept. 26

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Rabbi Paysach Krohn speaks about "Ipad, Ipod, Iphone – from Self-Involvement to Self-Improvement," 8 p.m. at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation.

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Kelly Holiff sings jazz, soul and Broadway tunes in a benefit for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario in memory of her late grandfather, **Norm Trachter**, 8 p.m. at Six Degrees, 2335 Yonge St. www.hitthatjivejack.com.

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ORGAN DONATION

Rabbi Reuven Bulka and **Rabbi Aaron Flanzreich** dispel myths about organ and tissue donation, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Call 416-633-5100.

ANNUAL DRASHAH

Rabbi Moshe Stern speaks about "A Re-coming of the Jewish Nation During this Time of Judgment," Oct. 1 at 5:30 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation.

VENDORS WANTED

Vendors are wanted for Bialik Hebrew Day School's boutique Nov. 14. Call 416-398-7070 or www.BialikBoutique.ca.

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HOLIDAY SERVICES

Beth Isaiah Congregation, Guelph, offers High Holiday services, community Rosh Hashanah dinner. Call 519-265-1591 or www.guelphsynagogue.ca.

Shaar Shalom Synagogue has seats at the synagogue and at its off-site location at Holiday Inn Suites in Markham. Call 905-889-4975.

B'nai Shalom Congregation of Halton-Peel, a Conservative, egalitarian congregation, holds services in Oakville. Call 905-901-9889 or www.bnaishalom.ca.

Am Shalom, a Reform synagogue, holds services in Barrie. Call 705-792-3949 or www.amshalom.ca.

United Jewish People's Order, 585 Cranbrooke Ave., offers secular humanistic observances for Rosh Hashanah. Call 416-789-5502 or www.winchevskycentre.org.

Chabad of Danforth Beaches, offers services and a community Rosh Hashanah meal. Call 416-809-1365 or e-mail rabbi@chabaddb.com.

JF&CS GROUPS

All programs require pre-registration. Call **Shawna Sidney** 416-638-7800, ext. 6215, or www.jfandcs.com.

A workshop for parents about to separate or in the early stages of separation will be offered Sept. 22 at the Promenade Mall, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.

"Let's Be Blunt," an evening discussing teens and drug use will be held Sept. 27 at Hart House Theatre, 7-9 p.m.

FOR SENIORS

New Horizons is a Jewish Hungarian seniors club that offers kosher food, casino trips and low membership fees. Call 416-256-1892.

Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park. (55+). **Valerie**, 416-395-7881. Casino Rama Oct. 19. Dance with live music, Oct. 16. Ongoing activities: Mondays, line dancing, 10 a.m.; Tuesdays, fitness class with qualified instructor, 10-11 a.m.; Wednesdays, bridge; Thursdays, social bridge. Open house and free exercise class Oct. 12.

LZA Seniors Cultural Club meets Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m., Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell. 416-630-9444.

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Bernard Betel Centre 416-225-2112. Sept. 22, **Lynn Kropman** holds an interactive workshop on "Laughter Yoga," 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Sept. 27, **Gerald Ziedenberg** speaks about "Heroes of the Holocaust: Anne Frank," 10 a.m.

New Life Review Group – sharpen your memories and tell your story. Group begins Mondays 12-2:30 p.m starting Oct. 3.

Active Seniors, Miles Nadal JCC, 416-924-6211, ext.155. Sept. 22, 1:30 p.m., **Harold Troper** speaks about his book *None Is Too Many.*

PROSSERMAN JCC

Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.

Registration is now open for fall programs.

Learn to speak Hebrew in a one-day course offered at the Prosserman JCC and the Miles Nadal JCC, Oct. 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Children's programs starting this week include Preschool Dance and Sports with Jay. Call **Monique Shapiro** at ext. 4012 to register for children's programs.

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Pick up the Miles Nadal JCC program guide to learn about fall programs or visit www.mnjcc.org.

Toronto Jewish Film Society presents *Big Eyes* Sept. 25 at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Free reception at the gallery, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Call ext. 606.

Of Music and Painting, an exhibit by **Paul Peregal**, will be in the gallery until Oct. 3.

Shabbat groups for young children begin Nov. 4 E-mail sarahbn@mnjcc.org.

A musical havdalah service and participatory art project on the rooftop, Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. Sponsored by Makom: Creative Downtown Judaism and Shoresh Jewish Environmental Programs.

What's New is now online. You can find it at cjnews.com

BACK TO SCHOOL: Leo Baeck South Campus senior kindergarten student Danielle Drutz, front centre, enjoyed getting her hair done by alumna Sabrina Brodkin, right. Students, their parents and alumni volunteers enjoyed the annual Baeck To School BBQ. From left are Lara Brodkin, Debbie Drutz and Sabrina and, in front, is Danielle.

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Israel, Canada discuss deepening trade ties

Ed Fast, minister of international trade and minister for the Asia-Pacific gateway, left, met Shalom Simhon, Israel's minister of industry, trade and labor and minister of minority affairs last week in Ottawa. *[DFAIT photo]*

Andy Levy-Ajzenkopf
Staff Reporter

Canadian and Israeli officials met in Ottawa early last week to discuss how best to strengthen economic ties between the two countries.

Canada's minister of international trade and minister for the Asia-Pacific gateway, Ed Fast, spoke with Shalom Simhon, Israel's minister of industry, trade and labor and minister of minority affairs, to discuss ways to expand free trade.

No details were made public, although a spokesperson for the newly installed head of Israel's economic mission to Canada, Ran Yehezkel, who was in attendance, said the discussion between Fast and Simhon was "very technical."

The Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement (CIFTA) came into force in 1997. Since then, two-way merchandise trade between the countries has more than doubled, reaching $1.4 billion in 2010, making Israel Canada's sixth-largest merchandise export market in the Middle East.

CIFTA eliminated tariffs on all industrial products manufactured in Canada and Israel, as well as a limited number of agricultural and fisheries products.

In 2010, then-minister of international trade, Peter Van Loan, together with then-Israeli trade minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, jointly announced that Canada and Israel would begin taking steps to update CIFTA.

According to Canada's Ministry of International Trade website, Israeli and Canadian officials were scheduled to "start exploratory talks in order to work on moving beyond the original, first-generation trade agreement that is currently in place by significantly expanding its application."

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Hamas is running Gaza schools: Bedein

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And in reply to a Bedein film that accused UNRWA of promoting the right of return, UNRWA stated: "We furthermore note that no actual evidence has been produced to show that 'right of return' activities have taken place in any UNRWA facilities, for which the agency is responsible or that UNRWA is a part of 'the international right of return campaign.' If actual evidence is produced, UNRWA will examine the evidence and react as appropriate. UNRWA has publicly rejected any accusations made by Bedein in the past..."

Last year, UNRWA issued a statement in response to other Bedein critiques in the film, *For the Sake of the Naqba*: "The film states that UNRWA schools 'adhere to a curriculum that inculcates anti-Israel teachings at every level' and quotes a 12th grade textbook. In fact, UNRWA does not teach 12th grade, and this is not a UNRWA textbook. UNRWA uses the Palestinian Authority curriculum, which a 2003 independent report commissioned by the United States concluded is 'peaceful,' and one in which 'religious and political tolerance is emphasized.'"

Groiss said his research shows that a theme in Palestinian texts is that "Jews have no historical past or current presence in the country; they have no holy places in the country; and that the Tomb of Rachel, the Cave of the Patriarchs and the Wailing Wall are Muslim holy places."

"The books never mention a peaceful resolution of the conflict, but liberation and struggle." There are many references to jihad and sacrifice, and the books refer to both the State of Israel and the Palestinian-governed areas as "occupied territories." The presence of 5.5 million Jews in Israel is ignored, he added.

Pointing to Hamas control of the Gaza teachers union and to the large number of Hamas members employed by UNRWA, Bedein said: "Hamas is running the schools, which are becoming more Islamic and radical, and UNRWA is co-operating with Hamas."

Western countries press for changes in UNRWA schools, he continued. Thirty-eight mostly western nations contribute the vast majority of UNRWA's annual budget, which is close to $1 billion. Canada provided the UN agency with more than $11 million in 2010 for use in the West Bank and Gaza, he noted.

Western governments could also urge UNRWA or help resettle Palestinian refugees, as UNHCR has done in the case of Iraqi Palestinians who have started new lives in Chile and other states, he said.

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Erdogan's belligerence is a growing worry

Last week, Canadian media gave substantial attention to Turkish Prime Minister Recep Erdogan's trip to Cairo, the first stop on a three-capital swing through "Arab Spring" countries.

The visit followed two major negative events from Israel's perspective. First, there was the expulsion of Israel's senior embassy staff from Ankara – Erdogan's latest retribution over Israel's refusal to apologize for the deaths of eight Turkish activists aboard the Mavi Mamara, and his rejection of the Palmer Report, which largely supported Israel's case in intercepting the Gaza flotilla. That was followed a short time later by the violent assault on Israel's embassy in Cairo, causing 80 embassy staff to be evacuated to safety in Jerusalem.

The *Calgary Herald* published a McClatchy Newspapers story on Erdogan's visit to the Egyptian capital. It opened forcefully about the implications for the Jewish state: "Israel's increasing isolation in a changing Middle East became clear Tuesday when the prime minister of Turkey, once one of the Jewish state's most dependable allies, kicked off a state visit here with a series of fiery speeches in which he branded Israel a criminal and demanded UN recognition for a Palestinian state."

On the issue of the broader implication of Erdogan's trip to the most populous Arab country, Derek Stoffel, the CBC's Middle East correspondent, cited a comment on *World Report* from Bertrand Badie of the Centre for International Studies and Research in Paris: "Turkey is probably trying to take benefit from the political vacuum in the Arab world. That's to say we are now clearly watching the birth of a regional power." Badie's evaluation contrasts with what Turkey's ambassador to Canada told the *Globe and Mail*, when he insisted that Turkey is not "changing its axis" by moving away from the West and secular democracy, or by seeking regional supremacy. Others are far from assured on all these counts.

For instance, in a strong editorial comment, the *Winnipeg Free Press* criticized Erdogan for inflaming tensions in the region, in particular against Israel. It also called into question Erdogan's stated commitment to secular democracy (a secularism traditionally safeguarded by the army, which has now come under Erdogan's "civilian" control): "Mr. Erdogan has been prime minister of Turkey for more than eight years. In that time he has done more than any other leader to undo the legacy of secular democracy and the promise of western-style freedom promised by Kemal Ataturk when he established a modern Turkey almost 100 years ago.

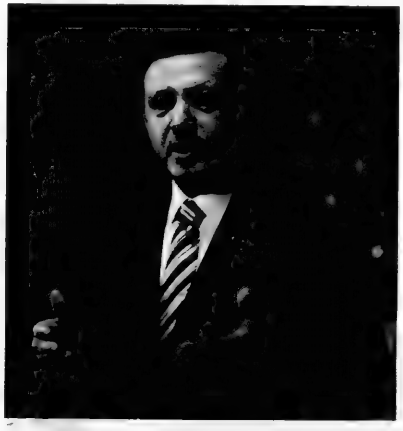
"In Turkey today, the fundamentalists are coming home to roost, the government of Mr. Erdogan is looking to the Arab world to re-establish itself as a regional power and Israel – and its western allies – must now tally the cost of the unnecessary loss of a pivotal Eurasian ally."

The *Vancouver Sun*'s Jonathan Manthorpe drew attention to a Pew Research Center poll conducted this spring that "found that 79 per cent of Egyptians, 72 per cent of Jordanians and 64 per cent of Lebanese have confidence in Erdogan as a regional leader." Manthorpe added: "The Arab embracing of Erdogan comes almost a century after the Arab Revolt demolished the Turkish Ottoman Empire that had ruled the Middle East for centuries."

But not all Arabs embrace Erdogan's leadership. It's Turkey's ambition to be a new regional power and a challenge to Shiite Iran's influence in the overwhelmingly Sunni Arab Middle East that has many Arabs, who remember their history and 400 hundred years of Ottoman rule, concerned about such a revival. They reacted negatively, for instance, to statements that Turkey's foreign minister, Ahmed Davutoglu, made in talks with Bosnian leaders in Sarajevo in October 2009 when, recalling Turkish rule there, he called for a rebirth of the Ottoman Empire.

And Israelis, to say the least, are concerned about Erdogan's demagoguery, his embrace of Hamas and his mounting threats.

Paul Michaels is director of research and media relations for the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs.



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Rare Auschwitz uniform donated to Holocaust centre

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MONTREAL — On her 97th birthday this Sept. 26, Imy (Irma) Nemenoff-Gellert will donate the jacket she was forced to wear in Auschwitz to the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre (MHMC).

Giving this article to the MHMC was an emotional decision for her family, as it is the only material remnant of her internment during World War II.

"They decided to donate the jacket to the museum so that it stays in Montreal, where Imy made her home and spent most of her postwar life," said MHMC spokesperson Audrey Licop.

"It is important to them that it be preserved in the right conservation conditions, along with its history, and that it be made available to people outside their family."

Nemenoff-Gellert commented ironically: "I was decorated with this jacket when I arrived in Auschwitz, not right away but after a few days. The jacket had the number '609 U' with 'U' for 'Ungar–Hungarian' in German."

Born in Lugoj, Romania, she was deported to Auschwitz II-Birkenau in Poland and her husband was killed in Auschwitz. She cleaned latrines and was also forced to dig holes in the ground for no apparent reason.

Toward the end of the war, she was sent to the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria, where she was liberated by the U.S. armed forces. Afterward, Nemenoff-Gellert worked for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration doing clerical work and translation.

The uniform jacket Imy (Irma) Nemenoff-Gellert was forced to wear at Auschwitz.

She immigrated to Canada in 1946 under a program to bring in domestics and became a maid in Toronto.

Julie Guinard, MHMC museum co-ordinator, explained the significance of this donation: "A very small number of prisoners kept their uniforms after liberation, and even fewer brought them to their new country of residence, and so few still have one.

"This jacket is also a meaningful artifact about the deportation of Hungarian Jews to Auschwitz-Birkenau."

The MHMC collection includes only three uniforms of concentration camp prisoners: a dress worn by a woman in four different camps in Poland, a jacket worn by a man in Auschwitz, and another worn in Dachau.

Nemenoff-Gellert's jacket is the first worn by a woman in Auschwitz-Birkenau to enter the collection.

The MHMC continues to look for artifacts and photographs on life before, during and immediately after the Holocaust, or related to antisemitism in the past. People who have objects related to the Holocaust and who wish to ensure their long-term preservation and their use for educational purposes are encouraged to meet with Guinard to discuss the donation of such objects.

The museum collection, the largest in Canada, encompasses more than 7,500 objects, documents and photographs related to the history of the Holocaust, as well as 480 survivor testimonies filmed for the Witness-to-History program.

Most items were donations by survivors who immigrated to Montreal, or their families.

The collection is intended for research and educational purposes, and is used throughout the museum's permanent exhibition and in pedagogical tools.

Montreal chassidic school remains open for now

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — A 60-year-old chassidic school has been given a reprieve from closure after a court refused to grant a provisional injunction sought by the Quebec government.

Quebec Superior Court Judge Gérard Dugré earlier this month ruled in favour of the Toras Moshe Academy in Mile End, an elementary-level yeshiva run by the Satmar community. It has 163 students.

Dugré recommended that the parties submit the case for trial.

The attorney general on behalf of the Ministry of Education went to court in June 2010 to have the school shut down because it is not abiding by the law. The case was heard over three days last October.

The recourse to legal action came after some three years of talks between the school and then-education minister Michelle Courchesne failed to reach an agreement on how the school could respect the province's mandatory curriculum.

The government wanted to have the school closed temporarily while it pursued through the courts its case for permanent closure.

It found that the school was not sufficiently teaching secular studies, that teachers are unlicensed and that the school is operating without a permit. The school has never sought and does not receive funding from the government.

The school says it will not alter its traditional emphasis on religious studies and the community is acting within its charter rights.

Its lawyer, Jean Lemoine, argued that "religious instruction is central to their convictions and religious practices... and that freedom of religion would be infringed upon if [the school] was obliged to conform to the *régime pédagogique*."

He said the Education Act allows for certain exemptions for non-profit religious institutions. Some talmudic studies might be deemed equivalent to certain secular subjects, for example.

Dugré said the matter "raises important and delicate questions, legal as well as social. The education of a hundred children is at the heart of the debate."

The attorney general had not, at time of writing, said whether it will appeal.

Toras Moshe students receive some instruction in French, English and math, but not at the level required, and a little geography and history, but no science, except that which can be derived from the Talmud. The school does not teach the ethics and religious culture program introduced three years ago.

Government lawyer Eric Dufour told the court the boys were receiving 35 hours a week of religious instruction and only six hours of secular studies.

The ministry's minimum for compulsory subjects is 18 hours, whether the school is public or private, subsidized or not. None of the six teachers of secular subjects was licensed.

Dugré is, incidentally, the judge who last year made the landmark decision exempting the private Catholic Loyola High School from the ethics and religious culture course, upholding its right to continue its own approach to the subject.

Toras Moshe director David Meisels stressed that, for haredi Jews, the traditional way their children are educated cannot be compromised.

"Complementary secular education must be in conformity with the principles of our religion... It cannot detract from religious studies," he wrote in an affidavit.

The case of another chassidic school that refuses to teach the prescribed curriculum, the Rabbinical College in Boisbriand, under the auspices of the Tosher community, has also been referred to the attorney general by the education ministry.

Five other chassidic or Orthodox schools, which the government found were not adhering to the law either, reached an understanding with the ministry to regularize their situation by 2012-2013.

The ministry amended the Education Act last year to allow all schools in the province the flexibility to meet the minimum number of school days by extending class time into weekends and the summer. It was widely perceived that this was done to allow the Jewish schools to teach all of the secular curriculum without having to cut back on their religious studies.

The Satmar community no longer has a boys high school in Montreal. Most of those leaving Toras Moshe continue their studies in New York or Israel, Alex Werzberger, a Satmar community leader, said.

UN gambit may doom PA leaders, Dershowitz says

MONTREAL — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Prime Minister Salam Fayyad may have written their political obituaries with their bid for a unilateral declaration of independence, says Harvard University law professor and celebrity criminal lawyer Alan Dershowitz.

Speaking before about 1,000 people at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim Sept. 15, Dershowitz said the two leaders have created high expectations among their people of immediate, full statehood that likely cannot be fulfilled.

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Key south Winnipeg riding home to many Jews

Myron Love
Prairies Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Manitobans are going to the polls Oct. 4 and River Heights, the Winnipeg riding with a large Jewish population, could be a bellwether.

For the past 12 years, River Heights has been represented by Manitoba Liberal Leader Jon Gerrard. The Liberals have been Manitoba's third party since the NDP won its first majority in 1969 (except for the 1988 election, when the Liberals finished second). During Gerrard's tenure as leader, the Liberals have has never elected more than two MLAs (including Gerrard). Two of his three predecessors as Liberal leader also represented River Heights, attesting to the traditional Liberal bent of many Jewish voters.

Jon Gerrard

This time, though, with the governing NDP – under a new leader – in a neck-and-neck race with the Conservative opposition and the Liberals polling in single digits, if River Heights PC candidate Marty Morantz is able to unseat Gerrard, it could herald the Conservatives returning to power for the first time since 1999.

Morantz, a Jewish Winnipeg lawyer in his late 40s, has been a lifelong Conservative supporter and activist. He has been involved in provincial Tory campaigns for 35 years, although this is his first as a candidate.

He said he has knocked on "thousands of doors" and is finding "substantial dissatisfaction" with the current government "as well as a desire on the part of constituents to be represented by an MLA who is sitting on the government side of the legislature."

There are six other Winnipeg ridings with significant numbers of Jewish voters, but those seats aren't thought to be in play.

Tuxedo, which adjoins River Heights, is one of the wealthiest residential areas in the city and almost always votes Conservative. Current PC MLA Heather Stefanson is a lock to retain the riding.

Fort Whyte, which includes the relatively new upscale Lindenwoods area just east of River Heights and is home to a growing number of young Jewish families, is represented by Conservative Leader Hugh McFadyen.

Hugh McFadyen

In north Winnipeg, Dave Chomiak, the NDP MLA for Kildonan and a longtime cabinet minister, should have no trouble being re-elected in the traditionally NDP area.

Also, it's quite likely the NDP will hold the inner city ridings of Fort Rouge, home to a number of Jewish seniors living in high-end apartments and condos, and Wolseley, a mixed-income area, while the Conservatives will probably hold Charleswood, a more affordable neighbourhood just south of Tuxedo that is attracting Jewish immigrants.

Both the current NDP government led by Premier Greg Selinger (and former premier Gary Doer before him) and the PC government in the 1990s, led by Gary Filmon, have had a close and warm relationship with the Jewish community.

In recent years, through the efforts of former Winnipeg Jewish National Fund shaliach Rami Kleinmann, the NDP government has signed several joint agreements with the JNF and other Israeli partners in the fields of greenhouse construction on northern Manitoba aboriginal communities, as well as water research and birding.

Under Filmon, the province facilitated the construction of a Holocaust memorial on the grounds of the legislature. The memorial has become the centrepiece of Holocaust commemorations in Winnipeg.

Both Filmon and Doer have been honoured by the Jewish community.

While all three parties are making similar promises about more funding for health care, education and crime prevention, the major difference of opinion between the NDP and the Conservatives is over the location of a new hydro line bringing electricity from northern to southern Manitoba.

The NDP is insisting that the line be built along the west side of Lake Winnipeg – at an additional cost of more than $500 million – rather than the less expensive option on the as-yet-undeveloped east side of the lake. The Conservatives would build on the east side.

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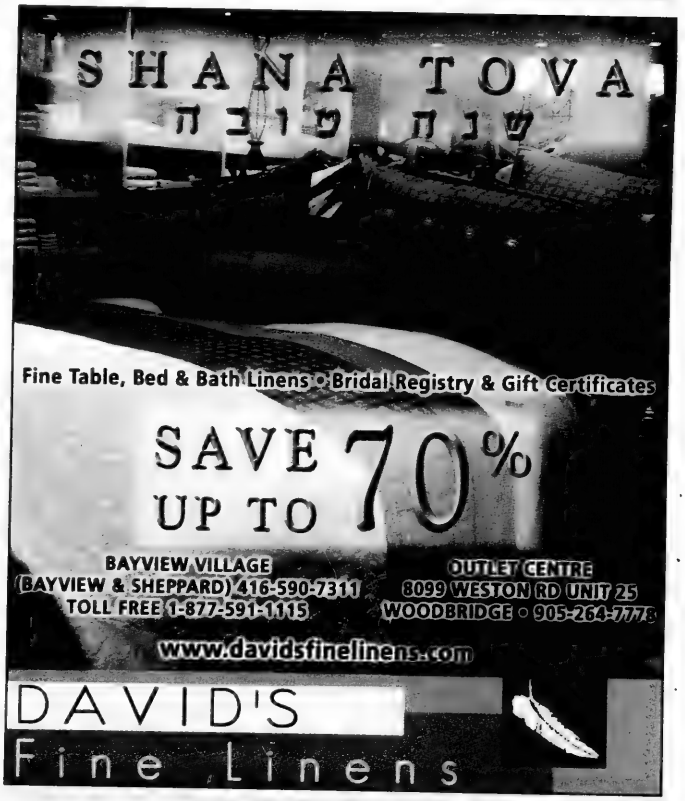

Rivers opens UJA Ottawa launch

Diane Koven
Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — Laughter is the best medicine. We've all heard it said and many of us have experienced the therapeutic effects of a good belly laugh.

Joan Rivers has experienced the effect from both sides, as humour has helped her deal with her own personal life crises, and she, in turn, has helped millions of people laugh their troubles away.

On Sept. 12, Rivers shared her story and a few laughs with an audience at the National Arts Centre at the Jewish Federation of Ottawa's 2012 UJA Campaign Kickoff.

Well known for her acerbic wit, foul language and dedication to plastic surgery, Rivers is an inveterate survivor – both of life's vagaries and the fickleness of show business. One would never guess from her photos, or even from seeing her in person, and especially from her vocabulary, that Rivers is nearly an octogenarian.

Joan Rivers
[P. Waiser photo]

She has been up and she has been down, but she is riding a career high now and her warm reception in Ottawa was a testament to her ability to engage a crowd.

"Life goes in circles and we should always remember this in hard times," said Rivers as she told her life story, which included her career rise and her sudden plummet to the depths of despair when her husband, Edgar, committed suicide, leaving her deeply in debt, unable to get work, and estranged from her only daughter, who held her responsible for the tragedy.

She climbed back up, very slowly and with great difficulty, by sheer willpower and determination. Using the stories of her parents and parents-in-law, who were all hard-working Jewish immigrants, Rivers illustrated that resilience conquers all.

"We should be victors, not victims," she said.

She has no patience for people who whine about trivial things and fail to appreciate what's good in life.

"You're all sitting here, you're all wearing shoes, you have indoor toilets, and you probably drove here, so shut up!" she said.

She urged people to enjoy the good times. "I am so sick of people that don't know when it's a good time."

The evening was chaired by brothers Jeff, Stephen and Michael Polowin, all of whom are actively involved in Ottawa's Jewish community.

Following a video about what the campaign funds are used for, representatives of various segments of the community spoke about their involvement with the community and how the federation has affected their lives. Campaign chair Michael Landau, women's campaign chair Susan Viner-Vered, thanked everyone for attending and urged them to "live generously. It does a world of good."

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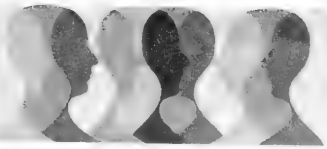

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Holiday Food Ideas

Memories of my mother – pan pals share recipes

Norene Gilletz
Special to The CJN

It's always such a special treat when my "pan pals" share their treasured recipes for well-loved holiday dishes. Everyone has their favourite foods that they look forward to sharing with family and friends for the High Holidays. In our family, it's gefilte fish (the salt-and-pepper version), chopped liver, tangy sweet and sour meatballs, tender brisket slices, golden-roasted chicken, all kinds of kugels (some sweet, some savoury), plump, potato-filled knishes, carrot tsimmes, kasha and bow ties, mock kishka, fragrant honey cake, cinnamon twist cookies, Dutch apple cake – the list goes on and on. Weeks before the holidays arrive, the freezing frenzy begins.

I firmly believe that the most loved recipes are the ones we learned from our very first cooking teacher – our mom. Here are some recipes and recollections shared by my "pan pals" over the miles, recipes from their mothers' kitchens. I hope that these nostalgic food memories will tweak the golden-coloured memories hidden in the corners of your mind, reminding you of some of the marvelous meals you first tasted in your mother's kitchen. Wishing you and yours a happy, healthy and sweet New Year – cook in good health!

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This will be my first Rosh Hashanah without my mother – she passed away last December just after Chanukah. Each year, my mom and I would discuss traditional holiday recipes and compare them to contemporary ones that we'd heard about – and then we would usually make the recipe the same way we did in previous years. Tradition, tradition! Mom and I would always discuss her carrot tsimmes (she often cooked a big fat knaidel in the middle, but sadly, I don't have the recipe), her scrumptious honey cake (my mom always used tea for the liquid and insisted that nothing tasted better than a cake made with buckwheat honey), and her legendary potato knishes. She often included leftover meat or chicken that she ground up and added to the potato filling, giving it a fabulous flavour.

A few years ago, when my son Doug came to Toronto for a family visit, he insisted on learning how to make potato knishes together with his Bubbie Belle. They covered my dining room table with an old white sheet and dusted it (as well as my dining room floor!) with flour, while I quietly cringed in the kitchen, thinking about the mess I'd have to clean up when they were done. Bubbie Belle showed Doug how to roll out the dough until it was paper-thin. She taught him how to cut each knish using the side of her hand in a sawing motion – and her grandson, the chef, adeptly followed her lead. Then he cleaned up the mess and we snacked on those plump, scrumptious knishes right from the oven.

BELLE RYKISS' BEST-EVER POTATO KNISHES

Knishes are the ultimate Jewish soul food! Watching my late mother, Belle Rykiss, make knishes was one of my first childhood memories. My mom used to mix up the dough by hand in a big bowl, but years later, when she got a food processor, she found it did the job much faster and better.

Knish Dough:
2 eggs
1/2 cup oil
1/2 cup warm water
2 1/2 cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
Potato Filling:
8 medium potatoes, peeled and cut in chunks
3 or 4 medium onions, chopped
1/4 cup oil
2 eggs
salt and pepper to taste
Optional: 1 to 2 cups ground cooked chicken or meat

For the dough: Process eggs, oil and water in the food processor using the steel blade until mixed, about 5 seconds. Add remaining ingredients and process just until blended, about 8 seconds. Do not over-process or dough will become tough. Cover dough and let stand while you prepare filling.
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Drain well. Return saucepan to heat for about 1 minute to remove excess moisture, shaking pan to prevent scorching. Mash potatoes with a potato masher. If you have some leftover cooked chicken or pot roast, grind it in a food processor on the steel blade and mix into the potato filling.

Sauté the onions in hot oil in a large skillet until nicely browned. Combine potato mixture with fried onions, oil, eggs and seasonings. Mix well.

Assembly: Divide dough into 4 pieces. Work with 1 piece at a time on a floured surface; coat dough lightly on all sides with a little flour and pat into a rectangle. Roll as thin as possible into a large rectangle. (My mother would sometimes stretch out the dough on the back of her hands.) Place a row of filling about 2 inches wide along the longer side of the rectangle, about 1 inch from edge. Roll up into a long roll. Using the edge of your hand, press down on the roll, and use a sawing motion to cut through dough completely. Repeat every 2 inches. Turn knishes on end, pressing cut edge in slightly. Repeat with remaining dough and filling.

Bake on a parchment-lined baking sheet in a preheated 350-degree oven about 35 minutes, or until golden. Yield: 24 to 30 knishes. Keeps 3 days in the refrigerator (providing that you hide them well). Reheat well, but underbake slightly. Reheat them uncovered at 350 for 12 to 15 minutes. Freeze well.

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Roberta Scher of Atlanta, Ga., is the co-founder of www.koshereye.com along with her friend and business partner, Lois Held. We've often shared recipes and reminiscences via e-mail and phone calls, and several of my recipes are on their website.

Roberta's mother, Rose Schoen Snyder, the youngest of five children, was born in 1918 in Siedlce, Poland. Rose sailed into New York in 1929 aboard the U.S. President Harding. Her father had been in America for seven years preparing the way for his family. Along with a generations-old pair of silver Shabbat candlesticks, her mother arrived with only one other family heirloom – the traditional recipes that she and her family had always prepared. These recipes, along with the candlesticks are still treasured by their family.

ROSE SCHOEN SNYDER'S FAMILY CHOLENT RECIPE

Submitted by **http://www.koshereye.com.** (Adapted from the original recipe brought from Siedlce, Poland by Rose Schoen Snyder.)

In Siedlce, a heavy pot with uncooked cholent was delivered by hand to the community oven in the shtetl bakery on Friday afternoon, and carefully retrieved for Shabbat lunch on Saturday.

3 onions, chopped
2 lb. beef flanken
8 to 10 potatoes, peeled and cut up
a "hand full" of barley
salt, paprika, pepper
cholent "kugel" (see recipe below)

Place all ingredients in a heavy ovenproof pot, adding "kugel" on top. Add enough water to cover all ingredients except the kugel (see note below).

Cover pot with lid and bake in oven at 210 overnight, or for at least 12 hours.

Cholent "Kugel": Mix 3 eggs, 1/8 cup water and 3/4 cup matzah meal. Combine batter until it is the consistency of matzah ball batter. Create 2 to 3 mini-loaves or about 12 balls and drop on top of the cholent.

Slow Cooker Method: All the above ingredients can be cooked in a slow cooker on the low setting. Additional seasonings such as onion soup mix, fresh herbs, and beans may be added to the cholent mixture. Yield: 6 servings.

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Naomi Reiter Bruni of Toronto strongly believes in preserving memories through food. In her blog, My Mother's Treasure: A Daughter's Journey of Discovery http://mymotherstreasure.blogspot.com/, there is a beautiful photo of Naomi's mom, Carol Joy Reiter. Naomi writes, "Though she is still with us in body, Alzheimer's has stolen my mother away from us far too soon, before she could organize her memories and stories for her grandchildren and the generations to come. I intend to build that legacy in her place, using her personal, handwritten recipes and those of her mother, grandmothers, aunts and family friends. I've started this blog as a tribute to my beloved mother, who instilled her love of homemaking, cooking and baking in me and my daughters. Naomi shared her mom's treasured recipe for tsimmes, along with the following message: "My mom, Carol Joy Reiter, made this recipe for every yom tov meal, and it was always a hit, especially with my Italian Catholic best friend, Diane, who got the recipe from my mom and served it for a dinner party one evening!

CAROL JOY REITER'S TSIMMES

8 medium sweet potatoes (peeled, boiled, mashed)
1 pkg. pitted prunes, halved
1 (19-oz.) can crushed pineapple in juice
6 to 8 thin carrots, cut in rounds
4 tbsp. brown sugar
1/2 tsp. powdered ginger
1/4 tsp. white pepper

Combine all ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Divide mixture in half and transfer to two greased 2-litre casseroles; cover and refrigerate. It will keep this way for 48 hours.

Bake covered in a preheated oven at 350 for 1 hour. Then uncover and bake for an additional 30 minutes. Once tsimmes is baked, it will keep for 3 to 4 days in the refrigerator. Yield: 8 servings.

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Chicken with fruit for a sweet year

Eileen Goltz
Special to The CJN

In my house, the first food that comes to mind for holiday dinners (after challah and wine) is chicken. Roast chicken, baked chicken, stuffed chicken, grilled chicken. I have also served chicken with rice, chicken with noodles, chicken with potatoes, chicken with couscous and chicken with quinoa.

I have rounded up some chicken and fruit recipes so that we're guaranteed to have a sweet and healthy new year.

ZESTY BAKED LEMON CHICKEN

1 egg
2 tbsp. lemon juice
2 tsp. water
1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
1/2 tsp. paprika
4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, pounded thin
1/2 cup breadcrumbs
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. black pepper

Preheat oven to 400. Grease a 9x13-inch baking pan. In a large bowl, combine the egg, 1 tbsp. lemon juice, water, paprika and cayenne. Dip the chicken in the egg mixture, making sure to coat all sides.

In another bowl, combine the breadcrumbs, salt and pepper. Remove chicken pieces from egg mixture and press into breadcrumbs, coating all sides with crumbs. Place chicken pieces in a single layer in a prepared baking dish and bake for 15 minutes. Carefully turn chicken pieces and bake for an additional 10 minutes or until cooked through and golden. To serve, place the chicken on a platter and sprinkle the top with the remaining lemon juice.

CHERRY CHICKEN

1 lb. frozen pitted sweet cherries
1/2 cup orange juice
1/2 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup honey
2 tbsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. minced garlic
1/4 tsp. ginger
2 tsp. cornstarch (optional)
3 to 4 lb. boneless skinless chicken thighs/breasts
3 tsp. margarine
1/2 cup flour
2 eggs, beaten
panko breadcrumbs
salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 350. In the bowl of a food processor, combine 2/3 lb. of the cherries, orange juice, soy sauce, brown sugar, honey, lemon juice, garlic, cornstarch if using and ginger. Process until combined and set aside.

Cut the chicken into nice size pieces. Dredge them in the flour, dip them in the beaten eggs and then roll them in the breadcrumbs. Melt the margarine and sear the outside of the chicken but don't cook it all the way through. Place the chicken in a lightly greased baking pan and bake for 20 minutes. Turn the chicken over and then pour the sauce over the top and add the remaining cherries. Bake an additional 20 to 30 minutes until the chicken is done and the sauce is thickened.

You could make the chicken ahead of time to just before you put on the sauce and then freeze it. Defrost and then pour the sauce on just before the last 30 minutes of cooking. Cooking time may vary depending on how much chicken you make and how crispy you want the chicken. Serves 6.

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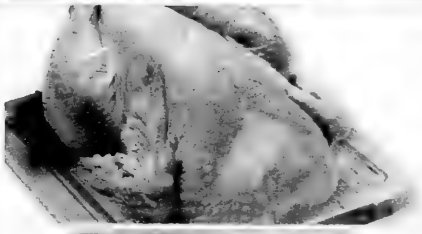

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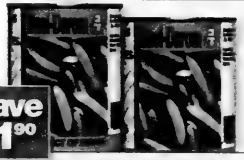

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Kugel completes break the fast meal

Judy Kancigor
Special to The CJN

Jews know all about fasting – Tisha b'Av, Yom Kippur, not to mention intermittent poverty-induced starvation. We also know all about breaking fasts, so when it comes to the delicious tradition of post-Yom Kippur break-the-fast, we're all over it! Here are some mouth-watering suggestions for this year.

No break-the-fast spread would be complete without a kugel, and this one comes from Sarah Entin of Fullerton, Calif., who grew up in the tiny town of Ponedel, Lithuania. "My father left for America when I was only five," she remembered, "but my mother couldn't leave his mother, who lived with us, so we didn't join him until my grandma died in 1938."

Sarah, her mother and two brothers fled Europe literally as the door was closing behind them. She had not seen her father in years. "We were so lucky to get out. So many of our relatives were killed in the Holocaust."

It's hard to believe that this accomplished lady, who has spent a lifetime of service to Jewish organizations and her synagogue, was once a frightened schoolgirl. "The hardest thing I ever did in my life was learn English," she said. "I was in such a hurry to fit in. The first time I was called on to give a report I was shaking." Now a grandma of 10, Sarah still makes Rosh Hashanah dinner each year for her family, a bittersweet tradition since her husband Lou's death in 1998.

"My brisket is already in the freezer," she said when we spoke before the holiday, "and, of course, I must make my sweet and sour meatballs, the kids' favourite."

After a day of fasting and prayer on Yom Kippur, the Entins sit down for a dairy break-the-fast dinner. "We have lox and bagels, herring, gefilte fish and, of course, noodle kugel," one variation or another traditionally popping up at Jewish gatherings. Sarah has been making her mother's version for at least 40 years. "Naturally I doctored up her recipe. She always used to ask why mine tasted so much better than hers!"

Ever since I brought my rugelach to my bat mitzvah celebration last year (better late than never!) they've become my most asked for potluck addition, and this year is no exception. Rugelach (the word means "little twists" in Yiddish) are rolled and filled crescent shape cookies with roots in Austrian history. As the story goes, in 1793, Austrian bakers celebrating the lifting of the Turkish siege of Vienna created pastries with a crescent shape to represent the Ottoman flag. Some say the croissant has similar ancestry. History, shmistory. We're talking about a rich butter and cream cheese dough with a sweet filling, a labour-intensive exercise to make, but so worth it!

Before our big day, two of my classmates, Sue Rosen and Max Litt, offered to come to my kitchen and help. Neither had ever made rugelach before, but they quickly got the hang of it, and our little assembly line turned out 280 pastries in about three hours.

(That is not to say that all 280 made it to the temple, however. You wouldn't expect us to serve any misshapen ones, would you? In the interest of presentation, all rejects were gobbled… I mean eaten by our families in the privacy of our own homes.) Brushing the pastries with melted butter is a brilliant technique I picked up from my cousin Staci Robbins years ago when she visited from Atlanta on a high school trip. She mentioned that her Grandma Claire taught her to do this so that they would brown without overbaking (not to mention what it does for the taste.)

Have an easy fast – and break it deliciously!

SARAH ENTIN'S NOODLE KUGEL

1 lb. broad or medium noodles, cooked
1 cup sugar
1 lb. cottage cheese
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
1 cup golden raisins
7 eggs, beaten
3 cups milk
1 pint sour cream
1/4 lb. melted butter or margarine

Topping:
1/2 cup corn flakes, crumbled
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp.sugar

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For the makings of a good and sweet new year.

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Old fashioned dill pickles
Gefilte fish made with white fish & salmon

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Cabbage borscht with tender beef flanken
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Homemade matzo ball soup

CHOOSE ONE
Farm fresh baby spinach salad with red onions, toasted almonds, mandarin oranges, topped with a citrus vinaigrette
OR
Traditional coleslaw

CHOOSE TWO
Brisket served with gravy au jus
OR
Pickle Barrel famous B.B.Q. chicken
OR
Baked salmon with an orange miso glaze
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CHOOSE ONE
Garlic infused mashed potatoes with caramelized onions
OR
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CHOOSE ONE
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Rugelach, a treat from the Old Country

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Combine all ingredients. Pour into large baking pan and refrigerate overnight or at least 4 hours. Will be loose before refrigeration but will set when chilled.

When ready to bake, mix topping. Sprinkle over pudding. Dot with butter and bake at 350 for 1-1/2 hours or until golden brown. Serves 15 to 20. Freezes well.

RUGELACH

Adapted from Cooking Jewish: 532 Great Recipes from the Rabinowitz Family *(Workman) by Judy Bart Kancigor*

Dough

1 lb. unsalted butter, at room temperature
2 packages (8 oz. each) cream cheese, at room temperature
4 cups all-purpose flour
2 tsp. sugar
1/2 tsp. salt

Filling

1 cup sugar
1 tbsp. ground cinnamon
3 cups pecans or walnuts, toasted and chopped
1 1/4 cups sweetened flaked or shredded coconut
1 1/2 cups raisins
about 1 1/2 cups seedless raspberry or apricot jam
about 5 tbsp. unsalted butter, melted

Cream butter and cream cheese on medium speed until blended and smooth. Mix flour with salt and sugar. Reduce speed to low and add gradually until smooth. Wrap well with plastic wrap and refrigerate 2 hours to overnight. To make filling, mix sugar, cinnamon, nuts, coconut and raisins.

Preheat oven to 350. Line several baking sheets with parchment paper.

Divide dough into eight portions and use one at a time, keeping remainder refrigerated. Gently knead dough until soft enough to roll. Roll dough on lightly floured board or between two sheets of waxed or parchment paper, and cut out a 10- to 12-inch round (I use a pot lid with a sharp edge). Spread thin layer of jam over dough to 1/2 inch of the edge. Sprinkle with about 1/2 cup of filling. Using a pizza wheel, cut into 12 wedges (like a pie). Roll up each triangle, starting at large end. With the tip end down, bend each cookie slightly to form a crescent shape. Place on prepared baking sheets and brush with melted butter.

Bake, two sheets at a time, on bottom third and top third oven racks, rotating sheets from top to bottom and front to back halfway through, until rugelach are lightly golden, 20 to 25 minutes. They will seem soft, but will firm up on cooling. Carefully transfer to a wire rack to cool. Makes 8 dozen.

The side dish dilemma

Sue Epstein
Special to The CJN

If you're like me, whether it be for a holiday, Shabbat or a company meal, it's easy to decide on a main course and dessert, but then comes the side dish dilemma. What to have with the brisket or roast chicken? How to choose?

Aside from taste, think of texture and colour when choosing a side dish. Too much of any colour on a plate can be boring. Vegetables can add interest – dark greens, soft yellows, orange. A plate of sliced roasted chicken is more appealing when a colourful vegetable or side dish is added rather than when the same chicken is paired with only white or pale yellow vegetables.

HAWAIIAN SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

6 large sweet potatoes (or 40-oz. can)
6 tbsp. butter or margarine
2 tsp. salt
6 firm, ripe bananas, sliced
1 cup light brown sugar, mixed with 1 tsp. cinnamon
16 oz. crushed pineapple
1 cup pineapple juice, mixed with 1 tsp. lemon juice
2 tbsp. honey

Raw sweet potatoes: wash, scrub and place in cold water. Cover, bring to a boil and parboil until they still show a little resistance when pierced with the tip of a sharp knife. Drain, cool slightly and peel. Canned sweet potatoes: Drain. Check can for salt content and you may wish to adjust salt accordingly.

Slice potatoes 1/2-inch thick. Grease a heatproof casserole dish with a little of the butter. Arrange in alternate layers starting with the sweet potatoes dotted with butter and salt, then the bananas sprinkled with brown sugar-cinnamon mixture, then the crushed pineapple. End with the sweet potatoes or the crushed pineapple.

Combine the pineapple juice and lemon juice and honey and pour over the mixture. Bake in a preheated oven at 350 for 40 minutes, or until browned on top. Makes 8-10 servings.

WILD RICE WITH CRANBERRIES AND CARMELIZED ONIONS

2 cups chicken broth
1/2 cup brown rice
1/2 cup wild rice
3 tbsp. pareve margarine
3 medium onions, sliced into thin wedges
2 tsp brown sugar
1 cup Craisins (sweetened, dried cranberries)
1/2 tsp. finely grated orange zest

Combine chicken broth and both types of rice in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer 45 minutes or until rice is tender and the liquid is absorbed.

Meanwhile, melt margarine in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Add onions and brown sugar. Cook 6 minutes or until liquid is absorbed and onions are soft and translucent. Reduce heat to low. Slowly cook onions, stirring often, for 25 minutes or until they are caramel color. Stir in dried cranberries.

Cover and cook over low heat for 10 minutes or until cranberries swell. Gently fold cranberry mixture and orange zest into cooked rice. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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2 tsp. sea salt or kosher salt
2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
3-4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced

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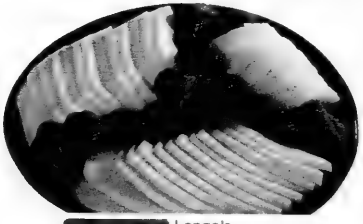

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Comfort food rules

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Cooking for the break-the-fast dinner is also a challenge, as working in the kitchen is forbidden during Yom Kippur. Therefore, consider my suggestions for a meal of dairy dishes that are not only comforting for empty stomachs, but also easy to prepare well in advance. Along with steamed vegetables and fresh fruit, this menu can be on the table in minutes.

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1 cup dried cherries
1 cup water
2 packages of light cream cheese
1/2 cup toasted chopped nuts, pecans or walnuts
1 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
zest of one lemon

In a small pot bring water to a boil and add dried cherries. Reduce heat and cook cherries until the liquid is reduced to about 1 tbsp. Cool.

Soften cream cheese. Mix cheese together with the nuts, cherries and one tablespoon of the cherry liquid, lemon juice and zest. Cover and refrigerate. May be made several days ahead.

TWICE BAKED SPINACH AND PASTA FRITTATA

This remarkable frittata can be prepared several days in advance and tastes even better after the second time in the oven.

1 lb. prewashed spinach
2 cups dry elbow macaroni
6 large eggs, beaten
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese, Reggiano or similar
1 cup cottage cheese, pressed dry, 0.5 per cent milk fat
1/2 tsp. salt, plus salt for boiling water
1/4 tsp. pepper
4 tbsp. Parmesan cheese

Spinach and pasta fritatta

Cook macaroni in salted boiling water for 8-10 minutes, or until tender

Pour macaroni into a colander and run under cold water. Drain.

Wilt spinach in the microwave 2 to 4 minutes – do not dry out spinach. Cool spinach and squeeze out water over a strainer, then chop spinach

In a large bowl, combine chopped spinach, macaroni, eggs, Parmesan, cottage cheese, salt and pepper. Spray a 9x12-inch Pyrex dish with canola oil. Put macaroni mixture into the baking dish and sprinkle with remaining Parmesan cheese. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 30 to 40 minutes, or until the edges brown.

Reheat the frittata at 350 for 15 to 20 minutes, or bake for 20 to 30 minutes if you want the frittata to have a crunchy top.

PINEAPPLE WALNUT LOAVES

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Cake
1 cup butter or margarine
1 cup sugar
3 eggs
1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups 2 per cent milk
1 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. baking powder
2 1/2 cups all purpose flour
Pineapple Mixture
1/4 cup brown sugar
2 tbsp. butter or margarine, melted
1 cup pineapple tidbits, well drained
1/2 cup walnuts, chopped

In food processor, combine butter and sugar. Mix in eggs and vanilla. Mix together baking soda and milk and add to processor. Add baking powder and flour and pulse until combined.

In a separate bowl, mix together the pineapple, brown sugar, butter and walnuts.

Prepare two loaf pans with canola oil spray. Use 1/2 of the batter, dividing it into the two pans.

Then divide 1/2 of the pineapple mixture between each pan of batter. Divide remaining batter between each pan and then spoon the rest of the pineapple mixture over each pan.

Bake together in a 350-degree oven for 35-40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in each loaf comes out clean and dry.

Cool cake before removing from loaf pan. Wrap Pineapple Walnut Loaves in plastic wrap and refrigerate. Loaves keep well for several days.

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Side dish dilemma

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Preheat the oven to its lowest setting –probably 250. Line a large-rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper and brush paper with 3 tbsp. oil. Halve the tomatoes lengthwise and lay them, cut side up, in a single layer on a large baking sheet. Mix together the sugar, salt and pepper, then sprinkle over the cut surface of the tomatoes. Place a few slices of garlic on each tomato half. Roast in the oven, undisturbed, for 3 to 4 hours, until they shrivel up. Let cool. Refrigerate and use within a few days. Makes 6-8 servings.

BUTTERNUT SQUASH TART

2 medium butternut squash
2 tbsp. vegetable oil
1 medium onion, diced
1 tsp. dark brown sugar
1/2 tsp. dried thyme, crushed
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
2 eggs
3/4 cup breadcrumbs
1 tbsp. salt
pepper to taste
1 sheet puff pastry, thawed

Peel and cut the squash into large chunks. Boil squash in water until soft, 15-20 minutes. Drain well and mash. Set aside to cool. Sauté onion in oil, in a small frying pan until translucent. Add to mashed squash. Add sugar, thyme and nutmeg. Whisk in eggs and breadcrumbs. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 350. Cut pastry sheet in half. Place one half into a 13-inch tart pan with a removable bottom. Press dough into bottom of pan and up the sides. Prick dough all over. Spread squash filling evenly over dough. With remaining half of pastry, cut into strips and make a lattice pattern on top of the tart. Brush the edges with water to adhere lattice strips to sides of the tart.

Bake 1 hour or until pastry is puffed and filling is set. If not serving immediately, refrigerate and reheat for 10 minutes at 350. Makes 10 servings.

Chicken a key part of holiday meals

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KIDDIE COCKTAIL CHICKEN

6 whole chicken breasts split
6 chicken legs and thighs
3 (16-oz.) cans fruit cocktail, liquid reserved
2/3 cup soy sauce
1 tsp. minced garlic
2 (10-oz.) jars sweet and sour sauce

Preheat oven to 350. In a large roasting pan place the chicken, skin side up. In a bowl, combine the syrup from the fruit cocktail, soy sauce and garlic. Mix to combine and pour it over the chicken. Bake, uncovered, for about 40 minutes, basting often. Remove the chicken from the oven and drain the sauce into a saucepan. Set the chicken aside to cool.

Add the sweet and sour sauce to the saucepan and bring the mixture to a boil. Reduced the heat and cook for about 20 minutes until the sauce reduces to about 3-1/2 cups and has thickened. Pour the sauce over the chicken.

You can, at this point cover the chicken with foil and refrigerate for a day or two ahead of when you want to serve it. Or you can return the chicken, uncovered, to the oven and cook an additional 30 to 40 minutes, basting frequently. Add drained fruit and bake, uncovered for 25 to 30 minutes longer. Serves 12.

RASPBERRY PEACH CHICKEN

1 cup fresh or frozen unsweetened raspberries
1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen peaches, peeled and sliced
1/2 cup white wine
3 tbsp. honey
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp.pepper
2 lb. boneless skinless chicken breast or thighs, cut into pieces
2 to 3 tbsp.olive oil
additional raspberries, if desired

Preheat oven to 350. Place raspberries, peach slices, wine and honey in a food processor or blender. Process for about 1 minute or until the mixture is smooth. Pour the mixture into a saucepan and heat to a simmer. Season the chicken with salt and pepper. Heat a grill pan using 1 tbsp. of oil. In batches, using more oil when necessary, sear the chicken on both sides and then place it in a 9x13-inch baking dish.

Pour 1/2 the sauce over the chicken. Cover with foil and bake for 20 minutes. Remove the foil, flip the chicken pieces over and bake an additional 10 to 15 minutes until the chicken is done. To serve, place the chicken on a platter and drizzle just a little of the sauce over the top and garnish with additional raspberries. Serves 4.

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With a shy smile Mrs. Adler explains, "By now I'm very tame, but back then I was, oh, I don't know what word to use... 'Earnest?'" she laughs. "So I made an appointment, spoke to the manager, and he said, 'Show me there's a need for it.'" Undaunted, Mrs. Adler gathered more than enough evidence that there was a solid market waiting to be serviced and, by 1966, the Board started expanding the selection beyond the ubiquitous Manischewitz and Shapiro brands.

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Providing the Jewish community with quality service, as well as quality product, is the priority for Mazel Wines. With over 40 years of unique experience, educating the consumer is a responsibility they take very seriously. Mrs. Adler pulls out a creased piece of paper with a few typed sentences on it. "I read this somewhere, I can't recall where, but it has become our motto," she explains. It reads: "Excellence is more than just a word. It is a commitment in our relationship with our clients, our employees and our community. We strive to promote and encourage excellence within and beyond our company."

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Originally, the Kosher wine world meant Kiddush Wines from Europe, few of which would pass muster for most connoisseurs. In the 70's this changed, very much for the better in terms of quality and variety. Through Mrs. Adler's efforts, the new evolution in wines became available in Toronto. There was some resistance at first and initially the process moved very slowly. Years passed but, in December 1997 as Mrs. Adler remembers, "I got myself an appointment with the Chair of the Liquor Board. He listened to me and I left him my whole file with all my concerns and why I felt we should have more listings. He said, 'Alright, I'll get back to you.' Well, I'm not one to wait, so I called up... and then called again." In time a committee was designated to investigate the Kosher wine industry and its customer base. Ultimately the LCBO recognized that the industry was "very ill-represented" and that demand was high. As a direct result of Mrs. Adler's efforts, in May 1998, the first exclusive Kosher wine kiosk in Ontario was opened at what is now called the Sobey's Plaza at Hilda and Clark.

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Although Mrs. Adler insists that her role is to help her customers enjoy the greatest selection and quality of wines available, her favourite role is in helping people by offering convenience and the benefit of her expertise. "I've been doing this for so many years and I've always enjoyed helping people make great *simchas*, seders or simply helping educate them about what great new products are out there." ■

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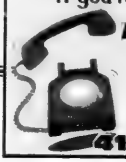
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Abbas rejects proposed draft statements

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On recognition of Israel as a Jewish state, an older version of the Quartet proclamation offered "two states for two nations, with Israel as a Jewish state and the national home of the Jewish people."

Netanyahu agreed to compromise and allow the statement to speak of two national states, without mentioning a "Jewish state."

He also reportedly agreed to be more flexible on the length of future negotiations as well as on security assurances.

Abbas rejected all of the proposed draft statements, including Netanyahu's compromise revisions.

One U.S. proposal handed to Abbas was to ask the UN secretary general and the Security Council to have Palestine be accepted as a full UN member on condition that the membership be processed over a period of several months, at which time direct talks between Israel and the PA could resume along guidelines stipulated by the Quartet.

However, sources have indicated that Abbas has rejected that offer as well, with his aides saying that Abbas was interested in bringing the issue of Palestinian statehood to the General Assembly and to the Security Council at the same time, because of the length of time needed to process the proposal at the Security Council.

Mahmoud Abbas

Speaking of their repeated rejections of Quartet drafts, Palestinian officials have said that the United States was working in co-operation with Israel, adding that Blair spoke to them like an "Israeli diplomat" and not like an international emissary, and that U.S. Mideast envoy Dennis Ross used "undiplomatic language."

On Friday, Abbas said the Palestinians plan to approach the UN Security Council for full recognition, clarifying that they are seeking to delegitimize the occupation, not Israel, by taking the UN route for Palestinian statehood.

He stressed that Israel is a legitimate state, but that by continuing to build in the settlements and rejecting the internationally recognized borders of a future Palestinian state, it is engaging in illegitimate activity.

"What I will take to the UN will be the suffering and concerns of our people that have been taking place over 63 years living under the occupation," Abbas said, adding that the Palestinians, like all nations, deserve independence, and that the Palestinians want a state based on 1967 borders, with east Jerusalem as its capital.

Abbas said the Palestine Liberation Organization plans to continue to be the sole representative of the Palestinian people, not only at the diplomatic level, but also through the implementation of the necessary steps needed to bring about a Palestinian state.

Later in his speech, however, he touched upon the Cairo-brokered unity deal between the moderate West Bank-based Fatah and the more militant Gaza-based Hamas, saying that "there is nothing better than national unity between the West Bank and Gaza, and we will do everything we can to maintain this unity."

Abbas said collaboration between the West Bank and Gaza is a national duty, and they will continue to take steps to maintain this, "even if we differ on some issues."

In related news, diplomats at the United Nations said their support for the Palestinian statehood bid stems from fear of revenge from Muslim and Arab nations loyal to the Palestinian cause.

Sources said some countries will support the Palestinians not because they believe in their cause, but because Muslim and Arab countries may take punitive measures against them when they need support in the Security Council or in bids to be appointed to important UN bodies.

A senior western diplomat told *Ha'aretz* that the Non-Aligned Bloc's votes were of particular importance. "It is the largest regional bloc," he said, "and is greatly sympathetic to the Palestinian matter."

Hamas won't concede 'one inch'

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TEL AVIV — Hamas supports the formation of an independent Palestinian state that does not recognize Israel's existence and which does not concede "one inch" of historical Palestine, Hamas' Gaza leader said Sunday.

Last week, Hamas voiced its objection to an upcoming Palestinian bid to gain recognition at the United Nations, saying that such an effort infringes on the Palestinian refugees' right of return.

The move was not based on principles and "Hamas and other factions are not part of this step and do not support it," Salah Bardaweel, a senior Hamas leader in Gaza, told a workshop in Gaza City.

Speaking to the Palestinian legislative council in Gaza, Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh was quoted by the French news agency AFP as reiterating his movement's opposition to the Palestinian Authority move at the UN, adding however that Hamas would support an independent Palestine on only part of what it considered to be "historic Palestine" if that state adheres to core Hamas principles.

"We repeat today that we are with the establishment of a Palestinian state on any liberated part of Palestinian land that is agreed upon by the Palestinian people, without recognizing Israel or conceding any inch of historical Palestine," Haniyeh was quoted as saying.

Elaborating on the main objection to the PA-led bid at the UN, Haniyeh reiterated the Hamas position that there could be "no mandate for any Palestinian leadership to infringe on Palestinian national rights, nor is there a mandate for any Palestinian actor to make historic concessions on Palestinian land or the right of the Palestinians, foremost among them the right of return."

"Given this position, we reiterate our rejection of this bid," he added, saying, however, that Hamas would "not place obstacles in the way of the establishment of a Palestinian state with full sovereignty."

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Wikileaks cable casts spotlight on NIF

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

A U.S. diplomatic cable, released three weeks ago in a Wikileaks document dump, has brought increased scrutiny of the foreign funding of Israeli and Palestinian NGOs, including those that reject Israel as a Jewish state.

The cable, from the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv to the State Department, reports on Knesset deliberations in February 2010 on a bill to compel NGOs to reveal any funding from foreign political sources. The cable quoted NGO Monitor president Gerald Steinberg as pushing for the bill because ostensibly human rights organizations funded largely from Europe were conducting "political warfare" against Israel.

The cable goes on to quote a former senior official of the New Israel Fund saying the disappearance of Israel as a Jewish state "would not be the tragedy that Israelis fear since it would become more democratic."

The New Israel Fund quickly distanced itself from the statement attributed to its former grants director, Hedva Radanovitz.

"Her comments, as reported by Wikileaks, are her personal views. They do not reflect the policies or positions of the NIF. We valued Hedva's contribution to NIF, but it also is true that her viewpoints diverged from those of the organization and her resignation was largely due to her disagreement with the positions and direction of NIF," said a NIF statement.

However, Steinberg maintained the NIF has for years funded agencies that have been among Israel's most vocal critics. Some, such as Adalah, have called it an apartheid and racist state. Adalah, which describes itself as a human rights organization that defends Palestinian citizens of Israel, received more than $1.1 million from 2006 to 2009 and $476,000 in 2010 alone.

Mada al-Carmel, which receives funds from a partnership of the Ford Israel Fund and the NIF, received $100,000 in 2010, NGO Monitor stated. The watchdog group quotes Mada al-Carmel as saying global acceptance of a two-state solution is "regrettable."

Another NIF recipient, Coalition Women for Peace, is a leader of the global boycott, divestment and sanctions effort targeting Israel. From 2006 to 2009, it received grants totalling $389,497. NIF subsequently ended its support of the organization.

> ***The disappearance of Israel as a Jewish state 'would not be the tragedy that Israelis fear since it would become more democratic'***

Other agencies that have received NIF funds include Association for Civil Rights in Israel, B'Tselem, Breaking the Silence, HaMoked and Physicians for Human Rights-Israel. "These NGOs were highly active in promoting the [UN] Goldstone report [on the Gaza War] and campaigning for international pressure against Israel," NGO Monitor asserted.

Jay Brodbar, executive director of NIF of Canada, said the Canadian branch of NIF sends no money to Adalah. Funds distributed by NIF Canada are earmarked for specific projects in Israel and do not go into a pool of money allocated by NIF.

"Our activities in Israel are vetted by our staff and our board. We have all kinds of accountability in place," Brodbar said.

In its response to the Wikileaks cable, NIF CEO Daniel Sokatch stated: "The Wikileaks cable demonstrates the way in which the ultra-nationalist agenda attempts to destroy the legitimate work of the human rights community.

"It's certainly understandable that back in February 2010 our former employee... was not optimistic about Israeli support for human rights and democracy. That was the month that the NIF itself first came under vicious attack, and the bill to penalize progressive civil society that's under discussion in the Wikileaks cable was just the tip of the iceberg in attempts to de-democratize Israel.

"I also believe more firmly than ever in the vision of Israel put forth by its Declaration of Independence. I know that the NIF's dedication to an Israel that is both Jewish and democratic could not be clearer. NIF is and always was a big tent organization – our staff, grantees and volunteer leadership reflect the gamut of views from the centre to the left, fiercely debated in Israel and elsewhere."

Steinberg, a monthly columnist for *The CJN*, said the diplomatic cable was written when the Knesset was considering legislation prompted by NGO Monitor's concerns that many politicized NGOs in Israel were being funded from abroad – mostly by European governments.

The cable noted 350 Israeli NGOs receive $18 million a year from the NIF. It also quoted Radovanitz saying the political left wing had disappeared in Israel and "the lack of domestic constituency for the NGOs."

Steinberg said there was no "right wing plot" to shut down the agencies. The issue, he said, was for "their source of funding to become a matter of the public record."

The NIF, Steinberg continued, "essentially led the campaign against the transparency legislation. They provided the seed money for these Israeli organizations that were the focus of the transparency legislation.

"European governments have followed the NIF lead."

The legislation that eventually passed requires "blanket reporting of all foreign government funding," Steinberg added.

Asked about the NIF's assertion that Radanovitz was speaking only in her personal capacity, Steinberg said, "She had worked in other organizations that were anti-Israel, so they should have known whom they were getting."

Palestinian leadership unreliable: Lieberman

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Lieberman was then slated to fly to New York, where he was to join Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the UN General Assembly in a major diplomatic effort to stave off the initiative by the Palestinian Authority (PA) to achieve recognition for an independent Palestinian state.

"Any attempt to impose a political solution on the parties will result in the opposite of what is needed today," Lieberman said. "In the search for solutions, some countries try to place pressure on Israel." But doing so, he asserted, "is an attempt to evade reality."

Liberman planned to tell his colleagues at the United Nations that those interested in preserving the chance of achieving an understanding between Israel and the Palestinians must make it clear to Palestinian leaders that the international community will reject any unilateral initiative and will only support an agreement reached through negotiations between the parties.

He described the Palestinian leadership as unreliable. No amount of wishful thinking to the contrary, Lieberman said, alters the current hard-core facts on the ground.

As proof, he noted that the "Palestinian people is divided between the PA in the West Bank and 'Hamastan' in Gaza. The PA has postponed elections three times and they have simply refused to restart negotiations with Israel. When we asked [Palestinian leader Mahmoud] Abbas to take steps to stop the shooting at our people in the south, he told us: 'What do you want from me? I'm not responsible for Gaza. I'm not in power there.'"

Then Lieberman added, somewhat ironically but forcefully, "and yet he will tell the UN the opposite, that he represents all of the Palestinian people."

He dismissed as "nonsense" the often-expressed notion that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is the core issue in the Middle East that gives rise to much of the malaise and instability in the region. There is no link, Lieberman stated emphatically, between the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the tumult of the "Arab Spring."

"The Arab world is a complicated place. There are many reasons for the turmoil in, for example, Bahrain, Libya, Tunisia, Yemen, Egypt and Syria." He cited three: the disparity in wealth between the very rich and the very poor; the theologically based struggle between Shia and Sunni Muslims, and the often-waged struggle for power and control among different factions within the countries.

Lieberman told *The CJN* he is determined to convey the message in New York that Israel's fight in the Middle East is also the fight of the entire free world. He urged the western world not to accede to the Palestinians' demands.

"It will send a bad message and set a bad example." Israel's battle in the region is not only about territory, it's about values, he emphasized.

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Rabin rally cancelled

The annual rally marking the anniversary of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin won't be held this November for the first time in 16 years. The late prime minister's daughter, Dalia Rabin, chairman of the Yitzhak Rabin Center, said the centre won't hold the event this year because of financial constraints and a yearly decrease in attendees. Tel Aviv's Rabin Square, site of the event, is being renovated and could not have hosted this year.

Envoy back in Jordan

Israel's ambassador to Jordan returned to Amman after being withdrawn in advance of an anti-Israel protest. The ambassador returned last Friday, two days after Israel withdrew its embassy staff from the Jordanian capital as a safety precaution. According to reports, only about 200 protesters turned out on Thursday in Amman for what had been billed as a "million man-march" against Jordan's peace treaty with Israel. Jordanian police prevented the protesters from marching on the embassy. The decision to remove the staff came several days after Egyptian demonstrators stormed Israel's embassy in Cairo, necessitating the emergency rescue of staff by Egyptian commandos.

Fogels' killer sentenced

A Palestinian man was sentenced to five consecutive life sentences for the murder of five members of the Fogel family in a West Bank Jewish settlement. Hakim Awad, 18, was sentenced March 13 in a West Bank military court. He had admitted guilt in the March 11 murders in Itamar, which is near his home in the West Bank town of Hawarta, and refused to express regret. The judges called the attack "an atrocious, bone-chilling and terrifying act." The five consecutive life sentences are equal to 130 years in prison. Awad and his cousin, Amjad Awad, 19, murdered Udi Fogel, 36, and Ruth Fogel, 35, and their children, Yoav, 11; Elad, 4; and Hadas, 3 months, in a Shabbat eve attack on their home in the northern West Bank. Amjad Awad has been convicted of the murders and is awaiting sentencing. Three of the Fogel children survived the attack: two were sleeping in a side bedroom and weren't discovered, and a daughter was out of the house at the time of the killings. She came home to discover the bodies.

Shipping firm cleared

The Obama administration lifted sanctions on an Israeli shipping firm it had charged with dealing with Iran. The United States in May had sanctioned the Ofer Brothers Group for providing a tanker valued at $8.65 million to an Iranian shipping company. The sanctions sparked a scandal in Israel, which has been at the forefront of efforts to isolate Iran because of the Islamic Republic's suspected nuclear weapons program. The State Department said it removed Ofer Brothers, but kept on the list three companies indirectly owned by the company. The firm, which maintained that the sale was inadvertent, told Associated Press that "the action clears our name." The brothers, widely respected and believed to be the richest men in Israel, died in the months intervening – Sammy in June at 89 and Yuli last week at 87.

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Gilad Schalit's plight discussed at the UN

Dan Klein
JTA

NEW YORK — Noam Schalit, the father of captive Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit, wants his son's plight to be part of the discussion of Palestinian statehood at the United Nations this month.

In his view, Schalit's release should be a precondition of any vote at the United Nations on recognition of a Palestinian state.

Schalit was in New York earlier this month meeting with UN ambassadors from various nations, including pro-Palestinian ones, to make his case.

In at least one corner, Schalit won considerable sympathy: the New York City Council proclaimed Sept. 7 Gilad Schalit Day.

The point of Schalit's trip was to keep the issue of his son's captivity from being forgotten amid world events, and to use those events as a lever to secure Gilad's release.

"We hope he'll be home for Rosh Hashanah," Schalit told a meeting of the New York City Council, saying a prisoner-exchange deal between Israel and Hamas is "the only way."

In a 30-minute interview with JTA last Friday, Schalit talked about the need to put pressure on all sides using whatever tools are available. In the more than five years since Gilad Schalit was captured in a cross-border raid on the Israel-Gaza frontier in June 2006, the Schalit family has done all it can to make sure the plight of the captive soldier remains high on Israelis' minds.

Noam and Aviva Shalit, parents of Gilad Schalit, sit in front of a flag depicting an image of their son, at a protest tent set up outside Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's residence last year.
[Flash90 photo]

Schalit and his wife, Aviva, set up a protest tent opposite the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem that has not budged in more than two years. They've held nationwide marches, disrupted Independence Day ceremonies and prompted myriad campaigns to pressure the Israeli government to cut a deal with Hamas, including a recent one for Schalit's 25th birthday. There are Free Schalit wristbands, bumper stickers and banners.

Last week, Schalit met in the United States with American Jewish organizations to strategize on how to lobby the Obama administration to put more pressure on the Palestinian Authority, which he believes can pressure Hamas. After leaving New York, Schalit went to France, where he met with French President Nicolas Sarkozy and was able, with the help of the New York-based Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, to get several French Muslim leaders to publicly call on Hamas to release his son.

Schalit dismisses the notion that the Palestinian Authority cannot influence Hamas or does not share responsibility for his son's captivity.

"How can they say they have no leverage on Hamas?" he said. "The Palestinian Authority is going to the UN to appeal for one Palestinian entity, not two. They want one state for the Palestinian people. The Palestinian Authority cannot absolve itself of responsibility. It holds responsibility for all the Palestinian people."

Indirect negotiations between Israel and Hamas for Gilad Schalit's release resumed recently in Cairo, Schalit said, but he remains pessimistic.

"The new Egyptian administration has taken the lead again," Schalit said. "It is now new people, but Egyptians are the same. We need to urge the Egyptians to move on fast and effectively. We don't have another three years to spend with negotiations."

At the United Nations last week, Schalit's focus was the Palestinian Authority. He said he met with more a dozen UN ambassadors to urge them to block any statehood recognition until his son is free. Of particular importance, he said, were his meetings with countries that already have recognized the state of Palestine, such as Argentina.

"We are not dealing with politics," Schalit told JTA. "We are not asking them to vote for or against a Palestinian state. We just believe that a first step, as a precondition, they should comply with international law."

The leaders of the world, he said, have to tell the Palestinians, "Look, you cannot go on with this violation of international and humanitarian law and at the same time ask for legitimacy and recognition. It is very basic. They don't go together."

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Sicilian Jews reach out to forgotten brethren

Alex Weisler
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SIRACUSA, Italy — On her deathbed, Salvatore Zurzolo's grandmother confided a long-held secret: their family was Jewish.

Zurzolo, of Calabria in southern Italy, had been flirting with Judaism for years, ever since choosing to stay with Parisian Jews during a Catholic youth trip to the city when he was 18.

After his grandmother's confession, Zurzolo contacted the central Italian Jewish community in Rome and asked to begin the conversion process.

"For 20 years, I was told it was not possible," Zurzolo said.

But he didn't give up, keeping kosher, wearing a yarmulke and a Star of David necklace, and visiting Israel 10 times in two decades, according to his account.

Finally, last December, Zurzolo formally converted to Judaism with a dip in the ancient mikvah of Siracusa, Sicily's fourth-largest city and one of Italy's southernmost municipalities.

Last week, Zurzolo returned to the site of the ritual bath, which sits below an upmarket hotel, for a first-of-its-kind conference aimed at *Ebrei di Ritorno*, the Italian term for "returning Jews" – descendants of Jews forcibly converted during the Inquisition era who are now exploring the possibility of coming back to the religion.

The gathering, which brought together a passel of prominent Italian rabbis and more than a dozen mostly Sicilian descendants of Jews, was an important step for Siracusa: it marked the first time that the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, or UCEI, the umbrella group for the Italian Jewish establishment, offered formal recognition and support. Among the attendees were Rabbi Eliyahu Birnbaum, chief rabbi of Turin; Rabbi Shalom Bahbout, chief rabbi of Naples, and Rabbi Roberto Della Rocca, head of the UCEI's culture and education department.

Rabbi Stefano di Mauro

Sicily now has its first rabbi in 500 years, and Siracusa's tiny one-room synagogue – occupying the bottom floor of an apartment building in the city's outskirts and drawing from a revolving door of about 40 interested locals – is one of only two or three Jewish communities in Italy south of Naples.

Perhaps most important, Italian Jewry seems open to welcoming newly converted Jews from Siracusa. Rabbi Gadi Piperno, project manager for southern outreach for the Union of Italian Jewish Communities' department of education and culture, came to Siracusa for the recent outreach seminar.

"We used to say that Naples was the frontier" of Italian Jewry, he said. "But now, at the end of Italy, we have a community – so this is the new frontier."

At the two-day conference, participants told personal stories of discovering their heritage, pored over Torah passages – including the Book of Ruth, which is focused on the conversion of Naomi's daughter-in-law – and heard from Michael Freund, founder and chairman of the Shavei Israel Foundation, which seeks to facilitate connections between descendants of Jews, Israel and the Jewish people.

Freund, whose group has worked with descendants of Jews in India, South America, Poland and the Iberian Peninsula, said the Siracusa event was his first foray into the so-called *anusim* communities of Italy – descendants of forcibly converted Jews.

Sicily had a Jewish population of at least 50,000 at the time of the Inquisition, and Freund believes that welcoming back descendants of Jews is the best way to avenge the violence and intimidation of that era.

"The sweetest revenge for what the Inquisition did to these people's ancestors would be to bring back as many of these people as possible," he said.

Participants said they didn't find their way to Judaism by poring over family trees. The narrative varied by individual, but the gist was the same: there was a gut feeling, an inescapable, always-known truth – with or without the evidence to back it up.

Elisabetta Barbera made the trip from Rome to attend the conference. She said she suspects that her family has Jewish links and that definitive proof is not the point.

"Being 60, it's my right to die like a Jew. That's it," she said. "It's my feeling, my link, my faith."

Event attendees said the seminar made them feel less alone.

Maria La Cara travelled from the Sicilian capital of Palermo, nearly a three-hour drive. Raised Catholic, she began attending Pentecostal services at 18 and found herself getting consistently hung up on the word "Israel" when she came across it in prayers.

La Cara says one of her family's surnames, Scimonetto, is a common converso name in the southern Italian region of Reggio Calabria, but she has no definitive proof of Jewish ancestry.

"I think I'd feel better if I found out I was Jewish," she said. "If my past is more clear, then so is my present."

La Cara said she has received support from her family, but that's not a universal experience in heavily Catholic Sicily.

Carlo – a biochemistry student from Catania, about 40 minutes north of Siracusa – didn't want to provide his last name because of his family's discomfort with his growing Jewish identity.

When he was eight or nine years old, Carlo dreamt that his mother and grandmother told him he was Jewish; he has Jewish roots on both parents' sides. But when Carlo began exploring the religion in his mid-teens, it upset his family.

"My family is a total Sicilian family – it's Catholic," he said. "For them it's not a good decision. I'm not decided on whether I'll complete my path to Judaism."

Amid all the existential questions and sweeping rhetoric at the gathering were practical concerns. This was the central concern for Rabbi Stefano di Mauro, a Sicilian native who converted to Judaism when he was about 30 year old and was later told of his family's Jewish roots.

Now that Siracusa has a synagogue again, he is focused on making the city a welcoming place for the community of *anusim*.

"The next step is to create a permanent beit din" for the south and give the opportunity to the ones who want to come back to Judaism to be helped faster," he said. "I'm not so young anymore to get so excited, but it seems like God wants this to happen. So many things are coming together."

Next up is a Shabbaton weekend retreat in Calabria, at the southern tip of Italy's boot. Then in December, the Union of Italian Jewish Communities plans to hold a large event in Naples focusing on ethics and politics that also will serve as a chance to update the Italian Jewish community on the progress of the outreach initiative in the South.

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Israeli trade minister drums up business during visit

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

As a representative of a country that is supposedly the target of a boycott movement, Israeli Industry, Trade & Labor Minister Shalom Simhon had a pretty gruelling schedule doing business on a recent visit to Canada.

The minister met with senior officers of the Royal Bank of Canada in Toronto to discuss investment opportunities in new media; he discussed homeland security issues with Ontario police chiefs and invited them to a conference in Israel; he visited MaRS (an organization that connects science, business and government), where he met with hospital directors, who are already slated to visit Israel as part of a mission; he met with representatives of the Ontario Clean Water Agency to talk about possible Israeli/Ontario collaboration in that sector; he travelled to Ottawa to meet his Canadian counterpart, International Trade Minister Ed Fast, and he rubbed shoulders with the glitterati at the Toronto International Film Festival, where he encouraged Hollywood *machers* to consider Israel for co-productions.

In the midst of that agenda, he toured the downtown offices of the Israel Economic Mission to Canada, where he affixed the mezuzah on a brand-new office space.

Simhon expanded on his Ontario mission in a press briefing at the offices of the Israel Economic Mission. Speaking through an interpreter, Simhon said RBC officials have already visited Israel and are expected again next month. They are looking for investment opportunities in new-media startups that they can introduce to their clients, he said.

Shalom Simhon

The RBC meeting was held "in order to examine opportunities for co-operation in the industrial sector of new media."

Sharon Kedmi, director general of the Israeli ministry, who accompanied Simhon, said many Israeli startups focus on new-media applications, which focus on the transfer of large amounts of data to various consumer gadgets such as television and smartphones.

"We connect these startups with the market," such as banks and other investors, Kedmi said.

RBC is an important partner in these ventures, as it is familiar with the Canadian market and has an extensive network of contacts to help facilitate the introduction of Israeli products to the market, Kedmi added.

Simhon said the ministry is hoping to assist Israeli firms sell medical equipment to Canadians while examining possible research and development collaborations.

Israeli companies are leaders in a number of medical technologies, he said. InSightec, for one, is developing ultrasound techniques to treat cancer, and Gamida Cell is developing technologies to use stem cells from non-controversial sources such as umbilical-cord blood to treat conditions such as leukemia, lymphoma and autoimmune diseases.

Simhon said Israel's economy is "strong." Its unemployment rate stands at 5.5 per cent, and the Standard & Poor's credit rating agency recently boosted Israel's sovereign debt rating from A to A+.

The upgrade is considered international recognition of Israel's economic strength. According to *Ha'aretz*, it could entice more foreign investment and will enable the government and local companies to take out cheaper loans on the international market. In announcing the upgrade, S&P said it was motivated by Israel's responsible economic policy during the global financial crisis in 2008 and Israel's high growth rate.

Asked about recent demonstrations in Tel Aviv, Simhon said, "The social protests caught us in a good situation to make changes."

The government saw the protests "in a positive manner." They were "within the norms of dialogue and within the Israeli conversation." He suggested a "new order" might emerge for the Israeli middle class.

A developed nation in a bad neighbourhood

Assa Sasson
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TEL AVIV — In 2010, Israel passed a remarkable milestone: no longer a developing nation, it had achieved the status of developed, according to the index company MSCI. The firm moved Israel to its index that tracks developed nations, including the likes of Switzerland, France and Greece.

The joy was great. We heard from every dais in town that the upgrade would be a boon. Non-residents would stampede to invest, because the amount of money invested in developed nations is far greater than in developing ones.

In the roar of applause, one little detail was forgotten – Israel's neighbourhood. This is not a developed neighbourhood. One might say it isn't even a developing one. The Arab Spring only served to bring back a little thing that had receded into the background – geopolitical risk.

The world's investors aren't used to the sort of geopolitical risk that characterizes our neighbourhood. There's the risk that the drums of war will start to resonate at a pace dictated by mobs, that embassies will be overrun and set aflame, that the future will be bleak. When this risk turns into reality, risks that investors aren't accustomed to dealing with – they do what investors tend to do when their knees start to quake.

And thus the price of Israel's sovereign CDS (Credit Default Swap, which is insurance against default by the state) soared last week, rising to a peak of 1.78 per cent, lifting yields of Israeli government bonds.

To what safe harbour are investors fleeing? To American treasuries. Yes, it is true that yields on U.S. government bonds have fallen to new lows and that 10-year bonds are trading at a mean yield of 1.98 per cent.

As a result, the spread of Israeli government bonds against their U.S. counterparts (the difference between 10-year Israeli government bonds and 10-year treasuries) widened to 2.85 per cent. As a developed nation, the spread should have been around 1.5 per cent.

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Actor comes back to Toronto for film festival

Cara Edell
Special to The CJN

Aaron Abrams is a rising star who had two movies in this month's Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF). He plays Seth Rogan and Sarah Silverman's brother in Sarah Polley's *Take This Waltz* and Nick Stahl's best friend in *388 Arletta*.

The Canadian actor, writer and producer now lives in Los Angeles, but says he was thrilled to be back in his birthplace for TIFF.

"Toronto is my hometown, so of course being involved with a film that's in that festival has some extra juice to it," Abrams, 33, says. "It's also where my first film premièred, hopefully not my last. I think TIFF is just the bees knees."

Abrams says *Take This Waltz* is "an amazing, bittersweet relationship film starring Michelle Williams. She's in a happy marriage, but slowly starts to fall in love with a man who lives across the street."

The movie *388 Arletta* "is quite different, not sweet at all. It's a creepy dark film about a man who finds out that someone is plotting to rip his life apart. It has a lot of twists in it. It's one of those films that's tough to talk about because anything you say is a spoiler."

With a long list of television and film roles under his belt, Abrams is making a name for himself in Hollywood. Aside from being a regular on TV shows, including *Slings and Arrows*, *Rookie Blue* and the animated series *Producing Parker*, Abrams is known for co-writing and starring in the controversial 2007 film *Young People F*cking*.

"It started with a conversation about how romantic comedies tend to end at the first kiss and 'sex comedies' like *American Pie* tend to be fun juvenile things about virgins trying to see their first boob or something," Abrams says.

"We wanted to write a sex comedy for adults, one that had some romance in it. We didn't see why sex and romance were exclusive in movies. They certainly aren't in real life."

YPF won Abrams a Canadian Comedy Award in 2009. It was one of the highest grossing Canadian films of all time, staying in theatres for more than 16 weeks.

Currently, Abrams is producing, writing and starring in an upcoming television series, *Highland Gardens*, and can be seen in *The Chicago 8* in October with Gary Cole and Danny Masterson. He also has a guest role on *NCIS: Los Angeles* this year.

Abrams says *Highland Gardens* is about "a rundown motel in Hollywood where young 20-somethings live while they're trying to catch a break. It's sort of like the opposite of *Entourage*, as this is not about big fancy porn parties. It's about being a starving actor while having to wait tables at those big, fancy porn parties."

Highland Gardens has a lot of the humour that *YPF* is known for, but it is also very dramatic, he says. "I play a former child star who is actually quite well adjusted, but in order to get noticed, like by [gossip website] TMZ and stuff, he has to behave like he's a train-wreck in public. It's a pretty fun role."

Abrams says his passion for acting began in childhood. "Basically, I was an annoying kid who wanted attention. So when I was eight years old, my parents stuck me into some acting classes. Likely because they were fed up with me."

After theatre school, Abrams "grinded it out as an actor," and in his first two years, he played 13 roles without a name. "Policeman, security guard, guy in crowd, pizza guy, assistant, student, paramedic, fan, corporal, patient, reporter, pastor and sexy delivery guy" (his favourite).

He says they were all small parts with only a few lines, but he got to know his way around a set, became "less green" and got casting people to trust that he could do the job. Eventually, Abrams got bigger roles and was cast as a regular on the Canadian series *Slings and Arrows*.

"*Slings and Arrows* was memorable because it was my first real gig. I also got to work with an extremely talented cast. That Sexy Delivery Guy role was memorable just because it was so ridiculous. First off, I was playing a guy who had the word "sexy" in his title, which is preposterous. Secondly, the scene consisted of Christina Hendricks [who plays the sexy Joan in the TV series *Mad Men*] asking me out on a date and me turning her down. Double preposterous."

Aaron Abrams in *Take This Waltz*

While *Slings and Arrows* was a milestone, Abrams says he prefers acting for film because there is a beginning, middle and end. "TV is fun, too. You just have to be the guy, and every week they throw you a new script of situations your guy has to deal with. But ends are the most interesting. And TV roles never have those – it's always back next week."

Abrams' dream role would involve learning a new skill, he says. "That's the nice thing about being an actor. In order to do a role well, you sometimes have to adopt whole new hobbies you never thought you would get to try. For example, if I got cast as a boxer, I'd have to learn how to box. And I'd have to take six months off just to box every day. In *Amelia*, I played a pilot, so I had to learn how to do that. Roles where you get the chance to acquire a whole new set of skills are amazing."

Abrams' acting future is bright, as he looks forward to the première of *Highland Gardens* in 2012. "*Jesus Henry Christ* should come out next year as well. It's a super fun, sweet film produced by Julia Roberts, starring Toni Collette. After that, my girlfriend will probably stick me into some acting classes. Likely because she is fed up with me."

As for his advice to aspiring actors, Abrams says, "Get into every class you can. Work your ass off. Be humble. Don't stop doing those three things. Ever. Especially that humble thing. You play pretend for a living. Don't parade around like you're *senor importante* asking for room-temperature water and demanding a special pillow for your dog. Get a hold of yourself."

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PAINTING SOLD UNDER NAZI DURESS RETURNED TO HEIRS OF OWNER

The Holocaust Claims Processing Office, a joint venture of the New York State banking and insurance departments, has announced the restitution of *Madame La Suire*, a painting by **Albert von Keller**, to the heirs of its original owner.

The HCPO discovered the painting at the Zürich Kunstgesellschaft in Switzerland. It is the fourth painting successfully restituted to the estate of **Alfred Sommerguth** with the assistance of the HCPO since 2008. Sommerguth sold it under duress at an auction in Berlin in 1939.

A director and co-owner of the tobacco company Loeser & Wolff, Sommerguth was also the head of city planning in Berlin when the Nazis came to power. In the late 1930s, he was forced to register all of his assets with Nazi authorities including his art collection of 106 assorted Renaissance masterpieces and impressionist works. Evading internment at a concentration camp, he fled Germany to Cuba in 1941 and eventually moved to New York, where he died in 1950.

Sommerguth's heirs have donated the painting to the Zurich gallery where it was found. To date, the HCPO has helped return more than $157 million in assets to victims' families while also retrieving 56 works of art for them, 40 since 2006.

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Israeli Classic Film: Toronto Jewish Film Society presents *Big Eyes (Einayim G'Dolot)*. A womanizing basketball coach (played by co-writer/director **Uri Zohar**) frantically tries to juggle his family commitments, his mistresses' demands, and the vagaries of life in general in Tel Aviv of the 1970s. With speaker **Shlomo Schwartzberg**. Miles Nadal JCC, Al Green Theatre. Sunday, Sept. 25. Two screenings, 4 and 7:30 p.m., with a free reception in between. $15, $10. Individual tickets on sale 15 minutes before each screening.

Asi Wind

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More Israeli Magic: Israeli magician **Asi Wind**, who has performed around the world and is a regular guest at magic venues in New York and Hollywood, presents his show Magic with Chutzpah for one performance only in Toronto. Presented by Abracadabaret, which is bringing him back after a sold-out show here last year. Wychwood Theatre, 174-603 Christie St. (between St. Clair and Dupont). Tuesday, Sept. 27, 8 p.m. $30, www.abracadabaret.com, 416-995-1736.

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Arts in Brief

• Active Seniors presents **Prof. Harold Troper**, discussing the research and writing of *None is too Many*, the award-winning book about the Canadian government's refusal to allow Jewish immigration into Canada during the World War II era. Miles Nadal JCC, Thursday, Sept. 22, 1:30 p.m. 416-924-6211, ext. 155.

• Andalusia to Toronto, the first in a series of concerts of Music From Across the Middle East, features musicians of Israeli and Arabic heritage under the direction of trumpet player **David Buchbinder**. Koerner Hall, Royal Conservatory, 273 Bloor St. W. Tuesday, Sept. 27, 8 p.m. $39 and up. www.rcmusic.ca, 416-408-0208.

• FOOL, the Festival of Oral Literatures, was founded in 2009 by **Dan Yashinsky** and **Lisa Pijuan-Nomura** as a celebration of the arts of voice and story. Throughout much of October, FOOL 2011 is at the Free Times Cafe, the Mercer Union Gallery, Artscape Wychwood Barns farmers' market, Alliance Française and various libraries and schools. FOOL at the Free Times has a $10 cover; all other events are pay-what-you-can or free. www.foolfestival.ca

• The Jewish Book Fair has joined this season's International Festival of Authors to present top Jewish and Israeli authors at Harbourfront Centre. The focus is on Russian-Jewish stories and new works in translation, with authors **David Bezmozgis**, **Michal Govrin**, **Gary Shteyngart**, **Gal Beckerman**, **Irwin Cotler** and others in attendance. Sunday, Oct. 23, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. www.readings.org

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At the Galleries

• Six international artists – **Aya Ben Ron**, **Mircea Cantor**, **Vandana Jain**, **Gary James Joynes/Clinker**, **Melissa Shiff**, **Jennifer Zackin** – have contributed to *Spin Off: Contemporary Art Circling the Mandala*, a Koffler Gallery off-site exhibition that opens with a reception on Thursday, Sept. 22, 7 to 9 p.m. 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 501.

• At the Koffler Gallery's Nuit Blanche Party, participants may mingle with art experts and get their top picks for this year's Scotiabank Nuit Blanche. They may also view the Spin Off exhibition. $30, $35. 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 503. Saturday, Oct. 1, 8:30 to 11 p.m. ticketweb.ca, 888-222-6608.

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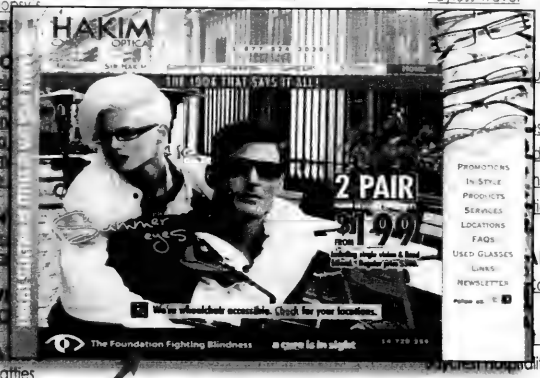

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Project aims to put Holocaust-era theatre online

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Albert Moses, a Dutch Jew, considers himself one of the lucky few. Not only his parents, but all four grandparents, and even a great-grandparent, survived World War II.

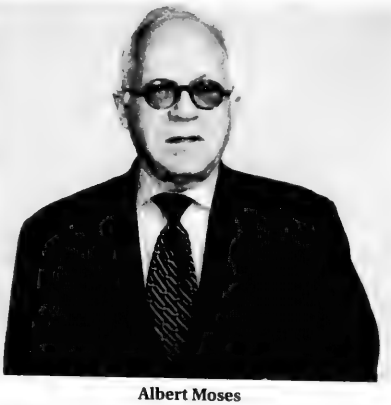
His mother and father met and married at war's end, and Moses was born in 1946.

Moses was consul general for the Netherlands in Montreal from 2002 to 2006. He and his wife, Simone, became so enchanted with the city and its Jewish community that they have decided to become permanent residents.

Moses retired from a 39-year career with the Netherlands' foreign service in April, after most recently serving as a representative to the Global Forum on Migration and Development.

With gratitude for his good fortune, Moses has undertaken voluntarily to be the representative in Canada of a new international Holocaust educational project. The aim is to track down and digitize content on theatre and other performing arts created by Jews during the Nazi era or otherwise related to the Holocaust.

The Holocaust On-Line Theatre Collection (HOTC) is being spearheaded by fellow Dutch Jew Mark Ejlenberg, a friend of Moses growing up in Amsterdam. After a successful banking career, Ejlenberg is now living in Israel.



Albert Moses

Veteran Israeli theatre director and producer Moti Sandak is the project's director and chief content editor.

He's already in charge of All About Jewish Theatre, a website promoting Jewish creativity generally in this art form.

HOTC is sponsored by the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, and its offical launch is set for Jan. 20 in Berlin, in the House of the Wannsee Conference, the site of the 1942 meeting where the Nazi hierarchy planned the implementation of the "final solution" against the Jews. Today, it is a Holocaust memorial and museum.

Ejlenberg believes that the performing arts during the Holocaust will be a means of communicating to current and future generations in a way that at present is not being fully explored. The site will also preserve the memory of those who continued to express themselves through the arts despite the barbarity they lived through.

Such a collection would show, according to literature about the project, that "creativity and the human spirit cannot be destroyed," even in the darkest periods.

Major Jewish cultural and Holocaust remembrance organizations around the world are being approached for any contribution of material in their possession.

Cultural works created before, during or after the Holocaust are being considered.

Moses is contacting organizations in Montreal and elsewhere in Canada.

Equally, he is appealing to individuals who may have plays, music or films, or material such as posters about them, that would be suitable for inclusion.

"Even a snippet would be helpful," he said.

Moses said he's currently seeking to build interest in the project and is not fundraising.

He traces his family's history in Holland back at least 300 years. His grandparents and mother were all hidden by non-Jews during the Holocaust. His father, however, was rounded up three times and escaped. On his last flight, he made it to Spain via the Pyrenees Mountains, with the help of the Resistance.

He went to Britain and joined the Dutch Free Forces, which followed Canadian and American troops in the liberation of Holland. Moses' wife's family was not so fortunate. Only her parents, a sister and one cousin survived.

Today, Moses' 89-year-old mother lives in Israel. She has three sons, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren scattered around the world.

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Sheldon Kirshner interviews *Beaufort* director Joseph Cedar who was in town to promote his latest film *Footnote*. **Page 61**

Historian delves into France's 'antisemitic moment'

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

Shortly after Alfred Dreyfus – a Jewish artillery captain in the French army – was convicted of treason and exiled to Devil's Island, having been wrongly charged with spying for Germany, the eminent novelist Emile Zola wrote an impassioned open letter to France's president, Felix Faure.

Zola's *cri de coeur*, published in January 1898 on the front page of the newspaper *L'Aurore* under the provocative headline of *J'Accuse*, accused the civil and military authorities of obstruction of justice and antisemitism.

The celebrated missive was a major turning point in what evolved into the Dreyfus affair, a defining moment in 19th- and 20th-century France. Dreyfus' conviction, together with Zola's letter, unleashed a torrent of nationwide antisemitic violence, the likes of which France had not seen in centuries.

The violent campaign was launched by a coalition of disaffected right-wing nationalists and royalists. Although no one was killed, these pogrom-like disturbances sullied France's name and reputation as a nation of fraternity and equality.

"This antisemitic moment was subsequently erased from historical consciousness, eclipsed by the Dreyfus affair itself or, later, by the Vichy regime," writes French historian Pierre Birnbaum in a rigorously researched and fascinating book, *The Antisemitic Moment: A Tour of France in 1898* (the University of Chicago Press). "It lay dormant, deep in unmined archives."

As Birnbaum explains, a great deal is known about Dreyfus' ordeal, but virtually nothing is known about the spasm of xenophobic anti-Jewish violence that washed over France in the aftermath of his conviction and Zola's poignant letter.

In this volume, Birnbaum – whose previous works include *Antisemitism in France: A History from 1789 to the Present* and *Jewish Destinies: Citizenship, State and Community in Modern France* – examines popular reactions in various French cities to Dreyfus' conviction.

He starts in Paris, the cosmopolitan capital, where mobs stormed through fashionable streets, beat on the doors of Jewish-owned shops, attempted to invade the residence of a member of the Rothschild family and attacked a Jewish factory, shattering hundreds of windowpanes and wounding one employee. Edouard Drumont, an antisemitic propagandist and the editor of *La Libre Parole*, lent his voice to this chorus of agitation.

In Lyon, students from a local Catholic school paraded down streets shouting, "Long live the army," "Down with the Jews!" and "Down with Zola!"

Meanwhile in Grenoble, a politician close to the Catholic Church condemned "the influence of the Jews over commerce, finance, the army and domestic and foreign policy."

An outfit known as the Antisemitic League of France spewed hatred in Nancy, warning of the "Jewish peril" and urging citizens to "unite against the Jew, a stranger to our race."

In Marseilles, agitators lashed out against Jews. A particularly comical scene unfolded in a brasserie when an antisemitic politician, having been challenged to prove he was not Jewish, displayed his genitals and thus committed an act of public indecency.

Calls for boycotts against Jewish stores resonated in Toulouse. Catholic and republican newspapers alike supported the boycott campaign. The 400 Jewish residents of Toulouse enjoyed relative calm, however. "Their possessions were not systematically destroyed," Birnbaum notes. "They escaped physical assault, and their synagogue and rabbi were by targeted by demonstrators."

Bordeaux, a symbol of the left, joined in the national frenzy, with Catholic and republican newspapers sniping at Jews. One newspaper commented, "Spain got rid of the Jews in 1492, then the Jews of Portugal arrived in Bordeaux. They are as faithful to their beliefs as the day they arrived."

Alfred Dreyfus

Emile Zola

Birnbaum claims that antisemitic animosity manifested itself most strongly in Nantes, where an association of shopkeepers openly called for a boycott of Jewish shop owners and where the inscription "Death to the Jews" was scrawled on Jewish storefronts. In addition to the boycott, photographers were placed next to Jewish stores to discourage potential customers.

Dieppe – the site of a disastrous Canadian army commando raid during World War II – experienced "very intense" antisemitic unrest. A group of students, joined by more than 1,000 onlookers, marched down the main thoroughfare chanting "Out with Zola," "Long live the army" and "Down with the Jews," and damaging a clothing store run by a Jew.

The local press published the ravings and rantings of two politicians. The first one urged readers to "steel your hearts against financial cosmopolitanism," code words for Jews. The second one wrote, "Teach the Jews that they are not your masters…"

According to Birnbaum, the police played an ambivalent role during this crisis. As he puts it, "They, too, were prone to prejudice, capable of participating in the abuse even while defending those assaulted by the nationalists." He adds, "To say that the police did not always seem zealous in apprehending those responsible for the violence is an understatement… As in theatrical plays, the police always arrived too late. The slow reaction of the forces of law and order, who always appeared after the party responsible for the crime had departed, is astonishing."

Birnbaum criticizes the police for underestimating the severity of the attacks: "It is equally astounding to note the incredible leniency of the police superintendents who, in report after report, maintained that a particular antisemitic act was 'an incident' and was in the end 'nothing serious worth noting.'"

Offenders who were arrested were charged not with striking Jews or looting their property but with "refusing to move along" or assaulting police officers, Birnbaum says.

Nonetheless, he credits the police with limiting the damage. "Here and there, they rushed to the aid of people being threatened, and their presence kept demonstrators from sacking stores and setting fire to synagogues."

In the final analysis, he concludes, the violence in France was not comparable to pogroms that had erupted in eastern Europe. Mayors and police forces checked, broke up or diverted antisemitic violence. And the federal government, he writes without elaboration, "showed few signs of weakness."

But, as Birnbaum would probably agree, the riots of 1898 were merely a foretaste of the brutal manner in which the fascist Vichy regime treated Jews after France's defeat and occupation in 1940.

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Maccabi soccer team hoping to upset Latin powerhouses

Paul Lungen
Staff Reporter

Maccabi Canada is sending a men's soccer team to take on the South American powerhouses at the Pan Am Maccabi Games – and they're expecting to come home with a medal.

Although Canada is not known for its soccer prowess at any level, team manager Shane Spring believes the Canadians have enough talent to pull an upset over their Latin cousins.

"I think we've got a very competitive team, and we stand a very good chance of surprising the Brazilians and the South Americans generally. We could come home with a medal," he said.

The games will be played in Sao Paulo over the winter holidays, and given that it's in South America, soccer is the Games' prestige event, Spring said. Thirteen teams will take part, including host Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Venezuela, Panama, Mexico, the United States, Peru, Chile, South Africa, Israel and Australia.

All games will be held at the training facilities of first division team Sao Paulo FC.

"Going to South America, one of the birthplaces for football [soccer], will be an exciting time," Spring said. "The players are excited about this competition."

As many as 18 players will suit up for Canada, including Spring's son, Oliver. Only 15, Oliver has already tasted international competition as a member of the under-16 Canadian team at the 2009 Maccabiah Games in Israel. Canada sent six teams to that event, with the girls under-18 team winning gold.

Oliver plays in the Canadian Soccer League reserve division and has travelled to Holland to work out with Feyenoord's youth academy, considered one of Europe's best.

Other prominent players for Canada are Tomer Chencinski, a keeper who plays professionally in Finland's first division; Bradley Rose, a member of the Canadian team at the 2009 Maccabiah who played NCAA football at Yale for three years; and York University players Ilya Orlov and Alon Badat.

Patrice Gheisar, who coaches SC Toronto Reserve and the York University Lions, will coach the team.

Players were recruited at an open tryout earlier this summer and through word of mouth, Spring said.

Spring, who is in real estate development, got involved with soccer through his children. He helped put together the boys under-16 team at the last Maccabiah, when it appeared they would not be included, and now he's molding the current team to form the nucleus of the Canadian entry at the 2013 Maccabiah.

The Maccabiah Games are a great experience that forges long-lasting bonds between young athletes and Israel, he said, while creating lifelong friendships with other Jews from around the world.

Altogether 90 athletes will represent Canada at the Pan Am Maccabi Games. Along with coaches, medical personnel and supporters, the contingent will reach about 150, said Alex Brainis, chair of Maccabi Canada's national athletic committee.

In addition to soccer, four men's basketball teams will compete in the masters 35-plus, open, under-19 and under-17 age groups, and two men's softball teams will participate in masters and open categories, while two individual athletes in tennis and table tennis round out the contingent.

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Montrealer, 75, wins bronze at international triathlon

Janice Arnold
Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Montrealer Morris Shore, 75, won a bronze medal at the International Triathlon Union World Championship in Beijing, China, on Sept. 11.

Shore, the oldest member of the Canadian team participating in the Olympic-distance competition, was entered in the 75-79 men's age category.

His time was 4:10:36, putting him in third place behind Americans John Cook (3:50:13) and Dieter Heycke (3:56:00), who are both 76.

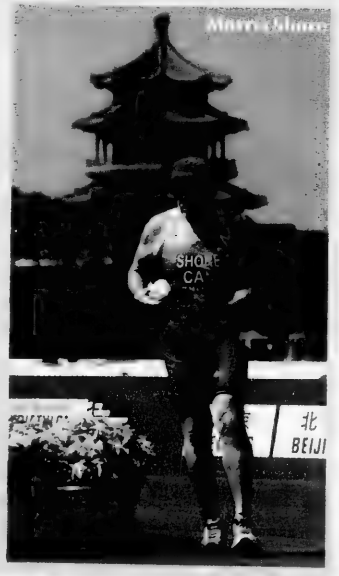
Although Shore considers the 1.5-km swim to be his weakest element, he actually beat Cook and was only four seconds behind Heycke. Shore was close to the top two finishers in the 40-km bicycle ride, but performed below his expectations in his strongest suit, the 10-km run, clocking 1:32:38, more than 20 minutes behind Cook.

It was the same course used in the 2008 Olympic Games.

Shore used his participation to raise funds for the Snowdon YM-YWHA, where he trains, and he collected over $20,000.

"What a fantastic experience," said Shore, who stayed on for a week more in China. "It was such a privilege to be invited to participate. This isn't a local show. It's the international championships and the world's best triathletes were there, so I was happy just to compete in their company.

"To have received a bronze medal, as a member of the Canadian team is a tremendous honour I'll never forget."



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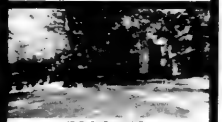

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Beaufort director makes film about father-son rivalry

Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

For Israeli movie director Joseph Cedar, life and art intersect.

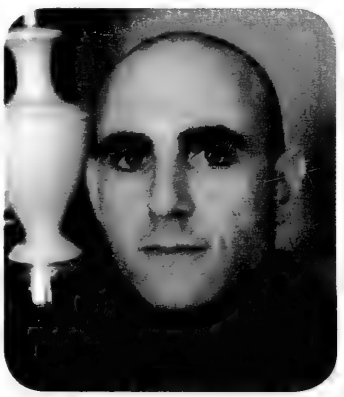
An Academy Award nominee and a Cannes Film Festival winner, he chooses topics likely to add value and meaning to his own life.

It would be "a waste of time" not to follow this formula, said Cedar, who presented his newest movie, *Footnote*, at the Toronto International Film Festival last week.

An unusual and emotionally charged drama about a father and son rivalry set in the closeted Talmud department of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, *Footnote* is anything but a mainstream movie, at least in terms of its broad topic, bitter academic jealousies, and its characters, eccentric scholars.

Cedar, an observant Jew, readily admitted that *Footnote*, due to open in Toronto in the winter of 2012, delves into terrain that the average moviegoer would probably consider obscure.

"But I won't apologize for it," he said in an interview. "I felt I had discovered a sacred world of dramatic rivalries touching on some of the most relevant aspects of my life."



Joseph Cedar
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Asked what these might be, he replied, "The search for truth. The importance of the written word. The need for recognition."

He added, "I find myself battling for these things daily."

Since the launch of his career in 2000, Cedar, 43, has tried to explore themes to which he can relate personally.

He made his debut by directing *Time of Favour*, a psychological thriller that takes place in the West Bank and is layered by a love triangle. Cedar – a graduate of Hebrew U (philosophy and theatre) and New York University (cinema studies) – wrote the script only after he had lived on the Jewish settlement of Dolev, near Ramallah.

Although *Time of Favour* generally garnered mixed reviews, it won five prizes, including best movie, from the Israeli Film Academy.

Cedar's next film, *Campfire*, released in 2004, unfolded on the West Bank as well and was about a young observant widow and mother who seeks to join a new settlement. It, too, was a critical success.

Beaufort, his third movie, came out several years later and focused on an Israeli army unit stationed in southern Lebanon in 2000, on the eve of Israel's unilateral withdrawal from that country.

To Cedar, who served as a paratrooper in the Israeli army from 1986 to 1989, Lebanon was hardly an alien place. Altogether, he spent nine months there, assigned to guard duty in Beaufort and a succession of fortresses that were regularly attacked by Hezbollah.

"Lebanon was part of my past and is extremely relevant to my life," he explained. "*Beaufort* captured fears and feelings, though not necessarily occurrences, I experienced."

Acclaimed by critics in Israel and abroad, it was one of Israel's greatest box office hits. *Beaufort* was also the first Israeli movie in decades to be selected as an Oscar nominee in the best foreign film category.

Cedar, who supported Israel's pullout from Lebanon, shot *Beaufort* on the Golan Heights, finishing it only a month before the outbreak of the Second Lebanon War in 2006.

Footnote, he said, was remotely based on "something that almost happened to me." The finished film, however, was far more complex, owing its inspiration to stories he had heard about the intense rivalries within the Hebrew University's Talmud department.

Cedar was genuinely surprised to learn he had won the best screenplay prize at this year's Cannes Film Festival. So surprised, in fact, that he returned to his home in Tel Aviv before the official announcement was even made. "You don't expect to win, but you hope you will."

While Cedar is hopeful that recognition at Cannes will enhance his career, he realizes that his future films will have to be sufficiently interesting to attract investor funds. "This is an industry that requires someone to give you a lot of money to tell a story," he said.

Born and partially raised in New York, Cedar and his family immigrated to Israel shortly after the 1973 Yom Kippur War, when he was six years old.

"My parents left a safe, familiar environment for a new world in Israel. It was a very big leap."

The son of Howard (Haim) Cedar, an Israel Prize recipient in biology, he was brought up in a traditional Jewish home, where the Sabbath and the laws of kashruth were scrupulously observed,

Cedar describes himself as an observant rather than an Orthodox Jew. "I'm connected to Orthodox Judaism in a tribal way, but it doesn't necessarily define me," said Cedar, who sometimes wears a yarmulke and calls himself flexible and tolerant on major political and social issues.

Flexibility and tolerance, he noted, are more important to him than blind obedience.

Drawn to the arts while still in high school, Cedar decided to study theatre and film after completing his military service. "I knew that's where I would be comfortable. I wanted to do something I'd be good at. I thought I had the sensibility that would work well with movies. But it was very hard getting started."

As a scriptwriter and director, Cedar is interested in exploring flawed characters. "A human flaw brings me closer to a character."

Rather than being judgmental of the characters he creates, he tends to be in sympathy with them.

And in *Footnote*, where the main protagonists are equally and radically flawed, Cedar has a field day in probing campus machinations, the complexity of pride and the lives of two men, father and son, whose personal styles could not be more different.

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Comedian mixes it up with Jewish singles

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Ari Teman

Riva Gold
Special to The CJN

Ari Teman is a comedian, entrepreneur, author and designer.

And when he comes to Toronto this week to host a Jewish singles mixer, he has some advice for those in attendance: lower your expectations.

"Oh, and stop bragging about Canada," he quips. "It makes you seem insecure."

He may only be 28, but Teman is already one of the most successful Jewish comedians in North America, making regular appearances at top comedy clubs and winning *TimeOut New York*'s Joke of the Week.

On Sept. 25, Teman will be hosting the Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation's Night of Kosher Comedy in his first trip to Toronto.

"I'm very excited to visit," he says. "But maybe ease off on the moose in your imagery. You can't say you're an exciting place to visit if you've got a single leaf as your icon, either. Not even a whole pile of leaves, or a tree, really?"

Teman says he was raised in a modern Orthodox family in the Holy Land: Teaneck, N.J.

His dog, Sheyna, quickly learned the difference between "kosher" and "treif"– though Teman says she was not particularly strict about cholov Yisrael.

At the age of three or four, Teman decided he wanted to become Michael Jackson, an aspiration he says was ironic, because Michael Jackson wanted to be three or four. But soon after, the young Hebrew-school-hopper turned his attention to standup comedy.

The key to comedy, he says, is to "try to be funny." And it seems Teman has mastered that formula so far, because not only has he won awards and played to sold-out crowds across the country, he also earned the approval of U.S. President Barack Obama.

"I told Obama a joke at the White House Chanukah party," he says. "He cracked up. Then he hugged me. I did not even ask him to."

Teman says the Chanukah party had "a lot of Jews" and a White House-shaped cake that was too treasonous to eat.

So is he still observant? "No," Teman says. "I see different things." Teman says he'd describe himself as more "traditional," but every place has different labels. "In Brooklyn, what I'm called is 'heretic.' Depends where in Brooklyn though – sometimes they'll use the Hebrew or Yiddish word for it."

Now, Teman is working on a BBC documentary about Jews and the history of comedy with the English writer, actor and comedian Stephen Fry.

"In the Deep South, there's a lot of bias against Jews. But people like a Jew. We're popular on TV," he says.

Teman is something of an expert on the subject, having performed at Yeshiva University and attended Brandeis University (which he calls a "failed attempt to escape the Jewish environment").

"I talk to a lot of Jews," he says. "It's always tricky because Jews like to talk back."

Asked what he thinks of Canadian audiences, Teman says, "They have health care and can read and understand English." He warns, though, that he's never actually performed in Canada before. "Only Montreal," he says.

But Teman is not all fun and games, and has been acclaimed for his volunteer work and entrepreneurship. In 2006, he founded a large, international Jewish volunteer organization called JCorps.

"It's about group volunteering, and getting the young Jews aged 18 to 28 together to do something good," he says. "We make it convenient, fun, social. And we throw in a T-shirt!"

JCorps uses social media to unite volunteers for a wide variety of projects, including work in soup kitchens, seniors centres, children's hospitals, animal shelters, youth tutoring and urban renewal projects. In its first five years, JCorps has engaged nearly 10,000 volunteers from 180 schools and 600 companies. JCorps opened a branch in Montreal last year and may soon expand into Toronto.

On top of this, Teman founded NextGen: Charity and NextGen: Health conferences, which bring leaders in the fields of charity work and health care to give talks.

So how did he come up with so many clever ideas?

"I was sitting and having some shawarma with my friend Jonah, and as everyone knows, shawarma, it's a magical thinking elixir – it's the aphrodisiac of the intellectual mind, the juice of the intellect. Which is why I think Israel is such an innovative country," he says.

"So while we were eating, we thought about bringing in leaders in efficiency and innovation and put them up on stage."

The same year, Teman was named the Jewish Community Hero of the Year by the Jewish Federations of North America for his philanthropy and innovation.

"I beat a man who gave away a kidney. I felt good about that," he jokes.

And on top of it all, the young funnyman also invented GatherGrid, a grid system that polls people about the best time to plan an event, and wrote a book called *Effective Gratitude for Organizations and Individuals* after completing his degree in psychology and studio arts from Brandeis.

"Basically, the idea is that people who grow through regular exercise in gratitude are markedly happier and their social outlook is healthier. So I tried to go through ways groups and teams can focus on that to solve problems – it's just a way of harnessing that positive mindset," he explains.

But Teman is already looking to the future and focusing on new projects. Today, he's building a new social hub called JSuite for young Jews in New York's Union Square. But his real goal, he says, is to open a car design company. "Who needs people when you've got cars?"

For more on Teman, visit www.ariteman.com.

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All together, each alone

Dear Ella,

The Jewish New Year was always a nice time in our home. Memories of wonderful smells filled the house, and there was a sort of bustle that surrounded the dinners on those nights. Dad would have to set up the large dining table, and my sister and I were in charge of polishing the silverware and setting the table with the good china.

When I was younger, I actually went to shul with my parents, too, but did little praying. Instead, my friends and I ran through the corridors of the synagogue and often got in trouble for making too much noise. But the awe of hearing the shofar was always the highlight. It was a very special memory that fills me with warmth.

Then my parents separated and the entire mood in the house changed. My sister and I stayed with our mom. At first, she tried not to involve us in their fighting, but eventually, the venom spewed and the hatred was evident. Our first Rosh Hashanah as a split family was nothing short of torture. They fought over us and forced us to choose. I'm thankful that I'm now away in school and can make excuses for not coming home. I actually dread the High Holidays now and feel very lonely. I wanted to share my story in case any of your other readers feel this way, too.

Alone for the holidays

Dear Alone for the holidays,

I can hear in your letter the longing for those days that have left their mark in your heart. It's time, however, to make new memories to carry with you. Rosh Hashanah is a time for self-reflection. However, when you do it together with others as part of a community or group, you're given guidance and a sort of "program" to follow. The warmth you're looking for is still there, it just has to come from within.

I'm sure that if you try, you'll find other young Jewish students that are alone at school during the holidays. Perhaps there is a Hillel at the school, or a Chabad, or another congregation nearby. You don't have to know anyone there. You'll meet new people. I think you'll be surprised to see that your situation isn't so unique and that many people, for one reason or another, are alone for the holidays.

All of us together, each of us alone. The High Holidays are a time when all of us stand alone before God as we reflect on our lives and review our past year. But whether you realize it or not, you're part of a much larger Jewish community. Don't go it alone. Go to a place where, once again, you can hear the shofar. It may bring back memories, but at the same time, you'll be making a new connection, one you'll carry with you through adulthood, a new memory that's yours alone, not one from your past.

The memories you shared with your family will always live on in a special corner of your heart, but you have room for many more special moments. Find your own compass and follow it in other directions. Embrace the new community you're part of. Don't sit alone in your dorm room listening to the shofar on YouTube. Go online and find a service nearby. Who knows what's waiting for you.

Shanah Tovah.

Ask Ella

By Ella Burakowski

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN, *e-mail: ellacjn@gmail.com. But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

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Montrealer Gilberte Cohen Scali, left, who has published a beautifully illustrated cookbook featuring recipes and information related to Sephardi Moroccan cuisine.

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Opening the Jewish Public Library (JPL) on Shabbat is not being considered, its new executive director Michael Crelinsten confirmed.

Steven Bergson works as a research administrator at UJA Federation of Greater Toronto. But when he's not at work, Bergson, a librarian by training, is a maven and amateur historian of Jewish books – more accurately, Jewish comic strips and books, Jewish humour books and Jewish graphic novels. His Facebook page even displays a caricature of his bespectacled Jewish *ponim*.

Hebrew exclusive to cjnews.com

More Israelis are planning on moving to Canada.

Musical memories: part of one's soul

It was a very special two nights: the piano concerto component of the 13th Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition in Tel Aviv.

My wife and I had decided on this special trip not long after she returned three years previously from the 12th annual event, overwhelmed by its excitement and the quality of the competitors. I decided that for the 13th event, which took place this past May, I would make sure I could take the time off for the whole festival, a total of three weeks that included 24 concerts, with the elimination of the first 16 of 32 contestants and then down to six finalists.

The last four concerts were moved from a more intimate concert venue at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art to the Mann Auditorium, where on the last two nights the Israel Philharmonic accompanied the pianists in their major piano concertos. It was magical; six young aspiring but already very accomplished pianists from Japan, the United States, Israel and Russia displayed their musicianship and virtuosity to an enthusiastic and receptive audience that thrived on their music and repaid their performances with heartwarming applause and "bravos."

It was these final two concerts that had the greatest effect on me by bringing up precious musical memory associations. The first was when one of the Russian finalists played the well-known and powerful Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto. I recall as a 17-year-old listening late at night to the New York Times radio station WQXR and hearing a broadcast recording of Van Cliburn's momentous win of the first International Tchaikovsky Competition held in Moscow in 1958 and hearing the crowd erupt in applause when he finished playing and when his name was announced as winner – an unbelievable achievement for a non-Russian at the height of the Cold War.

Senior Side of Life

Michael Gordon

The second Rubinstein competitor's piece that brought back poignant memories was the Japanese contestant whose rendition of Brahms' Second Piano Concerto stimulated deeply felt associations with a Norwegian medical student whom I adored while I was a medical intern in Aberdeen, Scotland. Although she could not return my affection, we shared music and would often curl up together before her fireplace and listen to the Brahms concerto, especially the slow third movement. The last letter I received from her some years after we parted was from a missionary hospital in Africa, where she decided to vest her professional and emotional energies and efforts.

The last association was the most profound. It was when the American finalist started with the crescendo of eight notes that herald the Rachmaninoff Second Piano Concerto. As the piece progressed through its inspiring melodic form, I recalled when I was 15 years old, my father hooking up the 45 RPM turntable to a large table radio and putting on the changer five red vinyl records recorded by Rubinstein with conductor Fritz Reiner and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 1956. I listened to that recording, with the pauses between the records as they automatically dropped into place on the changer, over and over again. It was not until a few years later that I got the first 33 RPM rendition of this piece, and it took me time to get used to listening to the music without the pauses of the five-disc format.

Music can elicit beautiful, sad, poignant and romantic associations. As we grow older, these musical associations may become more profound and meaningful and should be savoured as one of the great joys of life.

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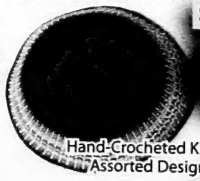

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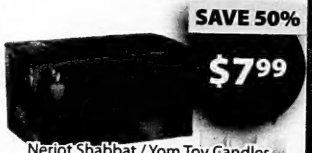

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